



STE. ROSE DE LIMA

COMMUNITY



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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OUR LOCATIONS

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01/04/2026

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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

JANUARY 04, 2026

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Sat.	Jan. 03	4:00 p.m.	† Michael Weeks by Martha Ford
Sun.	Jan. 04	7:30 a.m.	† Martha Ribadeneyra by Brett & Erin Scanlon & family
		9:00 a.m.	† Thomas Kotfila (1 yr anniv) by his wife & family
		11:00 a.m.	† Guy Tremblay by Denise
		4:00 p.m.	† Doris & George Rivet by the family
Mon.	Jan. 05	7:00 a.m.	† Ronald Ryczek by the Belanger
Tues.	Jan. 06	7:00 a.m.	† Gail Gates
Wed.	Jan. 07	7:00 a.m.	† Jack & Gary Thompson by family
Thur.	Jan. 08	7:00 a.m.	† Michael Krzystofik by Kathy
Fri.	Jan. 09	7:00 a.m.	† Lynn Ryczek (birthday wishes) by family
Sat.	Jan. 10	4:00 p.m.	† Col. John & Evelyn Thompson by their daughter
Sun.	Jan. 11	7:30 a.m.	† Christine Champigny by Donald
		9:00 a.m.	† Joanne Lascala (31st anniv) by her mother Simone
		11:00 a.m.	† Phyllis Lacasse & Richard by the family
		4:00 p.m.	† Diane Mashia by Haesaert family

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!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB: The weekly winner is number # 42 Karen Schnauber . Congratulations! 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



The family of: Robert Aucoin; Joseph Weibel

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

STEWARSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

Weekly collection & candles \$ 10,843.00 ~ Heartfelt Meals \$10.00 ~ Immaculate \$60.00 ~ Military \$ 12.00 ~ Retirement \$ 98.00 ~ Solemnity \$95.00 ~ Christmas Flowers \$ 520.00~ Holy Christmas \$ 348.00 SJA School \$2,392.00
As always, thank you for your continued support & generosity!



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.

COFFEE & DONUTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 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, talent or treasure!



As I sit in my office thinking about the shear number of gifts that were received from the "Giving Tree", I am a little overwhelmed. It is truly amazing the number of gifts that came into the parish! It speaks to the generous heart of each and everyone one of you. I want to thank you for your kindness and generosity. I am not only speaking on my behalf, but on the behalf of those who were the beneficiaries, thank you so very much. It meant the world to those who received the gifts, mostly to know that they were not forgotten. Thank you for making this Christmas a special day for so many people.

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.

01/03 team # 4 Specials: Meatloaf/ soup chicken corn chowder 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!

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME—It's that time of year when the Girl Scouts will be selling the delicious cookie. Sales will take place the weekend of January 17 & 18, 2026,



after all of the masses. Get your favorite flavors such as Adventurefuls (brownie inspired cookies topped w/ caramel flavored crème, hint of sea salt., Do-SI-DOS, Explorermores (sandwich cookies w/chocolate, marshmallow & almond flavored crème), Samoas, just to name a few! Get your cookies today!

Mass intention Book Availability—January, 2026

SANCTUARY LAMP for the month of January is still available.

Dates available in January: weekend

Sun—Jan 18th 7:30 a.m. / 25th 7:30 & 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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



OF WESTERN MASSACHSETTS

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

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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 precursillow-ma@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 or call our registrar Ted @ 860-760-9705.

SCOUT SUNDAY— FEBRUARY 8, 2026 9:00 a.m.

MASS & SOCIAL GATHERING We invite all past/present scouts of Pack and Troop # 138 to attend and then please join us downstairs after mass for social time & coffee & donuts. We are gathering pictures and history to display that morning. Photos will be taken during that day.

We are also looking for new scouts and adult leaders to help with the Pack and Troop 138 We would like to grow and strengthen our scouting program.



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 holidays families are in need, it's everyday! Everyone is welcome! Bring your Family, friends and laughter!

460 Granby Road, Chicopee MA 01013



Eucharistic Adoration First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction Friday January 2, 2025 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. in the Chapel at the Pastoral Center 15 Chapel St w/ Deacon Mike

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

ELMS COLLEGE COLLECTION—January 3 & 4, 2026

Each year, and especially this year, the College community owes much gratitude for the prayers and generosity of our entire diocesan family. Last year, parishioners across the Diocese contributed over \$28,000. in support of Elms College students, and for this we are most grateful. As a result, the college was able to strengthen the *Founders' Fund for Excellence*, which assists in providing financial aid. As you may know, Elms College has created a special Catholic scholarship for students graduating from a Catholic High School in the diocese. We thank you for your continued support!

EPIPHANY BLESSINGS!



Epiphany Blessing, Explained

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."



The Three Wise Men

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire. We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

SAINT JOAN OF ARC—is pleased to announce that the school was the recipient of a most generous gift of \$5000.00. Once again showing that the generosity that surrounds SJA School and its mission, is still very important to this community!