



St. Rose of Lima Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015



We are delighted to welcome Bishop Serratelli to our parish. It's always a joy to have Bishop visit and we're thrilled to have him preside at the 5:30pm Mass.

With joyful hearts we gather to celebrate this Christmas of 2015. Many people say that Christmas is a magical time – it truly is. At Christmas time people become more generous, more loving and extend themselves especially to the poor and lonely. We all cast our minds back to the stable floor where God's will came to be through the "Yes" of Mary and through Joseph who agreed to support her decision. The Jewish people never expected that Christ would be born from Mary, a bright woman, a well educated woman but definitely not an aristocrat. They expected Him to be born in a palace of royal blood and make an amazing statement.

Christ did make an amazing statement upon His birth. In simplicity and with great hope, Mary held her Jesus, our God Jesus, in her arms trusting that the Lord would give her the strength to be His blessed mother. A simple scene and yet a scene surrounded by the most unusual events. The angels sang Hosanna. The itinerant shepherds came in humility and were welcomed to the crib of Jesus as they were welcomed to the throne of Heaven. The Wise Men, the Three Kings, who came from the East, knelt on the dusty stable floor before Jesus, the Infant King. This was a glimpse of the day they would kneel before God the Father in Heaven.

As we, during the days to come, will kneel in front of the crib of the Infant Jesus, let us remember to say thank you to our Lord for the gift of our faith. Let us remember to bring Christ with us in every life situation and with prayer and love for Christ, role model to others what it truly means to be a Christian. In witnessing our love for Christ we show others that we are guided from above and this guidance empowers us to evangelize others whether in work, in school, at home or at play. When our lives are completed in Christ then we too, like the shepherds and the Wise Men, will kneel before the throne of glory and be embraced in the arms of God who has created us and loves us unconditionally.

For your convenience, I'm placing the Christmas and New Year's Mass schedules on the front page. Christmas Eve: 4:00pm Fahey Hall ~ Religious Ed children; 4:00pm Church ~ Academy children; 6:00pm; 12:00 midnight. Christmas Day: 7:30am, 10:00am and 12:00noon. There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day. New Year's Eve: 5:30pm; New Year's Day: 9:00am and 12:00noon. There will be no evening Mass on New Year's Day.

Fr. Matthew and I wish each of you a peace-filled, joyous Christmas. Know that you will be in our prayers and Mass intentions during this holy season.

Merry Christmas!

Father Owen



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 20th Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 People of the Parish
Mary Marcantonio, Margaret Manna
9:00 Angelina & Euplio Rinaldi, Carol Cerillo
10:30 Joseph Caruso (25th Ann.), Frances Stampone
12:15 Margaret Sarno (16th Ann.), Anna Napoli
7:00 Ruth Sink, Marion Hartnett

Monday, December 21st St. Peter Canisus

- 9:00 John DeBellis, Ed Pilot

Tuesday, December 22nd Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Benjamin Spagnola, Margaret Stolworthy

Wednesday, December 23rd St. John of Kanty

- 9:00 Jules Albanese Sr.(3rd Ann.), Lisa Ann Zoppi

Thursday, December 24th Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Jennie Corbo, Al Burns
4:00 **Church** John & Irene Haggart, Deceased Members of the Adessa & Prospero Families
4:00 **Fahey Hall** Marco & Lois Tartaglia, Arlyn Cunnungham
6:00 Rose Zinicola, Michelangelo Colavita
12:00 **Midnight** Jim & Ena Moran & Deceased Members of the Murphy & Moran Families, Jayne Candura

Friday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

(Christmas)

- 7:30 The DelRusso, Perrotta, Mirocco & McGuire Families, Nicholas Garafolo
10:00 T.C.W. McHugh, Linda Wheelan
12:00 Joan Hanley, Vincenzo & Caterina Capozzoli, Kay Vecchiarelli

Saturday, December 26th St. Stephen

- 9:00 Mass to the Blessed Mother
Vigil
5:30 Cathy Santiago, Simone Carollo

Sunday, December 27th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 7:30 People of the Parish
Anna Pellecchia, George McGuire
9:00 Irene Jones, John & Annie Capriglione
10:30 Davide Rebelo, Frances Stampone
12:15 Salvatore & Maria Finelli, Anthony D'Avanzo
7:00 Michael & Mary McHugh, Josephine Cangialosi

Rosary Prayer Intentions for December

Glorious Mysteries: In thanksgiving for the many generous people who provided food and gifts for the poor this Christmas.

