

First Sunday of Lent

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February 26, 2023

Readings: +Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 + 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 + Matthew 5:38-48

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 25 – Saturday	4:00 PM Rose & Joseph Cote by Rene & Claire Cote
Feb 26 – Sunday	7:30 AM John & Eileen (Sullivan) Mitchell by Tom & Rose Sullivan
First Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Noe Tisdell by the family
	11:00 AM Irene & Walter Bennis and Ron Desmarais by Connie & family
	4:00 PM Megan Darsch by Jeannine Landry
Feb 27 – Monday	7:00 AM Helen Osetek by Louise & Edward
Feb 28 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Joseph Rene & Gloria Robillard Thibeault by the family
Mar 01 – Wednesday	7:00 AM John & Celia Zwiercan (70 th Wdg Ann) by their daughter, Kathleen
Mar 02 – Thursday	7:00 AM George Boule by the family
Mar 03 – Friday	7:00 AM Donald J. J. Turgeon by a friend
	9:00 AM School Mass: The Souls in Purgatory
Mar 04 - Saturday	4:00 PM Elaine Balling by Rene & Claire Cote
Mar 05 - Sunday	7:30 AM Rita LeBlanc by family
Second Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Francis & Denise Pronovost by Rene & Claire Cote
	11:00 AM Louis A. Brunetti (4 th Ann) by Linda DiSanti
	4:00 PM Deceased members of the Deziel family by Rene & Claire Cote

BINGO 2/25/2023 TEAM 3 + PARISH STEWARDSHIP 2/19/2023 Offertory \$6,538.00
School support \$1,888.00
SJA BOOSTER CLUB 2/19/2023 #96 Phil Laroche Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the soul and family of Barry Steele and Ernest Archambault. May they and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30PM at the Pastoral Center.

THANK YOU! Who won The **Souper Bowl of Caring? The hungry among us did!** Thanks to **your** overwhelming generosity and to those Confirmation students, other high school and middle school religious ed students, Jr. high students from the parish school, scouts and other parish youth who volunteered to accept your donations after the Masses Super Bowl Sunday weekend, we were able to make a significant contribution toward victory over hunger in our area! **Our grand total was a whopping \$4,926.75 in cash and checks and 1,073 lbs. of canned goods.** All donations have been forwarded to *Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry* in Chicopee to support its mission to "feed the hungry". For your generous response to this call to action we can only add "Yay team (Ste. Rose)"! – The Souper Bowl coaching staff.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held at 6:30PM in the Church on Fridays during the Lenten Season, beginning March 3rd.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Friday, March 3rd from 7:30AM to 3PM at the Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel St. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3PM followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FOCUS *Through Christ we are made righteous and have eternal life.* On this first Sunday of Lent, our readings bring into focus the great drama of our salvation history: Our first parents sinned, and through them death came to all. Yet our gracious God sent his Son not to condemn but to free us and show his power over Satan. Through him we are made righteous.

LITURGY OF THE WORD In the first reading, the serpent convinces the woman to eat fruit from the forbidden tree, which she shares with her husband. Their eyes are opened and they realize they are naked. In the second reading Paul writes that, through the obedience of Christ, many will become righteous. In the Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan after fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Jesus resists all that Satan offers and commands him to get away.

-Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

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Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,

The Eucharistic Congress is sold out!

The Eucharistic Congress to be held at the MassMutual Center in Springfield on Saturday, March 4, 2023, is sold out. Twelve-hundred Catholics throughout the diocese have registered for this day-long conference. This Eucharistic Congress will officially close “The Year of the Eucharist” for the diocese.

Parish Mission Information

The dates for the parish mission during Lent are March 20-21-22, 2023. Paul Koleske is a contemporary Catholic Christian Inspirational speaker, Musician, Composer, and Recording artist from Lake Geneva, WI. The theme of the mission is “**Igniting the Light of Christ Within You.**”

Monday, March 20th : “Connecting with the Light of Christ” at 6:30 PM in church

Tuesday, March 21st : “Experiencing the Light of Christ” at 6:30 PM in church.

