

The Nativity of the Lord

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December 25, 2022

YEAR A - WEEKDAYS 1: Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10 + Hebrews 1:1-6 + John 1:1-18

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 24 - Saturday	4:00 PM Don, Scott, Stephen & Patrick Justice by Lorraine & Jessica
Dec 25 - Sunday	12:00 AM The St. Rose de Lima Parish Family
Nativity of the Lord	7:30 AM Elena & Emiliano Cortez by Cris Boucher
	9:00 AM Umberto & Bruna Manno by Angelina & family
	11:00 AM Leo & Bella Constant by daughter-in-law Peggy & family
	No 4:00PM Mass Christmas Day
Dec 26 - Monday	7:00 AM Jean Noel Tremblay by the family
Dec 27 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Jean Hebb by her sister
Dec 28 - Wednesday	7:00 AM Donn Meade (3rd Ann) by his wife, Patricia
Dec 29 - Thursday	7:00 AM Donn Meade by his wife, Patricia
Dec 30 - Friday	7:00 AM Therese Spooner by Denise
Dec 31 - Saturday	4:00 PM The Harnois family by Elaine & Lucille
Jan 01 - Sunday	7:30 AM Edgar Gadoury (B'day rem) by the Canavan family
Mary, Holy Mother of God	9:00 AM Leonard Longpre by his niece Peggy & family
	11:00 AM Cosimo & Maria Teresa Pisano by the Contabile family
	No 4:00 PM Mass New Year's Day

NO BINGO 12/24/2022 or 12/31/2022 + PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/18/2022 Offertory \$6,852.00
School Support \$2,686.00
Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 12/11/2022 #21 Jerry Gilbert AND 12/17/2022 #42 Elaine Trombley

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS There's a special blue envelope in your packet for Christmas Flower Memorials. A special Christmas Flower Memorial naming all who were remembered will be posted on line with the New Year's bulletin.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS:

HOSTS: In loving memory of the Ringuette & Malo families by Claire Ringuette

SANCTUARY LAMP: In loving memory of Janet Bergeron by her sisters.

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS served on Christmas Day, Sunday 12/25 or New Year's Day, Sunday 1/01. The Coffee and Donuts team wishes you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are needed to bring Communion to the residents at Willimansett Center West on Chicopee St. approximately once every other month on an assigned Sunday. The ministry of sharing the Holy Eucharist with these residents is a very inspirational ministry. Thank you to those who come forward. Please contact Peggy Constant, Pastoral Minister 413-536-4558 Ext 218 if interested.

NEW YEAR'S 2023 MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31: New Year's Eve Mass is at 4:00PM

Sunday, January 1, 2023: Mass is at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, and 11:00AM

Please note that on New Year's Day the 4:00PM Mass will not be offered.

Christmas and New Year's Collection

Two collections will be taken up during the Christmas and New Year's Day Masses. The first offering is for the Sunday – weekly – offering and the second offering is for The Solemnity of the Day. -With much gratitude for your generosity during the past year 2022.

Merry Christmas!

The Advent season has prepared us for the great celebration of the Miracle of the Incarnation ~ The Word made Flesh ~ who dwells among us. As we remember that first Christmas with awe and wonder let us be mindful of its true meaning. The birth of the Messiah was a long awaited promise finally brought to fulfillment. Generations of people of the Jewish faith lived in hope of this magnificent event. The Incarnation is that moment when God intervened in human history and brought about the gift of salvation. May we never lose sight of the significance of this blessed event. As Jesus grows into adulthood and inaugurates the Kingdom remember that it came with a cost. The gift of eternal life came at the price of Calvary. Calvary however could not claim dominion over life. Calvary reveals the triumph of the Cross over sin and death through the glory of Easter. Christmas and Easter are eternally linked as one-saving event. As we gaze upon the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes we should also remember the shroud rolled up in the tomb. May this Christmas prayer renew the call to discipleship:

Open our eyes, O Lord,

To behold the rising dawn;

Open our hearts, O Lord,

To receive the life of your Son;

Open our lives, O Lord,

To be filled with

Your glory and peace. Amen.

May the joy of Christmas be with you throughout the whole year!

Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Happy New Year 2023! Bonne, Heureuse et Sainte Annee!

-Fr. Bill

LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN & PANTRY is grateful for your Thanksgiving offering of \$1,406.00 in cash and checks and for the 677 lbs of food collected. LSK is always in need of donations. **Our Holiday Dinner in a Bag Drive** is accepting non perishable food items in the : **Ste. Rose Annual Drive Collection Boxes** located in the vestibule of the Church. Lorraine's Soup Kitchen is in need of non-perishable food items for the holidays: **THE WISH LIST is as follows:** Gravy (can or jar) / Canned Soup / Instant Potatoes / Canned Veggies (corn, green beans, peas, and carrots) Cranberry Sauce (whole berry or jelly) Stuffing Mix: cornbread or Stove Top / Cake mix and frosting / Bread mix: banana, pumpkin, cranberry / Pie crust mix and pie filling / Canned yams or sweet potato / Pickles / Olives: green or black. **OTHER STAPLES NECESSARY ONGOING:** Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal / Beans of all types / Canned Meat: Chicken or Tuna. PLEASE put your donations in the box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTHAMPTON COUNCIL #116 present **French Night** featuring **Singer Josee Vachon on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 6PM** at O.L. of the Valley Church Hall. 33 Adams St, Easthampton, MA 01027. Tickets are \$22.00 each. Email: naturalconnection@charter.net or text Angie 413-977-4926. Meal choices: Pork Roast dinner includes French meat pie, OR Chicken Ragu. Tickets sold exclusively by meal choice. Deadline for tickets is January 15th or when sold out.

