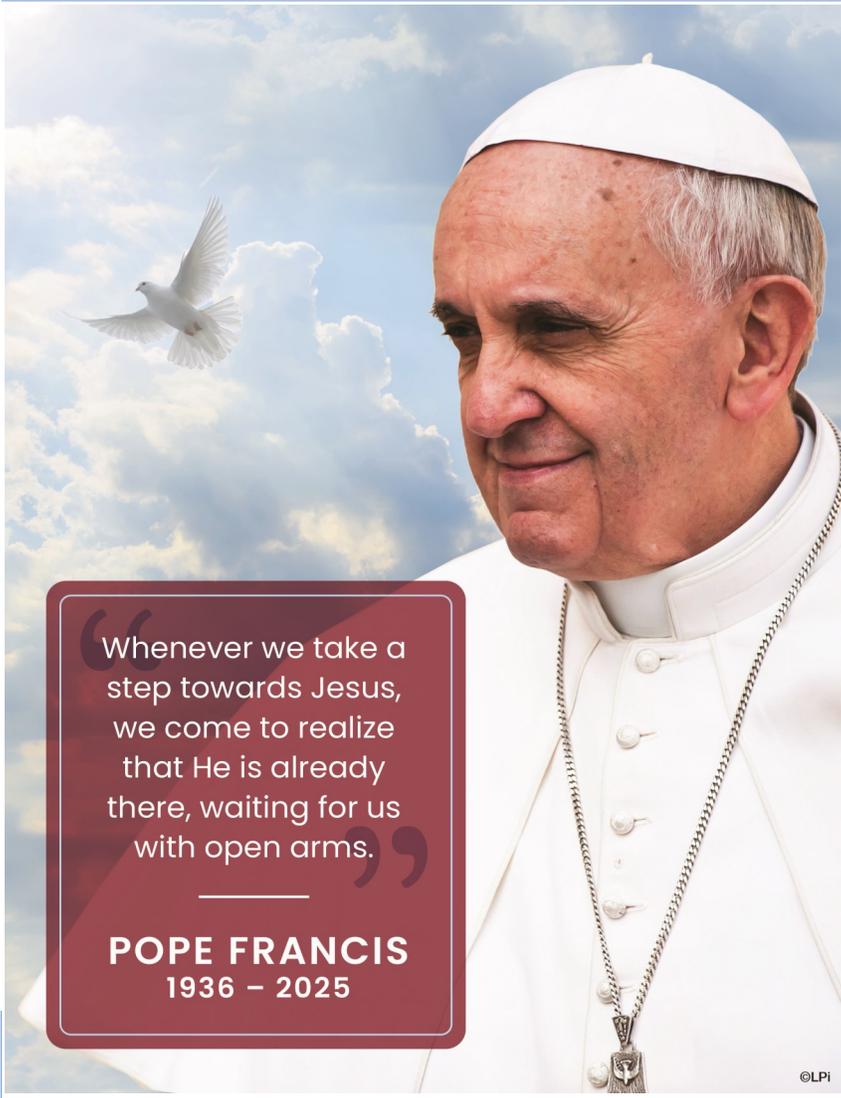




# STE. ROSE DE LIMA COMMUNITY



“Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”

**POPE FRANCIS**  
1936 – 2025

**04/27/2025**

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday Vigil Mass:**

4:00 PM

### **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday

7:00 AM

First Friday (during school year)

9:00 AM

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**3:15 PM-3:45 PM**

### **First Friday Adoration**

7:30 AM - 3:30

### **First Tuesday Adoration**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### **Office Hours:**

M-Th 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BINGO - SATURDAY ~ CHURCH HALL ~ HANDICAP  
ACCESSABLE EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM



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**BULLETIN DEADLINE - MONDAYS BY NOON**

