



Mass Intentions

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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February 11, 2024

Feb 10 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Sheila Tipton by her daughter
Feb 11- Sunday	7:30 AM	Clement Blanchet by Helen Carrier
(6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 AM	Bob Paul by daughter Sue
	11:00 AM	Fr. Leo Leclerc by the DiSanti family
	4:00 PM	Jean George Boule by family
Feb 12 - Monday	7:00 AM	Helen Osetek by Louise & Edward Osetek
Feb 13 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	Daniel Bergeron by Peggy Constant
Feb 14- Wednesday	7:00 AM	Umberto Manno by Angelina Manno & family
(Ash Wednesday)	9:00 AM	Richard Fugere by Mom & Dad
	6:30 PM	Robert Archambault by wife Irene and family
Feb 15- Thursday	7:00 AM	Albert & Doris Arpin by family
Feb 16 - Friday	7:00 AM	Craig Asselin (2 nd Anniversary) by his mother Dolly
Feb 17 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Marvin Hill by his family
Feb 18- Sunday	7:30 AM	Jeannette Provost by Auntie Lou Chmiel
	9:00 AM	Lillian Glover by Gloria Delude & family.
	11:00 AM	Albert Leroux by his wife Millie
	4:00 PM	Fr. Bill's Retirement Mass

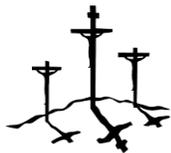
+PARISH STEWARDSHIP 02/04/2024 – Offertory \$ 10,798.00 Thank you!
Bingo 02/10/2024 team # 1. Special –Spaghetti & Meatballs/ Chicken noodle soup

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family of **Harry E. Pray Jr, Patricia A. Mick, Alice "Ruth" Goyette, Dolores Allen.** May God hold their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed lovingly in the palm of His hands.

February: Hosts: *In Loving Memory of:* Patenaude & Maspo family.
February: Sanctuary: *In Loving Memory of:* Frank J. Stec by his family.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB: winner is # **130 Lisette Lessard.** Congratulations!!!! For information on how to become a member go to the St. Rose web page and read the entire bulletin.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE – Wednesday February 14, 2024 - 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS- The road to Calvary, or Via Dolorosa ('mournful way') is the name given to Christ's final journey from Jerusalem to the hill of Calvary, or Golgotha ('the place of the skull'), where he was crucified. Join us for the Stations of the Cross, Fridays beginning **February 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** in the church. For more information see Deacon Mike.

SEE THE ONLINE BULLETIN FOR LENTEN REGULATIONS

SJA SCHOOL FEBRUARY DINE-OUT will take place at Red Robin in Holyoke on Tuesday, February 20th. This is an all-day dine-in or take-out event. Red Robin will donate 20% of sales simply by showing the flyer found in the church vestibule or by mentioning the fundraiser to your server. As always, thank you for your support of our school!

FOR THE LOVE OF GOOD PURSE BINGO – Sunday March 3, 2024, 2:00-6:00 p.m. doors open at noon. Moose Family Center 244 Fuller Road Chicopee MA \$35 entry fee for 10 games. Tables of 8 available for purchase/ buy 7 get 1 free. For tickets call Debbie 413-627-7543. Cash bar/raffles/refreshments available.

**Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
Souper Bowl Sunday!**

Regardless of which team you will be rooting for, we can all be on the 'Lorraine's Soup Kitchen Team' and assist LSK in their efforts to combat hunger in our community. After each Sunday Mass, volunteers will be at the entrances of the church to receive your free will donation to LSK. Souper Bowl Sunday is here! As always, we thank Bruce Broyles who spearheads this annual Souper Bowl campaign.

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024 – Lent is rapidly approaching!

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses are celebrated at 7:00 & 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Packets of ashes are available in front of the pulpit for homebound members of the parish. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence until the age of 59.

Rice Bowls & The Word Among Us

A special edition of 'The Word Among Us' is available in the foyer of the church. This Lent edition will assist the reader with the daily scripture readings and with thoughtful reflections for each Lenten day, well as inspirational faith-filled articles. 'Rice Bowls' provide each family with the opportunity for 'lesser meals' during Lent and then depositing that money into the rice bowl. 'Operation Rice Bowl' provides Catholic Relief Services funding to assist those who experience a natural disaster material relief, such as food, water, clothing, blankets, etc. Please take a 'Rice Bowl' home and use it throughout the season of Lent. Rice Bowls can be returned to the parish during the Holy Week and Easter seasons.

The Sunday Offering

The post-COVID Sunday Offering has not kept pace with the pre-COVID weekly offering. Until recently, the parish has been able to keep pace with operating expenses without reaching into reserves. Many parishioners have stated their concern as they read in the bulletin the previous week's Offertory. Since the fiscal year of July 1, 2023, through February 4, 2024, the average offertory is \$8,464.00. As expenses continue to go up, such as payroll, oil, natural gas, and general operations, so too must the offertory. The parish truly has not recovered from the COVID 19 pandemic. Many members have not returned to Sunday Mass as well. Many members are supporting the parish to the best of their ability – your generosity is appreciated! If you are able, please consider increasing your weekly offering. Each member is encouraged to welcome your friends who "used to attend Mass" to return. Together we can continue to accomplish great ministry with and for our parish community.