Wednesday March 22nd: “Living the Light of Christ” 6:30 PM in church.

Save these dates on your calendar and plan to attend all three days. Paul will speak at all Masses on the weekend of March 18 & 19, to introduce himself and highlight the parish mission. This parish mission will lead us to the celebration of Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday on April 1 & 2, the Sacred Triduum April 6, 7, and 8, with Easter Sunday on April 9, 2023.

Easter Sunday Masses are the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 PM. Easter Sunday, April 9 Masses at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM. The Sunday 4:00 PM Mass will not be on the Easter Mass schedule.

Hopefully this Parish Mission will be “sold out” as is the Eucharistic Congress.

And finally,

How are the 40 days of Lent officially counted? While few agree with me, there's only one way to get to 40 days of lent. Ash Wednesday, Thursday after A.W, Friday after A.W, and Saturday after A.W, are considered the great prelude to the Lenten season. Refer to the Mass/Hymnals. The daily Mass portion clearly states what I just mentioned. The First Sunday of Lent begins the 40-day Lenten journey. Again, notice in the Mass/Hymnal books in the daily Mass section. The 40 days of Lent are meant to be a continuous daily experience. Lent officially ends with the beginning of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Remember, Jesus did not have “Sundays off” in his 40-day experience in the desert. Why should we have Sundays as an “off” day? Either it is Lent, or it is not. Even the Sundays of Lent are numbered the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sunday of Lent with Palm Sunday being the Sixth Sunday of Lent, leading into Holy Week. As I mentioned, few agree with, but that's my story and I'm sticking to it! Happy Lent!

Fr. Bill

SATURDAY ROSARY is prayed at 12 Noon in the Church. Please use the Chapel Street door using the stairs (near the elevator). Join us. For a ride, please call Crystal 413-627-8445.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, 30 College St, Chicopee, MA invites you to their Lenten Parish Mission: “**A Time of Grace and Reconciliation**”, directed by Fr. Warren Savage of the Diocese of Springfield. The theme topics: **Sunday 2/26/23** “Mercy: The Heart and Empowering Spirit of God. **Monday 2/27/23** “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself. **Tuesday 2/28/23** “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread. All events are held at St. Anne's from **6:00-7:00PM**.

VISIT OUR ON LINE BULLETIN for the list & details of upcoming trips for 2023 hosted by Dolly & Friends: 1. **Parker's Maple Barn**- Mason, NH 3/23/23. 2. **Dueling Pianos**-Southington CT 4/11/23. 3. **Miss Saigon**, Performing Arts, White Plains NY 4/27/23. 4. **Beautiful: The Carole King Musical**-Beverly, MA 6/14/23. 5. **Niagara Falls**, Canada 7/12-13-14/23. 6. **Foster's Clambake**-York, ME 8/15/23. 7. **Amish Country** Sight & Sound “Moses”-Lancaster, PA 9/19-20-21/23. 8. **Polka! Polka**-Southington, CT 10/10/23. 9. **Dreamgirls**, Goodspeed Opera House-East Haddam, CT 11/15/23. Visit www.sterose.org and choose Bulletin for details or contact Dolly Asselin 413-530-3813.

ONE MORE SCHEDULED CLASS REMAINS: Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children, Youth & Elderly: If you currently volunteer or work at St. Rose de Lima Church or St. Joan of Arc School we have ONE MORE session for the new **Protecting God's Children class**. This class must be attended in person. The class will be conducted by Michael Chirichella, DRE for St. Rose. The class will be held on **Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00PM** in the SJA School Hall. Please call the Pastoral Center at 536-4558 or the Main Office at SJA at 533-1475 to register.

UPCOMING STE. ROSE PARISH MISSION 2023 INFORMATION The dates for our Ste. Rose Parish Mission during Lent are **March 20, 21, & 22**. Paul Koleske is a contemporary Catholic Christian Inspirational speaker, Musician, Composer, and Recording artist from Lake Geneva, WI. The theme of the mission is ***"Igniting the Light of Christ Within You."***

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SOLD OUT: THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IS COMING TO THE MassMutual Center, Springfield March 4, 2023 You're invited to come learn more about the Eucharist and deepen your love for the gift of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Reawaken your heart to what is essentially beautiful, good and true about our faith, and center your life around Christ in the Eucharist. Come experience amazing speakers, a display of Eucharistic miracles, fellow Catholics from around the diocese, a full convention center of all things Catholic with Catholic ministries and materials, as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Mass with Bishop Byrne. Brochures are in the back of the church or go to catholiclifeconference.org to register.