## **OUR LOCATIONS**

### **Ste Rose de Lima Church & Pastoral Center**

15 Chapel Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 ~ 413-536-4558  
www.sterose.org

### **St. Joan of Arc School ~**

#### **Principal William McDonald**

587 Grattan Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 ~ 413-533-1475

### **St. Rose Cemetery**

#### **Superintendent\_ Juan Hernandez**

Olsen St, Chicopee, MA, 01020 ~ 413-536-6298

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat.	April 26	4:00 p.m.	† Doris Lamothe (8th anniv) by Rene & Claire Cote
Sun.	April 27	7:30 a.m.	† Alicja Soja (6th anniv) by daughters
		9:00 a.m.	† Elmer Toussaint (33 yrs) by his wife Denise
		11:00 a.m.	† Eileen Monaghan (1st anniv) Hamden County Basketball refs
		4:00 p.m.	† Jeff Goss Jr. (forever 37) by mom & family
Mon.	April 28	7:00 a.m.	† Joseph Rene & Gloria (Robillard) Thibeault by the family
Tues.	April 29	7:00 a.m.	† Mary Chessey by Joe & Sany Chessey
Wed.	April 30	7:00 a.m.	† Lorraine Goulet by David & Renee'
Thur.	May 01	7:00 a.m.	† In gratitude for Ernest & Lucille Hadley by Steve Chambers
Fri	May 02	7:00 a.m.	† Joan & Stephen Kulig by Patricia & Elizabeth
		9:00 a.m.	† Donald Descoteaux by his wife Denise
Sat.	May 03	4:00 p.m.	† Bob Salois by Roger & Rhea Perrault
Sun.	May 04	7:30 a.m.	† Camille Chapdelaine by Diane & Don Chapdelaine
		9:00 a.m.	† Jean Chouinard by the family
		11:00 a.m.	† David Laflamme (birthday rem) by Claire & Ernie Laflamme & family
		4:00 p.m.	† Roland Ouimette by his sister Huguette

**May Hosts: In loving memory of : Ansleigh McDaniel by her parents & brother**  
**May Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of : Malo & Ringuette families by Claire Ringuette**

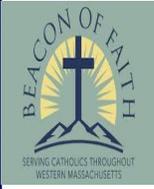
## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



The family of: Lynn Marie Ryczek (burial 4/26/2025); Anthony Laplant (funeral 4/29/2025), Jean Robillard (FH Service 5/3/2025), Francis & Lorraine Blaine (graveside 5/9/2025); Joan "Sandy" Elliott (burial 5/10/2025)  
**May God hold her soul and the souls of our faithful departed lovingly in the palm of His hands.**

### Beacon of Faith Update



As of Monday, April 22, 2025, Ste. Rose de Lima Church has now met 61% of our goal by raising \$342,296.00 of the \$557,173.36 goal. If you have not made your donation as of yet, would you please consider doing so soon? As always, we are most grateful for your continued support & generosity!

## STEWARDSHIP

### For the Week of April 20, 2025

**Weekly collection \$ 9,801.00 ~ Easter \$ 5,140.00 ~ Good Friday \$938.00 ~ Easter Flowers \$55.00 ~ Catholic Relief \$25.00 ~ Seminary/Vocations \$ 40.00 ~ Retired Priests \$ 60.00 ~ Mother's Day \$ 10.00**

**Thank you for your continued support & generosity!**

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*"We are a Catholic Community, proud of our diverse heritage, committed to the witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in liturgy, hospitality and education. All are welcome to our Parish Community as we seek to love, respect and value the uniqueness and dignity of every person, without exception or distinction."*



4/19/2026—NO BINGO DUE TO EASTER VIGIL  
 4/26/2025 Team # 4Specials: Polish plate (grilled Blue Seal Kielbasa, Millie's Pierogies, sauerkraut ~ homemade meatloaf

**SJA BOOSTER CLUB: the winner is # 19 Claude Labrie! Congratulations!!!!** A new session of the Booster Club has begun and will run through July. There are numbers available for anyone interested in joining in on the fun. All proceeds support SJA School. Dues are \$5.00 per week(\$100 for 20 weeks). There is a weekly \$100 winner; the final drawing has multiple winners with prizes ranging from \$150—\$1000. totaling \$5000. If you are interested in becoming part of the fun, please contact Sandy or Joe Chessey at 413-592-6256.

Prayer at the Passing of Pope Francis  
 Dear God, We thank You for the years of service Pope Francis gave to our Church: his encyclicals, his prayers, his pilgrimages, his work for a brighter tomorrow. May his life and service remind us of our ultimate goal — You and You alone. Amen.