Sorrowful Mysteries: For those who find Christmas overwhelming that they will call to mind the true reason for the season.

Joyful Mysteries That Catholics will keep "Christ" in Christmas this year.

Luminous Mysteries: Remember in your prayers all those affected by the attacks in Paris.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For this week are offered in loving memory of

Nick & Nicky DeFinis

From: The DeFinis Family



SANCTUARY LAMP - CHURCH

A reminder of the Divine Presence in the

Eucharist burns this week in memory of:

DelRusso, Perrotta, Mirocco & McGuire Families

From: Cathy Perrotta & Donna Mirocco



TABERNACLE CANDLES

For the week are offered in loving memory of:

Cristina Davino

From: Jim & Cathy McHugh



ALTAR CANDLES

For the week are offered in loving memory of:

Jayne Candura

From: Phil Candura, Children, Grandchildren & Family



We remember and give God thanks for our beloved dead especially

Domenico DeSantis

Helen Dean

Catherine Amadeo

Emily Sharp

Arlyn Cunningham

Dolores Balun

"Learn Your Faith"

Baltimore Catechism Question of the Week

Q. How shall we know the things which we are to believe?

A. We shall know the things which we are to believe from the Catholic Church, through which God speaks to us.



Our Sick: Please remember in your prayers those in our parish and community who are ill, especially Adrianna Monaco, Maria Ravanno, Dean Everetts, Lena Raimo, Mary Jo Corey, Jessica Petti, Mary Edwards, Pat DeDeo, Sheila Tomlinson and Jain Thomlinson

A parishioner known to Father Owen is in need of immediate housing. A small apartment or finished basement desirable. Call 973-226-0536.

2015 CONFIRMATION NEWS

9th Grade: Your next class night is **January 10th**. Students are to arrive no later than 5:25pm through the Academy lobby doors for their class. Parents should attend Mass with their child. Students will be dismissed at the end of the 7:00pm Mass. Remember to bring your Mass tickets.

10th Grade: Your next class night will be the **Antioch Retreat Weekend, Jan. 16th and 17th. Saturday, Jan. 16th 9:00am – 9:00pm and Sunday, Jan. 17th 9:00am – 5:30pm.** You should have already registered for this retreat. Details will follow. Remember to pick up and keep your Mass tickets.

YOUTH CENTER

Youth Group – is open to all high school age students. 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Youth Center. Join us for a night of Fellowship.

Next Meeting: TBA

***Please bring a non-perishable food item and/or \$1.00 donation.** Please contact Stephanie Politi at spoliti@saintroseoflimachurch.org for any questions.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Trip Information Session

**Monday, January 4th at 6:45 in
Messina Hall**

**Anne Breslin from Great Experiences
will present.**

**Italy Trip Information Session
Monday, January 4th at 8:00pm in
Messina Hall**

Pray for World Youth Day

“God, merciful Father, in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, We entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman”.

We entrust to you in a special way young people of every language, people and nation, guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day.

Heavenly Father, grant that we may bear witness to your mercy.

Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt, hope to those who are discouraged, love to those who feel indifferent, forgiveness to those who have done wrong and joy to those who are unhappy. Allow the spark of merciful love that you have enkindled within us become a fire that can transform hearts and renew the face of the earth.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us.

Saint Faustina, pray for us.



Congratulations to James & Kristin Ventola on the Baptism of their daughter Sienna Rose.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

December

- 20 Cycle 2 10am – noon
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass 4pm GYM (Fahey Hall)
- 25 Merry Christmas

January

- 3 Cycle 1 10am – noon
- 10 Cycle 2 10am – noon
- 17 No Classes

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!

All 2nd grade students are to attend their retreat on Saturday, January 30.

Diocesan testing will be administered in January to 5th and 8th grade students.

FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to your generous donations we are able to help many people that come to our Food Pantry. The pantry will now be opened on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month. **The Pantry is in need of cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and hot cereal.** The next time the food pantry will be open Saturday, December 26th from 10:00-11:30am. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Isabella Francis at Isabellafrancis2@gmail.com.

