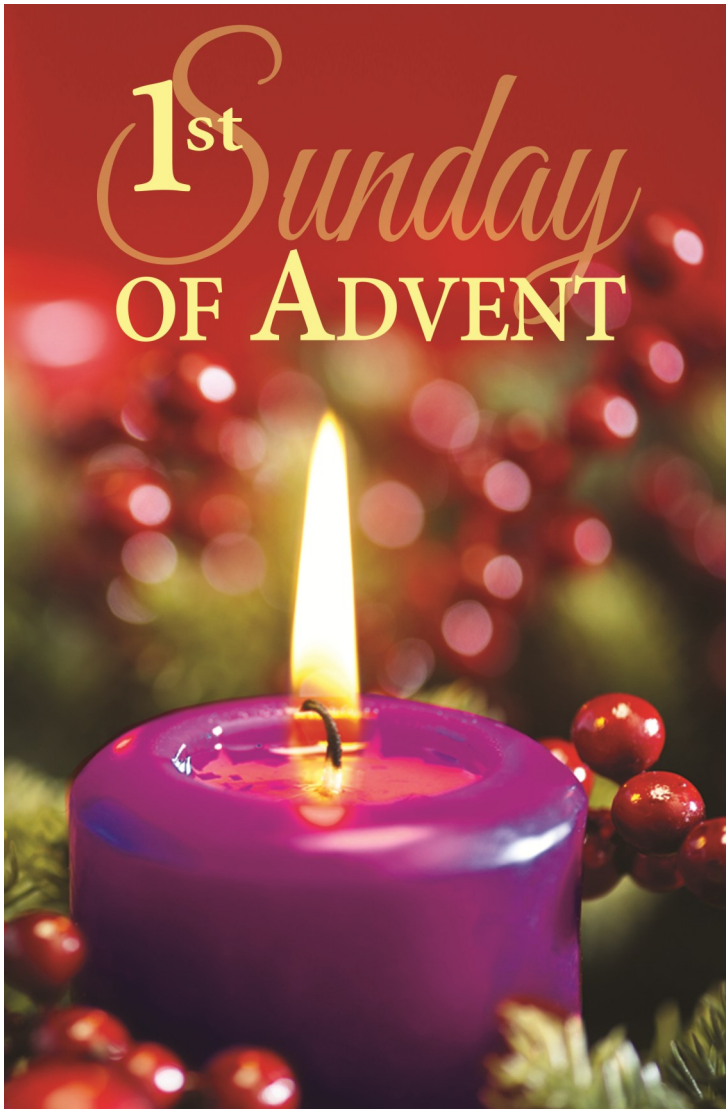




STE. ROSE DE LIMA COMMUNITY



@SteRoseChicopee

11/30/2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Saturday 3:15 PM-3:45 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Day Vigil (night before) 4:00 PM

Holy Day 6:30 PM

Baptism-Last Sunday of the Month

First Friday Adoration (Parish Center)

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

First Tues Adoration (Parish Center)

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
ACCESSIBLE EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM

AA Meetings every Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm - Church Hall

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 ~ Mrs. A. Mahan

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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MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Nov. 29	4:00 p.m.	† Sue Courchesne (birthday remem) by Dan Courchesne
Sun. Nov. 30	7:30 a.m.	† Georgette Remillard by the Lacroix family
	9:00 a.m.	† PJ Demears by Carol Laflamme, Alannah Demears family
	11:00 a.m.	† Robert Paul 3rd anniversary by Theresa Paul & family
	4:00 p.m.	† Theresa P. Stec (97th birthday) by the DiSanti, Stec, Brown & Pirog families.
Mon. Dec. 01	7:00 a.m.	† Rene Belisle by the Gagnon family
Tues. Dec. 02	7:00 a.m.	† Jennifer Fitzpatrick by Rose Kotfila
Wed. Dec. 03	7:00 a.m.	† Elzbieta Davis by Ryszard Starsiak & family
Thur. Dec. 04	7:00 a.m.	† Linda Dugre (3rd anniv) by her husband Gerry
Fri. Dec. 05	7:00 a.m.	† Dolly Asselin by Pierette Blanchet
	9:00 a.m.	† Lynn Bennis (1st anniv 12/3)
Sat. Dec. 06	4:00 p.m.	† Sylvio Carrier
Sun. Dec. 07	7:30 a.m.	† Georgette Remillard by the Lacroix family
	9:00 a.m.	† Susan Kurpaska by husband Larry, Katelyn & Joseph
	11:00 a.m.	† Patricia Potvin by Stella, David & Raymond
	4:00 p.m.	† Rene Fagnant (remembrance) by wife & children

