

3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

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December 15, 2024

Dec 14	Saturday	4:00 PM	+ Luke Lessard, Sr (4th anniversary) by his wife & children
Dec 15	Sunday	7:30 AM	+ Adrienne & Stanley Stec by Dale
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent		9:00 AM	+ Cote, Durocher & Jerusik families by Carole Jerusik
		11:00 AM	+ Richard Chourchesne by Mary Anne Cierpial
		4:00 PM	+ Janet Bergeron (8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by family
Dec 16	Monday	7:00 AM	+ Thomas Tudryn by Wayne & Pauline Zemrock
Dec 17	Tuesday	7:00 AM	+ Linda Dugre by M/M Mark Mailloux
Dec 18	Wednesday	7:00 AM	+ Annette & Donat Plasse & deceased children by Rachel Nunes
Dec 19	Thursday	7:00 AM	+ Paul, Adrienne & Irene Nolette by Jeannette
Dec 20	Friday	7:00 AM	+ Raymond Desorcy by his family
Dec 21	Saturday	4:00 PM	+ Don, Scott, Stephen & Patrick by wife & mother
Dec 15	Sunday	7:30 AM	+ Willard Rider by Deb & Mike Weibel & Irene
4th Sunday of Advent		9:00 AM	+ Manuel Oliveira (anniversary) by Ormino Oliveira & family
		11:00 AM	+ Guy Tremblay (6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by family
		4:00 PM	+ Amelia Lajeunesse by the family



The third candle, also known as “the Shepherd’s Candle,” stands for joy. Each candle is lit on a different Sunday leading up to Christmas Day. Some Christians also include a fifth candle, a white one representing Jesus himself, in the middle of the Advent wreath and light it on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

**+PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/8/2024 – Weekly Collection \$10,077.00/ All Saints \$ 20.00 / All Souls \$ 25.00 Solemnity \$ 87.00/ Retirement Religious \$ 438.00 / Immaculate Conception \$ 1140.00/ Christmas \$ 220.00/ Christmas Flowers \$590.00 /SJA School \$ 185.00 Thank you for your continued generosity & support!**

Bingo 12/14/2024 team # 1. Specials: Meat loaf or Shepherd’s Pie, salad, rolls & butter. Soup: - Chicken Noodle

**December : Hosts: *In Loving Memory of: Theresa P. Stec by her family***

**December : Sanctuary Lamp: *In Loving Memory of: Janet Bergeron by her sisters Joyce & Sandy***

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family of Norman J. Robillard, Peter Magri 12/12, Lynn Dee Bennis 12/11, Juan Hernandez (not our cemetery caretaker) 12/13, James Francis Trehey 12/14, Arleen Lussier 12/18. May God hold their souls and the souls of our faithful departed lovingly in the palm of His hands.

**SJA BOOSTER CLUB:** the winner is **#117 Mary Gallagher** ~ Congratulations! There are numbers available for anyone interested in joining in on the fun. All proceeds support Saint Joan of Arc School. Dues are \$5.00 per week (\$100.00 for 20 weeks). There is a weekly \$100.00 winner; the final drawing has multiple winners with prizes ranging from \$150.00 to \$1000.00 totaling \$5000.00. If you are interested in becoming a part of the fun, please contact Sandy or Joe Chessey at 413-592-6256.



**2025 CALENDARS ARE HERE!!** – We are grateful to St. Pierre Phaneuf Funeral Chapels & Paul Phaneuf for their generous donations of the 2025 Calendars. These calendars not only mark the months & days of the year but also inform us of the Liturgical Seasons and Daily Saints. Get your calendar today!

**JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY SUPPER IN COLLABORATION WITH SJA PTO DECEMBER 16, 2024, 5-7PM.** Spaghetti w/homemade meatballs, salad, roll & butter. Coffee, tea, juice and water, cake & cookies for dessert. Homemade chicken noodle soup is available for \$1.00 extra. Adult tickets are \$6.00, kids 10 & under \$4.00. Tickets are available to purchase in the parish center (413-536-4558) or cash only at the door. Meet and greet with our special guests Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Christmas Carols, raffles. Proceeds this month benefit the SJA PTO.

**LAST WEEKEND SJA \$ 5.00 LOTTERY CALENDAR! The last day to get your calendar is December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** Get your calendar this weekend. They make excellent stocking stuffers, quick gift for the mailman, your favorite neighbor. A \$5.00 chance is good for all 31 days of January 2025!

**COFFEE & DONUTS – HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REMINDER-** Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. mass in the church hall. All are welcome to enjoy a sweet treat and some wonderful company. Please join us! Interested in volunteering? Please speak to one of the servers. Please note: **NO COFFEE & DONUT Sunday December 22 & 29.**



**NOTICE TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & HOME VISITS!!!! – Please be sure to come into the Pastoral Center to pick up gifts to be delivered to the home bound. The extra help to get these wonderful gifts delivered would much appreciated!**



**SJA DECEMBER DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER! – PANERA BREAD** -601 Memorial Dr Chicopee MA 01020 December 18, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 20% of the sales will be donated back to SJA School. Bring this flyer (found in the front of the church) or show a digital copy when ordering at the café or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds. See you there



**The St. Joan of Arc School's National Junior Honor Society**

will be holding a canned food drive to benefit Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry in Chicopee. The drive will be held at the school through December 19<sup>th</sup>. Items can be dropped off at the visitor's entrance. Thank you for your generous donations to this very worthy cause!

**ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL-** invites you to join us for the **34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAMPAIGN** running November 15<sup>th</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup> to raise funds to purchase a new basketball hoop for our students! A newsletter and pledge card were recently mailed to parishioners and alumni. If you did not receive one and would like to donate, there are forms in the church lobby. You can mail the school a check or Venmo us @ sjachicopee indicating 'Annual Campaign' in the 'what's this for?' section. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity of our school!

**MARRIAGE HELP PROGRAM – WEEKEND DATE:** January 31<sup>st</sup>- February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Location information determined upon registration. Wishing for a happier marriage in 2025? Many couples continue to struggle in their marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope! Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based, communications-focused program designed to make marriage stronger! After the initial weekend, there are a series of weekly sessions for the subsequent couple of months designed to help a husband & wife rediscover the love, trust and commitment successful in saving struggling marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)



**JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE-** Be a *Pilgrim of Hope* during Jubilee Year 2025. Travel with our Vicar General Father Piotr Calik and John Paul Pilgrimages for a spiritually uplifting Jubilee 2025 pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican. This itinerary is geared towards young adults, ages 18 and older. Ages 16 & 17 with an accompanying adult. For complete details go to <https://www.johnppaulpilgrimagesandtours.com/projects/springfieldjubilee> or call 480-626-1266. Space is limited!!!!

**HARMONY HOUSE NEED VOLUNTEERS – THE DOORS HAVE OPENED AT** Harmony House of Western Massachusetts and potential volunteers are invited to explore the opportunity to help others in our communities. Harmony House of Western Massachusetts is a social model home for hospice care located in Chicopee. After closing our original home in 2019 and purchasing a house in Aldenville section of Chicopee for renovation, the organization is actively serving our residents with the help of volunteers and staff members. Harmony House is currently in need of caregivers and people who enjoy the opportunity to support the residents. Whether it's a few hours a week or a few hours a month, Harmony House is a welcoming place for people looking to help people. Harmony House is a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a loving home offering compassionate care for people who are on hospice and need care. If interested in learning more on becoming a volunteer, please complete the online volunteer application form at [www.harmonyhousewma.org/volunteer-1](http://www.harmonyhousewma.org/volunteer-1) or e-mail us at [harmonyhousewma@gmail.com](mailto:harmonyhousewma@gmail.com).

The Springfield diocese added a [credible allegation](#) against the late **Rev. Ronald Lussier** on Tuesday. He was a member of the diocese from 1952 until 2002. He died in August 2002 at the age of 74. The alleged misconduct took place between 1975 and 1978 when Lussier was pastor assigned to St. George Church in Chicopee.

Father Lussier served at St. Rose de Lima Church in Aldenville 6/11/66 to 7 /6/68. If you have had any experience with Father Lussier that you thought was inappropriate, please contact The Safe Environment Office Victim Assistance and ask for Michael Collins, Director at (413) 452-0624.

RCIA- INVITATION TO PARTICIAPATE. Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been wondering what you need to do to become Catholic? This is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits this description to Come & See on October 8, 2024 @ 6pm. Please contact Peggy Constant 413-536-4558 x 218

**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. If you are interested in advertising in our bulletin, please contact Ed Leblanc 221-086

**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 of **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 9:30a.m.-12:00 at the Parish Center. If you would like more information, please contact Julie Prats @ 413-626-2925

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW** homebound, in hospital or nursing home? Are you or someone you know going through surgery or have a planned hospitalization? Are you or someone you know in need of a visit and/or communion? Also, if you have a family member or someone you know in a nursing home, please let us know. We would love to visit and bring communion. Please contact the St. Rose Pastoral Center Peggy @ 413-536-4558 Ext 218 and let us know.

**STE. ROSE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**- will continue to meet every **Monday at 6:00PM** at the Ste. 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 Peggy Constant @ the Pastoral Center 536-4558

**SATURDAY ROSARY** is prayed at 12 Noon in St. Rose Cemetery. For a ride, please call Crystal 413-627-8445.

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



+Saturday

**STE. ROSE DE LIMA BINGO – Super Bingo Format**

+Saturday

**Early Bird 6:00 p.m.- Games 6:15 p.m. - \$15 & \$20 Entrance**

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

**Free Coffee & Tea ----Catered specials**

**Entrance until 6:30 p.m. every Saturday – Elevator Available**

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



LECTIO DIVINA - Lectio Divina is a Latin phrase that translates to "divine reading" and is a method of prayer that involves listening to or reading scripture. It is a dialogue with God that includes the entire self, such as thoughts, desires, images, and memories. Please join us Monday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

## 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