### Pope Francis Biography

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor. Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach. As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a "poor Church for the poor," interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

### COFFEE & DONUTS



Please join us downstairs in the church hall after the 9:00 a.m. mass. Meet old friends, make new friends. Have your birthday acknowledged. Contact Darlene Proulx @ 413-209-6680 if you are interested in volunteering your time.

**BLESSING OF THE SICK—** Please join us Sunday May 4, 2025 (and every first Sunday of the month) after the 11:00 mass for the Blessing of the Sick; for those under going surgery, illnesses, having a baby, depression/anxiety, etc. Stay after mass and Fr. Bob will offer the blessing.

# Thank You

Thank you to all of you who helped make this Easter celebration so wonderful. There are a lot of moving parts to putting this together and everyone was so wonderful. From the altar servers, the deacons, the decorators, the ushers, the staff, the musicians/singers, the lectors & eucharistic ministers; well done. A special thank you to the new candidates of RCIA program. What a truly blessed moment. We are all so excited to be a witness to your journeys. And of course, thank you to all of you! The parishioners & families who celebrated with us. Young and old, current parishioners and those that traveled in from other areas of the world, thank you for your continued support of our parish! God Bless & Happy Easter!



**SJA School FUNDrive**—It's that time again for our annual Savers FUNDrive event! This is a perfect opportunity to donate some of the gently used clothing you've been looking to get rid of, and it's a great opportunity for the PTO to raise funds for upcoming events. Bring your clothing and textiles to the SJA School parking lot on the morning of May 3rd. **NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**, please. **DROP OFF** is from 9:00 A.M. TO 11:55 A.M. on May 3rd. All proceeds go to wards raising funds for the SJA PTO. (clothes—men's, woman's & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.) (household textiles—bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc)



Ste. Rose de Lima  
First Communion

Ste. Rose de Lima  
Confirmation

Saturday, May 10, 2025  
11:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2025  
6:00 p.m.



**SJA PERFORMING ARTS** will be performing **NEWSIES** in May. A story of a charismatic newsboy, who rallies fellow newsboys to fight against unfair conditions imposed by powerful newspaper publishers. Showtimes May 15 & 16th 7:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale at SJA main office 413-533-1475 \$10 p/p and go on sale April 28th, 2025

## QUARTER AUCTION TO BENEFIT LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN & PANTRY

Friday, May 29, 2025

Doors open 6:00 p.m.; Auction starts @ 7:00 p.m.  
Chicopee Elks Lodge  
431 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA

S&S SOAP, HARPER MOONCLAY ART, GOURDS BY TERRY, BLACK DIAMOND DESIGN, TUPPERWARE & AVON, CREATIONS BY AIDA & MORE

FOOD & BAKED GOODS FOR SALE, CASH BAR, TEACUP RAFFLE

\$5.00 Entry fee (gets you a paddle & a ticket for the teacup raffle)

Tickets & more information please contact  
Kim 413-592-9528 or Donna @ 413-557-9280



### Divine Mercy Sunday Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?  
Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

### PRAYER OF DIVINE MERCY

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!  
O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!  
O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us! Amen

### LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN & PANTRY

We are still in need of 1 or 2 lb. bags of rice; peanut butter and canned fruits & vegetables. (12-18 oz sizes only! - the family sizes are too large to handle for many people.) Thank you for your continued support & generosity! We are also looking for morning volunteers from 8-8:30 M-F. It can be one person all week or many people one day each to help prepare the kitchen for the day. Light lifting, bread sorting, etc. Volunteers needed!!!

### ELDER COUNCIL # 69

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI SUPPER



Monday, MAY 5, 2025 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to help benefit Lorraine's Soup Kitchen as part of our Food for Families program. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends & family, bring some laughter too! Thank you for your continued support!

**BULLETIN—GOOD NEWS**—The bulletin is again available on the web page. I sincerely apologize for the delay. Also any one interested in sponsoring their business on the back of the bulletin, there is plenty of space available. Your ad helps support the bulletin and when we have met our advertising goal, we get a percentage back from the LPI Bulletin company.