DECEMBER Hosts: In loving memory of :

Luke Lessard by his wife Lisette & children

DECEMBER Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of :

Linda Dugre by the family

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The family of: Ronald Ryczek, Amy Fitzgerald

May God hold their souls and the souls of our faithful departed in the palm of His hands.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB: This week's winner is: # 150 Ernest Laflamme! Congratulations!!! **The grand prize drawing will be held Sunday, December 7, 2025 after the 9:00 mass** in conjunction with Coffee & Donuts. The weekly \$100.00 drawing will take place, the final drawing has multiple winners with prizes ranging from \$150.00 to \$500.00. New numbers are still available if you are interested in joining in on the fun! Please contact Sandy & Joe Chessey at 413-592-6256.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Weekly envelopes & Candle Money \$ 8570.00 ~ Military \$ 53.00 ~ All Saints \$ 6.00 ~ SJA School \$ 1,963.00

Due to Early transmission the collection totals for the 11/23/2025 weekend will be reported next week.

As always, thank you for your continued support & generosity! May your holidays be full of many blessings!

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."



Early Bird 6:00 p.m. ~ Games 6:15 p.m. ~ \$15.00 & \$20.00 entrance. Extra \$5.00 packs ~ 3 50/50 ~ 2 \$1199 Progressives ~ Free coffee & tea.

11/29 team # 3 Meal: Stuffed Peppers, Soup: Cheese tortellini

Entrance until 6:30 every Saturday (unless posted) ~ Elevator available. Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall, 600 Grattan St Chicopee, MA 413-539-2259.

Coming early? Why not join us for our 4:00 p.m. mass upstairs in the church? All are welcome!

SJA SCHOOL—is looking for donations of artificial Christmas Trees for their Tree Jubilee Event scheduled for December 11, 2025 in the school hall. They will accept artificial trees that are 4 feet tall or larger and they can be brought to the school directly. In addition to the trees ornaments will also be accepted.

SJA SANTA'S WORKSHOP— Santa's workshop is scheduled for December 4 & 5, 2025. It is one of the most exciting events for the students. We appreciate the help of so many of our Parents, grandparents, and parishioners. We are always in need of homemade items, newly or gently used, and like new items. Any donations can be brought to the school by dropping them off at the visitors' entrance during school hours through Monday, December 1st. If you are unable to deliver them, we can pick them up. Thank you for your continued support and generosity, Bridget Johnson— Coordinator 413-262-2286.

SJA \$10 LOTTERY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER—Sale kicks off November 3rd, ends December 15th. Please see an SJA student, call the school office @ 533-1475, call or stop by the parish center 536-4558 or after one of the masses on the weekends of Nov 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Dec. 7th, & 14th. Think stocking stuffers, birthday gifts or thank you gifts! The raffle will be held throughout January 2026 and the winners will be posted on the school's Website & Facebook page. Thank you!!

SJA School is looking for an afterschool Performing Arts Coordinator. We thank Mr. George Garber for his many, many years of service and wish him a happy retirement. Our Afterschool Performing Arts Program is normally one day a week and targeted to grades 5—8. There is a monetary stipend for this position. If you or someone you know is interested please call 533-1475 and speak with Principal Ashley Mahan.