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.

NOW BROADCASTING IN SPRINGFIELD: Listen to Great Catholic Programs on **730 AM**. The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network, an EWTN affiliate, is now broadcasting in Springfield! You can listen to quality Catholic program 24/7 on **730 AM**, thestationofthecross.com, or the **iCatholicRadio app** (a free download). In addition to airing EWTN shows, the station also broadcasts self-produced programs.

ST. JOAN of ARC SCHOOL ~ Pre-K to Grade 8, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA. SJA offers Affordable Tuition & Extended Care ~ Free Breakfast & Lunch ~ Extracurricular Programs ~ Technology ~ Phys. Ed ~ Music ~ Library ~ Duolingo ~ Welcoming, Safe & Secure School Community ~ Social, Physical, Spiritual & Intellectual Wellness ~ Easy Access to I391 and I90 ~ Tuition Assistance Available. Visit: sjachicopee.org or call the school for a tour 533-1475.

ATTN. FORMER BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 138. Where has the time gone? St. Rose Boy Scout Troop 138 is preparing to Celebrate its **90th Anniversary!** If you were part of the History of this troop, we're hoping you have memorabilia you would be willing to share on this celebratory occasion. Please contact Timothy Noonan, the COR Charter Rep at 413-592-7797 if you have memories, pictures, or artifacts. A 90th Anniversary Banquet is in the planning for the near future. Thank you!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our Council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our Council #69 for local information.

DOLLY & FRIENDS PRESENT THE LINE-UP OF TRIPS FOR 2023.

*All trips include motorcoach transportation, meal tax and gratuities (including driver)

Make checks payable to: Dolly Asselin and mail to: P.O. Box 1192, Chicopee, MA 01021 with meal choice selected if applicable. All trips depart and return to Moose Club, 244 Fuller Rd, Chicopee, MA. For more info contact Dolly Asselin 413-530-3813.

1/ PARKER'S MAPLE BARN, Mason, NH, Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Price: \$149 p.p. Includes: breakfast & tour at Parker's Maple Barn, lunch at Bailey's Bar & Grill, visit Hobart Village Antique Mall. Entrée choices: Choose one: Meatloaf – Pulled Pork – Grilled Chicken Breast. Depart 7:30AM Return approx. 5PM

2/ DUELING PIANOS, Aqua Turf Club Southington, CT, Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Price \$124 p.p. Complimentary coffee & donuts, glass of beer or wine & door prizes. Includes luncheon (Chicken Kathryn, Baked Ham, Salad, Potato, Veg, dessert, coffee.) and Dueling Pianos Show. Depart 9:30AM Return approx. 5:30PM

3/ MISS SAIGON, Performing Arts Ctr., White Plains, NY , Thursday, April 27, 2023

Price \$185 p.p. Includes: reserved seating for MISS SAIGON, lunch at Chazz Palminteri
Pre-select: Choose one: Chicken Parm-Cheese Ravioli-Chicken Francese-Grilled Salmon, Pappardelle. Bolognese. Depart 8:30AM Return approx. 7:30PM

4/ BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical, Beverly, MA, Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Price \$195 p.p. includes: reserved inner circle seating for Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, lunch at the Danversport Yacht Club. Pre-select: Choose one: Herb Roasted Angus Beef-Seafood Trio. Depart 10AM Return approx. 7PM.