Rosary Altar Society

Next Meeting: January 6th beginning with the Rosary at 7pm.
Reminder: If you have not already paid your dues for 2015-2016, please send your \$25 (\$20 for Daughters of Mary) to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket (marked RAS). If you have any questions, please call Maureen Carvagno at 973-887-7696.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6504

St. Rose of Lima, Knights of Columbus
want to thank our parish family of St. Rose for their support
this past year and wish you
a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
www.facebook/EastHanoverKnightsOfColumbus



The Adult Choir and the Music Ministry invites you to our annual Christmas Concert on December 24th at 11:30pm in church right before the Midnight Mass. Come celebrate our Saviors birth.



The Parish belongs to all of us, and only through the parish community can we achieve our goals. The Challenge is Ours!!!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

December 13, 2015

Weekly Tithing Parishioners	\$ 9,548.00
School Tithing	\$ 715.00
Loose Checks	\$ 780.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,838.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 12,917.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 559.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,298.00

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS SACRIFICING TO HELP US MEET OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FOR YOUR LOVING HEARTS.

\$13,500

Thank You

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S



Thursday, December 24th

Dec. 24th	4:00pm Fahey Hall	Father Owen
Dec. 24th	4:00pm Church	Father Hubert
Dec. 24th	6:00pm	Father Peter
Dec. 24th	12:00 Midnight	Fr. Matthew & Fr. Owen

Friday, December 25th

Dec. 25th	7:30am	Father Owen
Dec. 25th	10:00am	Father Matthew
Dec. 25th	12:00 Noon	Father Matthew

Thursday/Friday, Dec. 31st/Jan. 1st

Dec. 31st	5:30pm	
Jan. 1st	9:00am	
Jan. 1st	12:00 Noon	

CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Thursday	Dec. 24th	9:00am – 12:00 Noon
Friday	Dec. 25th	Closed
Wednesday	Dec. 30th	9:00am – 12:00 Noon
Thursday	Dec. 31st	Closed
Friday	Jan. 1st	Closed
Monday	Jan. 4th	Office opens 9:00am

In case of a **TRUE EMERGENCY**, death or funeral, please call 973-887-5572 and press "2" to reach Fr. Owen or Fr. Matthew immediately.

News from Rome

Happy Fourth Sunday in Advent! It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost here. It is important to keep in mind that we are still in a time of expecting joy. As you all must have noticed, during this season of the liturgical year, we do not sing the Gloria except for certain solemnities. The Church does this since we are in a period sometimes known as "Little Lent." Although the character of Advent is different from Lent, I still encourage all of you to foster a spirit of penance in your soul until Christmas, and if possible make it to confession if you haven't done so yet this Advent season.

Penance can never be separated from mercy, and that is why it is so important that Pope Francis has inaugurated an Extraordinary Jubilee, the Year of Mercy. It was incredible to watch Pope Francis open the Holy Doors. I hope to take part in the official pilgrimage route which Fr. Gino Silva, a priest from our diocese has done much work in preparing. If you have the ability, I would recommend everyone to try and take part in some way, either coming to Rome this upcoming year on the parish pilgrimage or visiting the Holy Doors that Bishop has blessed within our own diocese in Morristown; a plenary indulgence is granted to those who perform such with the usual conditions. I want to encourage everyone to partake in this year in a special way in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which I have listed below, although only try to do one of each to begin with. Know that I keep you all in my prayers as I prepare to visit South Korea and the Philippines for Christmas with my friend Leo from the Diocese of Rockville Centre. I will have more to say about this in next week's bulletin.

God Bless, Alex

Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, & bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Admonish sinners, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive offenses willingly, Comfort the afflicted, and Pray for the living and the dead.

Fr. Owen's Second Parish Pilgrimage Announced ITALY

OCTOBER 10-20, 2016



Brochures are available in the Parish Office or contact Great Experiences, Inc.

greatexinc@verizon.net or
spoliti@saintroseoflimachurch.org

There will be an information meeting on

Monday, January 4th, 2016

**8:00pm Italy Trip Meeting in Messina Hall
Anne Breslin from Great Experiences will present.**

SCHOOL NEWS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF OUR PARISHONERS from our faculty, staff, and students. We pray that the blessing of the newborn Child will be bestowed on each of you and your families.



On Monday, December 14th, the St. Rose of Lima Academy students performed their annual Christmas Concert along with their beautiful re-enactment of the Nativity.