SCOUT TROOP # 138 ANNUAL WREATH SALE

Please visit us out in front of the church before and after each of the masses this weekend! Let us help you brighten your front door for the holidays!

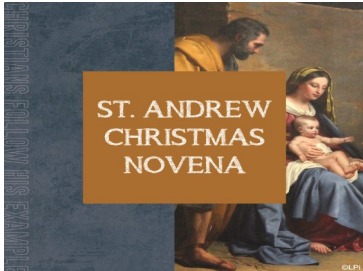


BLESSING OF THE SICK— Please join us, today, Sunday November 2, 2025 (and every first Sunday of the month) after the 11:00 mass for the Blessing of the Sick; for those under going surgery, illnesses, having a baby, depression/anxiety, etc. Stay after mass and Fr. Bob will offer the blessing.

CHRISTMAS & SOLEMNITY OF MARY MINISTERS NEEDED

— Our parish relies on the generosity of our liturgical ministers to make our Christmas and New Year's Masses special. We are in need of Lectors for the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st masses. Please contact Peggy Constant @ 413-536-4558 x218, if you are able to volunteer. Thankyou for your continued service.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena, Explained!



The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. Traditionally, it is recited 15 times each day. The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus "the Lamb of God."

Andrew followed Jesus, curious about him, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples. In praying this novena, Christians follow the example of Andrew's prescient faithfulness throughout the season of Advent. The prayer of the novena reads: "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."

WEEK 1 Advent

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wide-Open Eyes

When my first child was born, we had a nursery created for him that featured images from "The Beginner's Bible" painted on all the walls. (You may have seen this Bible before, where the Biblical figures in the book all had large wide-open eyes.) Images of Adam and Eve, David and Goliath, and Jesus were displayed on all four walls. On the largest wall was a big picture of Noah's Ark with lots of animals. As our son got older, we would point to images on the wall as we read bedtime stories to him. Our son is now in his 20's and living several hours from us, so those days are far behind in our rearview mirror of life. We prepared quite a lot for his birth. When our next two children were born, the preparation time had decreased significantly. Most parents know what I am talking about. The newness of your first-born brings with it so much emotion that you are compelled to spend countless hours preparing. When the next children are born, you are certainly excited, but you act differently and with a little more reserve. For most readers, this is not your first Advent. It probably won't be your last. If you approach these December days simply as a way to prepare for Christmas, you may find yourself just doing the same old thing as last year. However, if you spend this time reflecting on the time when Jesus returns or when you shall see him face-to-face, you might be able to stir up some of that emotion of anticipation within you. Jesus is coming again. When people of all ages understand that reality, it can be a cause for large, wide-open eyes indeed.

Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.
(Holy Day of Obligation)



In Catholicism, the Immaculate Conception is the dogma that the Virgin Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin. This was made possible by a special gift of God's grace, in view of Jesus Christ's future merits as Redeemer. This means that from the first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, Mary was preserved from all sin.

Definition : Mary was preserved from original sin at the moment of her conception, not born with it. The term "immaculate" means "without stain".

Salvation: This does not mean Mary was exempt from needing salvation; rather, she was saved in a more perfect way by being prevented from ever being stained by sin. She was filled with God's grace from the beginning, as famously stated in Luke 1:28: "Hail, Mary, full of grace".

Dogma: This doctrine was formally proclaimed a dogma of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854.

Feast Day: The feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8 and is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 69 SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Monday, December 1, 2025
4:30—6:30 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$8, Children \$6

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to help benefit the ongoing shortage of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen as part of our *Food for Families Program*. Everyone is welcome! Bring your family, friends and laughter!

460 Granby Road, Chicopee MA 01013



First Tuesday Evening Adoration Dec. 2, 2025
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. with Deacon Dan

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction Friday Dec. 5, 2025 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. in the Chapel at the Pastoral Center 15 Chapel St w/ Deacon Mike

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. **Reminder—Coffee & donuts will be at the school after 9:00 mass for the Catholic Weeks celebration. All are welcome.**