

***Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God +++ January 1, 2023***  
***YEAR A - WEEKDAYS 1: Readings: Numbers 6:22-27 + Galatians 4:4-7 + Luke 2:16-21***

**STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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  
**Jan 02 – Monday** 7:00 AM George Boule by the family  
**Jan 03 - Tuesday** 7:00 AM Ginger & Francis LaCosse by the family  
**Jan 04 – Wednesday** 7:00 AM Bruna & Amber Manno by Angelina Manno & family  
**Jan 05 – Thursday** 7:00 AM Emiliano Cortez by Cris Boucher  
**Jan 06 – Friday** 7:00 AM Kathleen Bolduc by Linda  
 9:00 AM School Mass: Guy Tremblay by his mother  
**Jan 07 - Saturday** 4:00 PM Joseph M. Giguere by Bob & Pauline Salois  
**Jan 08 - Sunday** 7:30 AM Joseph Rene & Gloria Robillard Thibeault by the family  
 The Epiphany of the Lord 9:00 AM Bernard & Joanne LaScala by Simone  
 11:00 AM Roger Fecteau by his wife, Huguette  
 4:00 PM George & Doris Rivet by the family

**NO BINGO 12/31/2022** + **PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/25/2022** Offertory \$9,146.00  
 Christmas Flowers \$3,305.00 ~~ Christmas \$14,935.00  
*Thank you!*

**SJA BOOSTER CLUB 12/25/2022 #54** Pauline Zemrock

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers the soul and family of: Roger Desrosiers

**JANUARY MEMORIALS:**

**HOSTS:** In loving memory of Cioci Rose Izyk (B'day) by the Stec and DiSanti family.

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** In loving memory of Frank J. Stec (B'day) by the Stec and DiSanti family.

**NO COFFEE AND DONUTS** served on New Year's Day, Sunday 1/01/23. The Coffee and Donuts team wishes you all a blessed and a Happy New Year!

**FIRST FRIDAY 1/6/23** Blessed Sacrament Adoration in the Pastoral Center Chapel from 7:30AM to 3PM followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome!

**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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**FOCUS:** *The birth of Christ is manifestation of God's unending love for humanity.* To express his love for all humanity, God takes on our human nature by being born of a woman, Mary. As she is the mother of Jesus, we honor Mary as our spiritual mother, the mother of all God's adopted sons and daughters. Through the Son's Spirit sent by God, Christ dwells in our hearts and we can't help but share this Good News, as the shepherds did, by praising and glorifying God in our lives.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the Book of Numbers, the Lord instructs Moses to tell Aaron and his sons that he will bless them. In his Letter to the Galatians, Saint Paul explains that they are now adopted children because God sent his Son to be born of a woman. In the Gospel, after seeing the infant Jesus, the shepherds share the message they heard from the angels and praise and glorify God. *Mary keeps all these things... in her heart.*  
**-Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary**

**Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,  
New Year's Reflections**

Dr. Seuss penned these words: “How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?” These words offer me a moment of reflection as the New Year of 2023 begins: “How did it get so late so soon?” The year of 2022, with all its challenges, has ended. Many, will no doubt, bid 2022 a good riddance. And yet, 2022 did offer each of us another year of life, love, and God’s graces. Perhaps there is a disappointment that 2023 begins with, what is being called “a triple-demic.” Variants of COVID, RSV, and the flu are in full gear. Care must be taken to avoid a severe health crisis. 2022 saw a return to near-normal behaviors, such as restaurant dining, shopping, and returning to the celebration of the Eucharist. While attendance at the Eucharistic celebrations on the weekend are being celebrated, parishes have not yet seen a pre-pandemic level of Mass attendance. The parish socials that have been offered are not at the pre-pandemic levels either. So, 2023 will continue to provide many challenges to adjusting to a post-pandemic society and Church. Together we can work to re-build parish life. It all begins; however, by the celebration of the Eucharist. The celebration of the Eucharist is such a unique Catholic experience. To help us grow in this understanding, and to nurture us, planned for the Lenten season are the following:

**Diocesan-wide Eucharistic Congress**

The Eucharistic Congress is a one-day event for Catholics in Western Massachusetts. The place is the MassMutual Center in Springfield on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. We’re invited and encouraged by Bishop Byrne to reawaken our hearts to what is essentially beautiful, good, and true about our faith. The Congress is meant to encourage each of us to center our lives around Christ in the Eucharist. Save the date of March 4, 2023 and join our brother and sister Catholics for the Eucharistic Congress. More information in future bulletins.

**Parish Mission for Lent 2023 with Paul Koleske**

Beginning with the weekend Masses of March 18-19, 2023, Mr. Paul Koleske will lead the parish in a three-day parish mission: March 20-22, 2023. Each evening at 6:30 PM the parish mission will focus on our Catholic identity and spirituality. Paul is a layman, not a priest, who inspires Catholics around the United States to embrace their Catholic identity in new and powerful ways. He came highly recommended by Msgr. Homer Gosselin, pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow. Paul touched many hearts in that parish last year. So, save the dates and join your parish family for this Lenten program that will lead us to Easter joy. Easter 2023 is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings in the New Year,

*Fr. Bill*

***GIVING TREE and Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen and Pantry THANK YOU!***

*The love and attention to detail that went into your gifts for our Giving Tree this year is so heartwarming! The Nursing Home residents and our homebound parishioners were touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness. Several families were emotionally grateful for your help in assisting them to provide for their families. Thank you! Besides our parishioners, the clients and guests of Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen also received gifts and the goods to prepare a holiday meal for their families. Thank you! We’re grateful to our coordinators, Eucharistic Ministers and volunteers, under the direction of our Pastoral Minister, Peggy Constant who saw to it that the gifts were delivered with joy and in a timely manner. Deepest thanks!*

***Happy New Year 2023!***

**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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> or when sold out.

**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.

**LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN & PANTRY** is grateful for your donations to the Holiday Dinner in a Bag Drive. As you know, LSK is always in need of donations. The wish list for necessary ongoing staples: Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal / Beans of all types / Canned Meat: Chicken or Tuna / canned veggies (corn, green beans, peas and carrots / canned soups / instant potatoes, stuffing mix / PLEASE put your donations in the box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you!

**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 12/21/2022, **385** parishioners have participated this year from St. Rose de Lima Parish, totaling **\$54,368.00** 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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**