



# STE. ROSE DE LIMA

# COMMUNITY



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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### OUR LOCATIONS

**Ste Rose de Lima Church & Pastoral Center**  
15 Chapel Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 ~ 413-536-4558  
[www.sterose.org](http://www.sterose.org)

### St. Joan of Arc School

**Principal ~ Mrs. A. Mahan**  
587 Grattan Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 ~ 413-533-1475

### St. Rose Cemetery

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12/28/2025

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### 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-3:00PM**

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

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

# MASS INTENTIONS

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH

Sat.	Dec. 27	4:00 p.m.	† Bernard Chartier by the family
Sun.	Dec. 28	7:30 a.m.	† Arthur & Reina Mayotte by Armand & Gloria
		9:00 a.m.	† Joseph Bonavita (3rd anniv) by Mom & Dad
		11:00 a.m.	† Alexandre & Florence Biron by Tom & Rose
		4:00 p.m.	† Roland Ouimet by his sister Huguette Fecteau
Mon.	Dec. 29	7:00 a.m.	† Rita Gagnon by her husband Patrick
Tues.	Dec. 30	7:00 a.m.	† Paul Lamontagne by the Darcy family
Wed.	Dec. 31	7:00 a.m.	† Phelias Paquet by M/M Drapeau
		4:00 p.m.	† James Ruffner (1 yr anniv)
Thur.	Jan. 01	7:30 a.m.	† Gabrielle Roberge by estate
		9:00 a.m.	† Ronald & Doris Berthiaume
Fri.	Jan. 02	7:00 a.m.	† Michael Weeks by Martha Ford
Sat.	Jan. 03	4:00 p.m.	† Martha Ribadeneira by Brett & Erin Scanlon & family
Sun.	Jan. 04	7:30 a.m.	† Thomas Kotfila (1 yr anniv) by his wife & family
		9:00 a.m.	† Guy Tremblay by Denise
		11:00 a.m.	† Doris & George Rivet by the family
		4:00 p.m.	

**JANUARY Host:** In loving memory of :

**Don (10 yr) & Claire (2 yr) Ringuette by Roger & Linda**

**JANUARY Lamp:** In loving memory of: is still available. Contact the parish office to schedule for your loved one!



### MASS SCHEDULE:

New Years Eve: 7:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

New Years Day: 7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

The Parish Center will be closed New Years Day!

### New Year Blessing

Dear God, As we face the beginning of a year ahead, fill our hearts with hopeful expectation for the ways You will work, move, inspire, heal and provide. We join in gratitude for the grace You have shown us in the past, and the ways we will encounter it anew in the future. Amen

**SJABOOSTER CLUB:** The weekly winner which was drawn on December 21 was # 27 Jim Jackson & December 28 # 42 Karen Schauber —New numbers are still available if you are interested in joining in on the fun! \$ 5.00 per week or \$100.00, 20 weeks. Please contact Sandy & Joe Chessey at 413-592-6256.

### COFFEE & DONUTS

 There will be no Coffee & Donuts the weekends of 12/21 & 12/28. Have a Merry Christmas! In January, 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, today, Sunday, January 4, 2026 (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.

# DECEMBER 28, 2025

## 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."*



## BINGO

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.

12/27 team # 3 NO BINGO / NO KITCHEN  
Entrance until 6:30 every Saturday (unless posted) ~ Elevator available. Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall, 600 Grattan St Chicopee, MA 413-539-2259.

## Giving Tree Donations



### GIVING TREE & LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN AND PANTRY THANK YOU!

The love and attention to detail that went into your gifts for our Giving Tree this year is so heartwarming! The nursing home residents, the homebound parishioners and the Veterans were deeply touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you! Besides our parishioners, the clients and guests of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen also received gifts and goods to prepare a holiday meal for their families as well. Thank you! We're grateful to our coordinator, Eucharistic Ministers, and volunteers, who saw to it that the gifts were delivered with joy and in a timely manner. Deepest thanks!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 69 SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Monday, January 4, 2026

Admission \$8.00 ~ Children \$6.00

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. It's not just the holiday families are in need, it's everyday! Everyone is welcome! Bring your Family, friends and laughter!

460 Granby Road, Chicopee MA 01013

### Mass intention Book Availability—January, 2026

#### SANCTUARY LAMP for the month of January is still available.

Dates available in January: weekend

Sunday—January 11 7:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—January 18 7:30 a.m.

Sunday—January 25 7:30 & 9:00 a.m.

Saturday—4:00 p.m. January 10, 17th, 24th & 31st

Weekday—7:00 a.m. January 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30

Please contact us @ 413-536-4558 to schedule.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Other Plans

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get *really* crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this. I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans.

HOLY FAMILY



**Family Blessing**—May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together.  
Amen.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME**—It's that time of year when the Girl Scouts will be selling the delicious cookie. Watch for details as to when they will be selling the cookies after the masses. Get your favorite flavors such as Adventurefuls (brownie inspired cookies topped w/ caramel flavored crème, hint of sea salt., Do-SI-DOS, Explorers (sandwich cookies w/ chocolate, marshmallow & almond flavored crème), Samoas, just to name a few! ( Tentative date is week end 1/17 & 18, 2026).

## OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS



CURSILLO...what is it? Cursillo (kur-see-yo) means "short course in Christianity". The intention of the Cursillo Movement is to give each person a renewed spirituality and a clearer understanding of how Christ can work through them. To learn more about this vital and active lay movement in the Diocese of Springfield, visit our website :[www.cursillowmass.net](http://www.cursillowmass.net)

**3 Day Women's Cursillo Weekend 2026 Friday evening January 16-Monday evening January 19** to be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church 1023 Parker St, Springfield MA  
Questions of how to register contact Committee Chairs Berry or Felicia at [precursillowma@gmail.com](mailto:precursillowma@gmail.com)

### Couples Retreat—Pilgrims of Hope

February 13-15, 2026

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center—W Hartford, CT

Explore our theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, together. Holy Family's annual Couples retreat includes our gourmet Valentines dinner and offers an opportunity to step back from the chaos of everyday life and grow in love, with God and with one another. For more information or to register visit [holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/couples](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/couples) or call our registrar Ted @ 860-760-9705.

### Confessing Sins Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

**Answer:** There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change. When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.



**January 1, 2026 ~ "Peace is more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey. Even when it is endangered within us and around us, like a small flame threatened by a storm, we must protect it."**

**Pope Leo XIV**  
**Message for the 2026 World Day of Peace**