5/ NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA, (Wed-Fri) July 12-13-14, 2023

PRICE \$685 p.p. double / \$621 triple / \$588 quad / \$924 single. \$200 deposit at booking. Final pay't due: June 2. Includes 2 nights at Sheraton Fallsview Hotel; Guided Tour of Niagara Falls area; Hornblower Niagara Cruise; TWO DINNERS; TWO BUFFET BREAKFASTS; Duty Free Shopping. Travel Insurance available. Date of Birth required. Proof of citizenship required: A Valid Passport. Pre select Day 1 Choose one: Veal Parm-Chicken Parm-Mushroom Ravioli. Pre-select Day 2: Choose one: Prime Rib-Sirloin Steak-Salmon-Chicken Cordon Bleu-Veg Eggplant Parm. Depart 7:30AM Wed Return approx. 8:30PM Fri.

6/ FOSTER'S CLAMBAKE, York, ME, ISLES OF SHOALS CRUISE, Tues, August 15, 2023

Price \$165 p.p. Includes Foster's Clambake, Isles of Shoals Cruise. Pre-select: Choose one: Lobster-BBQ Chicken-Vegetarian. Depart 8:30AM Return approx. 8:30PM

7/ AMISH COUNTRY with "Moses", Lancaster County, PA (Tue-Thurs) Sept. 19-20-21, 2023

Price: \$576 p.p. double / \$535 triple / \$515 quad / \$720 single. \$100 per person deposit at booking. Final pay't due: 8/15. Travel Ins available. Date of Birth required. Includes: Two nights lodging at Fulton Steamboat Inn; two breakfasts at hotel; guided tour of Amish Farmlands with luncheon at an Amish Farm; two buffet dinners (Bird in Hand Restaurant including a show & Millers Smorgasbord); reserved front orchestra seats at Sight & Sound Theatres for 'Moses'; free time at Kitchen Kettle Village. Depart 7:30AM Tue 9/19 Return approx. 7PM Thurs 9/21.

8/ POLKA! POLKA with the Polka Family Band, Southington, CT, Tues, October 10, 2023

Price \$124 p.p. Includes luncheon, Polka! Polka! Show. Menu Family Style: Lemon Chicken, Pork Schnitzel, Salad, Penne, Potato, Veg. Rolls, Dessert, Coffee. Complimentary Coffee & Donuts, Beer or Wine, door prizes. Depart 9:30AM Return approx. 5:30PM

9/ DREAMGIRLS, Goodspeed Opera House, East Haddam, CT, Wed. November 15, 2023

Price \$185 p.p. Includes Luncheon at Gelston House, reserved orchestra seats to Dreamgirls. Pre-select: Choose one: Cod-Chicken-Steak-Pasta-Burger. Depart 10AM Return Approx 6PM.

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY – SEASON 3 Will run for 4 consecutive weeks with one week off, then another 4 consecutive weeks. The series will be held at the Ste. Rose Pastoral Center on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6PM. The third session will be held Tuesday, February 14th. On April 4th, we'll view **The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ** with Jonathan Roumie. Study guides will be handed out at classes. Please register early as space is limited. Registration forms are available in the back of the Church on contact Peggy Constant 413-536-4558 Ext 218.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- 1/ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. +On days of fast, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
- 2/ The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- 3/ The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age.
- 4/ The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ends at fifty-nine (59) years of age.
- 5/ Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten Season.

"SAVE THE DATE" Believe it or not, our own Father Bill will be retiring one year from now. The date of **Sunday, February 18, 2024**, at the 4:00 P.M. Mass, Father Bill will be celebrating his last official Mass as Pastor of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish. Following the Mass, there will be a reception at the Knights of Columbus Elder Council 69 Granby Road, Chicopee, Mass. Hors d'oeuvres/food stations will be complimentary with music and a pay bar available. Tickets will not be necessary. Please save the date and plan on joining your Parish Council and Parish Family in bidding Father Bill a fond farewell and best wishes in his retirement. More news to follow.

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.

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.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets regularly by appointment 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. . If you're interested, please contact the parish office 413-536-4558 EXT 218 or ask for Peggy. All are welcome.

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

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.

+Saturday	STE. ROSE DE LIMA BINGO – Super Bingo Format	Saturday+
	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 Availabl	
	Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall -- 600 Grattan St -- Chicopee, MA -- 413-539-9259	