New Youth Altar Servers

Ste. Rose de Lima is recruiting girls and boys to become altar servers for service at Sunday Mass. SJA children will meet on Thursday, February 15th at 1:45 PM in the school cafeteria. Religious Education children will be recruited during religious education class time. Any child who has made their First Communion may become an altar server. To be an altar server assists a child in developing self-esteem as well as assisting their parish as a volunteer. Without volunteers, parish life would come to a standstill.

And finally,

As I begin the transition from an active pastor to a retired priest, I am so grateful for your prayerful and generous support of me as we accomplished the spiritual and corporal works of the parish. Together we have accomplished a total rebuilding of the parish campus. All the rebuilding was accomplished without asking the membership for capital fund improvements. The only fund-raising event was the 'Raze the Roof.' Interest and dividends from the parish's portfolio have afforded the funding of all the many projects. With your continued weekly support, Ste. Rose de Lima has a great future. As you may know from family and friends, the Diocese of Springfield is gradually implementing a capital campaign entitled "Beacon of Faith" throughout the diocese. Several parishes will use those funds for capital improvements. Though there are always repairs, Ste. Rose de Lima will be able to use its share of the diocesan campaign - a 50/50 split- for more pastoral applications. Once again, thank you for a wonderful experience of being your parish priest for the past eighteen years and seven months. For me, it's been an incredible journey! Thank you! Merci Beaucoup!

Fr Bill

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 14th and happens to coincide with Valentine's Day! How do we observe Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day at the same time? A very good question indeed! This column is at a loss for an answer! The following are the guidelines for the observance of Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent from the Diocese of Springfield:

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 fasting, 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 age fourteen (14) and does not cease.
4. The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen (18) and ceases at age fifty-nine (59).

Please note: Although the faithful may excuse themselves from fast and abstinence, for a just cause, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place. No Catholic should lightly excuse him/herself from these Lenten obligations.

FR. BILL'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION REMINDER –

4:00 p.m. Mass, Sunday February 18, 2024

5:15 p.m. Retirement Celebration in Church Hall begins. Ushers will direct you downstairs in an appropriate orderly fashion. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your understanding as we will attempt to move everyone downstairs in a safe and timely manner.

8:00 p.m. Celebration Event ends

LOST & FOUND: We are currently holding a beautiful bracelet in the parish offices that was found in church a few weeks ago. Please contact us @ 413-536-4558. All other lost & found items can be found on the bookcase in the Vestibule of the church.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – Join us for adoration in the Chapel located in the Parish Center beginning 7:30 a.m. – ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 3:00 p.m. All are welcome!!!

JOIN US FOR COFFEE & DONUTS in the church hall every Sunday following 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please come down to enjoy one another's company over a cup of coffee and a sweet treat.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS UPDATE- Please note that when there is a specific special collection ex: Elms College, SJA, Missions; please make your check out to St. Rose with specific collection in memo. We then make out one total check to that collection from the church. (Donations to Calvary Cemetery need to go to Notre Dame Cemetery 63 Lyman Street, South Hadley MA 01075 –413-420-2001. All Calvary/St. Patrick's records are held there.)

STE. ROSE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP- will continue to meet every **Monday at 6:00PM** at the St. Rose Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel Street, Chicopee. We welcome all who have experienced the loss of a spouse, partner, family member or friend. Meetings are every Monday except for major holidays. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastoral Center 536-4558.

LECTIO DIVINA - Do you want to have a fuller understanding of Sunday's Gospel? If you do, come, and join us for Lectio Divina (divine reading). We meet on Monday nights at 6:30PM at the Pastoral Center. We study the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday Liturgy. It's recommended, but not necessary, that you bring a bible and a pad and pen for journaling. Hope to see you there.

THE WOMEN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is a women's group that is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit where women of all ages from our Diocese come together to learn, be uplifted, and grow in their faith through prayer, fellowship, teachings, songs, movies, books, discussions and much more. We gather once a month on the **second Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-12:00** at the Parish Center. As we begin another wonderful year, we want to extend a big invitation and welcome to any women who are looking to strengthen and grow in their faith journey along with other wonderful sisters in Christ. If you would like more information, please contact Julie Prats at 626-2925.

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

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR BULLETIN COVER ADVERTISERS. We thank all the businesses and organizations who support our bulletin with their ads. Please support their businesses when you're in need of the services they offer. Thank you.

+SPAGHETTI SUPPERS are back! **K of C COUNCIL 4044 on Memorial Drive** 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.

STE. ROSE DE LIMA AA MEETINGS – Tuesday evenings @ 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall – entrance on Chapel Street.

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



+Saturday

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 --- Food: Spaghetti & Meatballs; chicken noodle soup
Entrance until 6:30PM every Saturday - Elevator Available
Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall – 600 Grattan St- Chicopee, MA 413-539-9259

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