Fourth Week of Advent: LOVE



The fourth Sunday, the focus is LOVE. All four candles are lit each evening during this week.

The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Do not fear, Mary, you shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High.

O Jesus, I believe you were born of Mary and are God's Son.

Your mysterious coming is beyond understanding. Yet like your holy mother, Mary, I wish that you come to me, for you promised you will. Let me serve you in any way I can and know that you are with me day by day as my life goes by.

Like Mary, your mother, though I know you only by faith, may my whole being proclaim your greatness and my spirit rejoice in your favor to me.

O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, holding all things in your strong yet tender hands, come and show us the way to salvation.

The prayer said the fourth week of Advent is:

Stir up Thy might, we pray Thee, O Lord, and come; rescue us through Thy great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Thy gentle mercy. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.



Miss Camille's class reading this week was "The Mitten". They are showing their worksheet from the story.



Mr. Mike's class decorating the Christmas Tree.



Miss Sandra's student admiring the Nativity decorations.

TRICKY TRAY CORNER

Hello to all of our Parishioners! The Academy will be holding their annual Tricky Tray on Friday, March 18, 2016 at the Hanover Manor. This year's theme is "The Great Gatsby." Look for ticket reservation forms, prepaid raffle tickets and 50/50 sales early in the New Year!

CALENDAR DECEMBER

December

- 22 Pre-School Christmas Concert 10am in the gym
- 23 11:30 dismissal no aftercare
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass in the Church at 4:00pm.
Academy students will be leaders of prayer.
School closed December 24 through January 3.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER

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Pastor

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Michael Rybinski 4th Theology – The Holy Apostle's, Conn.

Pastor Emeritus

Msgr. William McCarthy retired and not in residence

Parish Staff

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Mrs. Jeanne Taylor	Trustee		
Mr. William Nevitt	Parish Council President		

Saint Rose Academy Pre-School through Grade 8

Ms. Sheila Tomlinson	Principal	973-887-6990	stomlinson@stroseacad.org
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Mrs. M. Kelly Robertazzi	Youth Ministry and Confirmation Assistant	973-599-2944	krobertazzi@saintroseoflimachurch.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

We celebrate the sacrament of Baptism most Sundays. Parents are welcome to have the Baptism celebrated either at a week-end Mass or at the Liturgy of Baptism at 1:15. To make arrangements for Baptism please call Father Owen or Fr. Matthew. Godparents must be confirmed and be active members of the church and attend Mass regularly.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 8:15 – 8:45 and 4:45 – 5:15 (or by appointment with Fr. Owen or Fr. Matthew).

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact Fr. Owen or Fr. Mathew and set up an appointment. Any Catholic couple needs approximately a year to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the Priest celebrating the marriage and attendance at Pre-Cana conferences.

Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visits

At St. Rose we are strongly committed to the spiritual care of the sick. Because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes are not allowed to release the patient's religious affiliation. Therefore, we must depend on families of our sick parishioners to inform us of their whereabouts and condition. Please notify the parish office of any need for a home or hospital visit.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for people who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, which are received at Easter Vigil. For information, please contact Fr. Owen or Fr. Matthew at the parish office.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Miraculous Medal Novena – Following 9am Mass on Saturday
Devotion to Padre Pio – Following the 9am Mass on Friday
Right to Life – Anne Marie Gillespie amgillespie@optonline.net
Secular Franciscan Order - Second Saturday after 9am Mass
First Saturday Devotion – to Our Lady of Fatima Following 9am Mass

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Choir – Rehearsal Mondays 9:30am or Wednesdays 8:00pm
Knights of Columbus – 2nd & 4th Monday at 8pm in Labrecque Hall
Rosary Altar Society – 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in church
Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament – Tues. & Wed 8am – 8pm
Bereavement - 973-599-2944

PARISH GENERAL INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS - Our clergy and staff will be happy to assist you during the following hours: Monday – Friday 9am - 3pm

Summer Hours Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm. Closed Friday's July and August

New Parishioners - We welcome those who have recently moved to the area. If you would like to be part of the St. Rose of Lima family, please call the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline – Please kindly submit all bulletin materials to Angela (aburns@saintroseoflimachurch.org) at the parish office, Please note that in order for articles to be published in next week's bulletin they need to be submitted **no later than 10a.m. of the prior Tuesday.**

Mass Intentions – Please come into the office or call during regular office hours.