HEARTFELT MEALS continues to deliver over 100 meals each month to our seniors and homebound in need of a meal. We have 9 delivery routes covering all of Chicopee. We currently need one driver to deliver meals on the second Sunday of each month. Please call Gail Boone at 593-5038 if you can help.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

FOCUS: *Christ lights the way to freedom and salvation.* In a world of darkness, we wander blindly, getting ever more lost. John's Gospel brings hope to a dreary world. The word **light** appears five times in the space of five verses. Christ, the true light, has come to save us. Turn to Jesus, the Word made flesh; let him fan your flickering candle into a steady glow to light the path to salvation. God waits with open arms.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: The prophet Isaiah rejoices to announce the Good News of salvation; God is redeeming his people. In the second reading, the author writes that God has spoken to his people through his Son, who sits at his right hand and is worshipped by the angels. In the Gospel, Jesus is introduced as the Word who in the beginning was with God, creating all things. He now becomes flesh and dwells among us. -Daily

Universal Prayer and Commentary

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: MARCH 4, 2023 AT THE MASS MUTUAL CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD. The diocese is sponsoring this Eucharistic Congress as the culmination of the "Year of the Eucharist." Brochures for this event are in the foyer of the church. Scholarships are available if you wish to attend but cannot afford it,

STE. ROSE DE LIMA GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is for people who have experienced the loss of a spouse, partner, family member or friend. All are welcome! Join us at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center, We meet every Monday except major holidays from 6:00-7:30PM. Moderators: Peggy Constant and Madelyn Korytko.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will meet regularly on **Thursdays** from September through April. This program is primarily for all non-Catholics interested in starting a new chapter in life's journey by joining the Catholic Church, or for those Catholics who have been baptized but haven't received the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation. We're also inviting parishioners who would like a refresher course on their journey of faith. Please come and join us. Our first class began last **Thursday** at the Pastoral Center. We meet at 6PM. If you're interested, please contact the parish office 413-536-4558 EXT 218 or ask for Peggy. All are welcome.

THE WOMEN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Is a woman's group that is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. As women we know our role distinctly by the many titles we can be called; mother, wife, sister, friend etc. but what does it precisely mean when we claim the role **Daughter of Christ** and how do we live it out every day? As sisters in Christ we are nurturing and strengthening our relationship with God through prayer, many forms of teachings, music, and fellowship. Women of all ages are invited to join us. We gather once a month on the second Saturday from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon at the Parish Center. If you would like more information please contact Julie Prats at 626-2925.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC "Transformed in Christ" APPEAL UPDATE As of 12/2/2022, **383** parishioners have participated this year from St. Rose de Lima Parish, totaling **\$53,723.00** in gifts and pledges. If you've not yet made a donation, it's not too late. Please prayerfully consider giving. If you've made a donation, thank you! Use the pledge card mailed to your home or visit the secure online website: diospringfield.org/ACA Envelopes are also available at church. Thanks again for your support.

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee is now enrolling Pre-K3 to Grade 8 students for September 2022. Call Chris or Janine in the Business Office @ 536-6038 for registration information or to make an appointment to tour the School. Financial Aid and tuition assistance is available. We look forward to meeting you. Visit www.sjachicopee.org.

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO SENIORS Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please email Mary at DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com or call Mary Higgins (413) 552-7231.

K of C COUNCIL 4044 on Memorial Drive, ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS:

+SPAGHETTI SUPPERS are back! They take place on the **2nd Wednesday of the month** from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. Spaghetti Supper is \$8.00, We now have a \$6.00 take-out option, as well.

BETHLEHEM HOUSE is in need of donations of baby items or cash. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please go to bethlehemhousewma.org for instructions on how to make these donations.

An Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Recite the Rosary and ask Our Dear Lady to intercede for us in our need.

Prayed on Monday and Saturday:

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: The Annunciation + The Visitation + The Birth of our Lord + The Presentation + The Finding in the Temple.

Prayed on Tuesday and Friday:

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES: The Agony in the Garden + The Scourging + The Crowning With Thorns + The Carrying of the Cross + The Crucifixion.

Prayed on Wednesday and Sunday:

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES: The Resurrection + The Ascension + The Coming of the Holy Spirit + The Assumption of Our Lady + The Coronation of Our Lady.

Prayed on Thursday:

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: The Baptism of Jesus Christ + Christ Reveals Himself at Cana + Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion + The Transfiguration + The Institution of the Eucharist

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STE. ROSE DE LIMA BINGO – Super Bingo Format

Early Bird 6:10PM - Games 6:15PM - \$15 & \$20 Entrance

Extra \$5 Packs – 2 WTA 50/50 – 2 \$1199 Progressives

Free Coffee & Tea --- Catered

Entrance until 6:30PM every Saturday - Elevator Available

Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall -- 600 Grattan St -- Chicopee, MA -- 413-539-9259