

Third Sunday of Lent

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March 12, 2023

Readings: +Exodus 17:3-7 + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 + John 4:5-42

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 11 – Saturday	4:00 PM Patrick Justice (9 th Ann) & Shirley Picard (1 st Ann) by mother & sister Lorraine
Mar 12 – Sunday	7:30 AM The Bilodeau & Nolette family by Jeannette
Third Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Georgette Fontaine by her family
	11:00 AM The Gaudet family by Rita & family
	4:00 PM Jean George Boule by his family
Mar 13 – Monday	7:00 AM Gabrielle Roberge by Lisette Lessard
Mar 14 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Umberto Manno by Angelina & family
Mar 15 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Jean-Yves Doiron by Joanne Leblond
Mar 16 – Thursday	7:00 AM Rosemary Riley by Francis Riley
Mar 17 – Friday	7:00 AM Roland Lussier (B'day) by Normand & Denise
Mar 18 - Saturday	4:00 PM Pauline Leblond (7 th Ann) by Joanne Leblond
Mar 19 - Sunday	7:30 AM Robert Paul by Terry Williams
Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Christopher Sandrilla by Rene & Claire Cote
	11:00 AM Theresa & Oscar Dupre by their children
	4:00 PM Henry Courchesne by Irene Lacroix

BINGO 3/11/2023 TEAM 1 + PARISH STEWARDSHIP 3/05/2023 Offertory \$10,047.00

Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 3/05/2023 #3 Anne Brodeur

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers the soul and family of Robert Pasternak. May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

FRIDAY 3/17 DISPENSATION During the Holy Season of Lent, Catholics are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of this penitential season. This year **St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday** and I am mindful that for many in our diocese this is the occasion for festive celebrations. Therefore, I am granting a general dispensation from this Lenten discipline for that Friday, **March 17th**. I would encourage those who will forego the practice to prayerfully consider some substitution of equal sacrifice, including but not limited to abstaining from meat on another day. Let us not lose focus, amidst all of our celebrations, of the great saint whom we celebrate and the Catholic faith which he brought to the Irish people. "Go mbeannai Dia thu!" +*Most Rev. William D. Byrne Bishop of Springfield*

APPLICATIONS FOR THE REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP are now available to members of the Ste. Rose de Lima Parish. High School graduates or college students who wish to further their education may apply. The applications are available at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center or from Timothy Sweeney, Chairperson at (413) 531-1893. The Scholarship is a one-time grant. Completed applications must be returned to the Chairperson by May 15, 2023 with an official transcript of high school or college grades and a letter from their Pastor stating that the applicant is an active and participating member of the parish. Students who are former members of St. Mary's Parish in Willimansett who were enrolled in their CCD program at the time the church was closed may also apply.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FOCUS *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.* Just as Jesus approaches the outcast Samaritan woman at the well with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so, too, does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satiate our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear his voice.

LITURGY OF THE WORD In the first reading, the people are thirsty and complaining. Moses strikes a rock with his staff, and God provides flowing water for the people to drink. Paul writes to the Romans that we *have been justified by faith*. In God's great love he sent Christ to die for sinners. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a woman by a well in Samaria. He speaks of living water and knows her past; she believes he is the Messiah.

-Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

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

Sanctuary renovations approved by Bishop William Byrne

Several weeks ago, this column attempted to describe the planned renovation of the sanctuary area of the church: the walls and ceiling will be painted, and artwork will be commissioned to include two angels to be placed on the back wall and two crosses (*reminiscent of the original crosses*) to be placed on the left and right-side walls. Bishop Byrne has approved this designed renovation. The parish has maintained a “*Memorial Fund*” for many years. Often the contributors to this fund are listed in the bulletin, usually in memory of a deceased loved one. The monies have been accumulating for many years so that a project “*which ordinarily would be unaffordable*” could be accomplished. The Memorial Fund will pay for the commissioned artwork! A very special thank you to all who have contributed to this fund throughout the years upon the occasion of the death of a loved one. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

With the season of Lent underway, the diocese of Springfield has announced the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. This year’s theme is “*Radiate the Light of Christ.*” The parish’s assigned goal is \$51,000.00 – the same as last year. As a parish we exceeded our 2022 goal and received a rebate check of over \$1,700.00. Please be as generous as you are able in contributing to this year’s campaign. You can make your contribution to Annual Catholic Appeal: online at www.diospringfield.org/aca. Or by calling: 413-452-0670. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you.

Parish Mission Information

The dates for the parish mission during Lent are March 20-22, 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.

Paul Koleske will present the parish mission next weekend at all the Masses.

Plan to attend all three evenings!

Fr Bill

MARCH MEMORIALS: HOSTS in loving memory of the Blanchette & LaScala families by Simone.

SANCTUARY LAMP in loving memory of Denis Chabot by his wife, Fran.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held at 6:30PM in the Church on Fridays: 3/17 – 3/24 & 3/31 during the Lenten Observance. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 4/7 will be held at 3PM.

ST. ROSE CEMETERY VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PAVER requests are still being accepted. New paver requests will be installed in the spring/early summer, as weather allows. The display with all the information and paver requests are, once again, set up in the entrance of the Church. Please call the Pastoral Center at 536-4558 with any questions.

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, conducted by Michael Chirichella, DRE will be held on **Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00PM** in the SJA School Hall. Please 536-4558 or the Main Office at SJA at 533-1475 to register.

SAVE THE DATE! The SJA 8th Graders will be holding a **Savers FUNDdrive** this Spring. Think of us when doing your spring cleaning. We will be accepting bags of gently used clothes, bath and linen items, shoes, accessories etc at the SJA Trilby School Parking Lot on Saturday, **April 22nd, 9AM – 12PM** to raise money for the SJA 8th Grade Graduation Festivities. (No furniture or books)

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.

NEXT WEEK: STE. ROSE PARISH MISSION “IGNITING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITHIN YOU” The dates for our Ste. Rose Parish Lenten Mission 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.**” Paul will speak at all Masses on the weekend of March 18 & 19, to introduce himself and highlight the Parish Mission.
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LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES AT OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, Wednesdays at 6:30PM
Join us for ***Our Catholic Family***, the 2023 Lenten Speaker Series at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield. The Lenten ongoing series features: **March 15, Sam Todzia** (Clarity in the Chaos: Conversations with Youth) - **March 22, Karen Kiefer** (Catholic Parenting: You’re Not Alone!) - **March 29, Deacon Michael Forrest** (Haiti 180: Our Global Family) - **April 5, Fr. Valentine Nworah** (The Family as the Domestic Church: My Nigerian Experience). All are welcome!

STE. ROSE DE LIMA GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP meets every Monday except major holidays from 6PM-7:30PM at the Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel St., Chicopee. All are welcome to join us.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL “RADIATE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST” is this year’s theme for this year’s ACA. We are called to be the light of hope and love and share the gospel and our faith. You do that through your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Together we shelter the homeless, respect life from conception to death, feed the hungry, help men and women discern their vocation, comfort those who mourn, and educate others in our faith. You can make your contribution to Annual Catholic Appeal: online at www.diospringfield.org/aca. Or by calling: 413-452-0670. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!.

"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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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	