



St. Rose of Lima Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2016



As a Catholic priest for 24 years I've always been strongly involved in Catholic education. I believe Catholic education is a gift and a blessing for the present and future. We gift the young person with an excellent education in a Christ-centered environment and they gift the Church of the future with leadership skills. To maintain a Catholic School you need to have enough children for proper class structure, interaction and sports activities. To maintain the school financially we need a minimum amount of fee paying families to avoid a level of financial assistance that the parish would be unable to sustain.

In the last four years we have lost 40% of our student body. Several weeks ago I asked the Academy parents to indicate if they would definitely return, if they would not return, or if they were undecided. Sadly the results showed the student body was too small to have the school survive.

The total number of children from Kindergarten through 7th grade who would return next year is 64 from a current population of 94 (with an 8th grade graduating class of 11). The number of not returning is 12. Undecided is 7. We have to put the undecided as not returning because we cannot plan for someone who cannot guarantee.

To add to this enrollment struggle, the East Hanover public school system is starting full day Kindergarten in September. As a result of a full day Kindergarten in town, we have only 4 families out of 25 indicating they will return to St. Rose for Kindergarten.

So in reality, the most children we could probably expect would be 68. I have been very concerned to see the school subsidy climb in these past years. This academic year we have subsidized the school more than was viable. If we continued to subsidize at this rate within two years our money would be depleted. To maintain the school for the next school year with 68 students, the tuition would have to be increased to approximately \$9,000 per student, all fee paying without exceptions. We would also have to give a substantial subsidy to the school and the Home and School would, as always, have to raise a minimum of \$100,000.00. After collaboration with Bishop Serratelli, the Diocesan School Office and my advisory boards, it grieves me to tell you that because of the small number of children I cannot re-open St. Rose of Lima Academy this September.

I met with our teachers, staff and parents last Wednesday so that together they would hear the difficult decision I had to make.

As you are aware, I love the Academy of St. Rose and am very proud of the children. My hope is that they will be able to continue in the Catholic school system. With this in mind I have approached the principals of St. Vincent's, St. Patrick's and Assumption. All three schools can take the entire 7th grade plus their siblings and at this present stage, two schools can probably take forty students. I would hope to be able to keep all the children together and provide a bus going and returning to St. Rose every day.

I'm very proud of our Early Childhood Center. The quality of education in a Christ-centered atmosphere really empowers the little ones to be well prepared for Kindergarten. This program has continued to flourish and the classes are full (current enrollment is 54). I do see it as an important part of evangelization to educate not only the children but the parents also. I'm happy to say we will be able to retain the Early Childhood and that all Pre K-4 children will be invited and strongly encouraged to enter Kindergarten in one of our local Catholic schools.

Our summer camp has been very successful and we're very keen to continue with the summer camp in conjunction with our ECC teachers and staff.

My sincere gratitude to you, our parishioners, who have supported our Academy in the past and will do so until June. As the pastor of St. Rose I intend to support Catholic education in the future especially the schools where St. Rose of Lima Academy students will transition into and I ask the same of you.

We have been blessed at the Academy with an amazing and caring principal, Ms. Tomlinson and her dedicated and caring teachers and staff. I will forever be grateful for them and will try to support them and help them anyway I can during this transition and into the future.

Father Owen



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 31st Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 People of the Parish
Anthony Ciccone, Emily Sharp
9:00 Mildred Cleffi, Joseph Squeri
10:30 Angelina Loiola, Ruth Sink
12:15 Jayne Candura, Rachela Loprete
7:00 Felix Terrero, Arlyn Cunningham

Monday, February 1st, Weekday

- 9:00 Mary Marcantonio (1st Ann.), Jayne Candura

Tuesday, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord

- 9:00 Rosa Crincoli, Henry Smolen

Wednesday, February 3rd St. Blaise

- 9:00 Marion E. Corcoran

Thursday, February 4th Weekday

- 9:00 Cristina Davino (1st Ann.)

First Friday February 5th St. Agatha

- 9:00 Marie Auermuller, Harry J. Schum

First Saturday, February 6th St. Paul Miki

- 9:00 Mass to the Blessed Mother
Vigil
5:30 Christine Flacco (14th Ann.), Frances Monticello
Sunday, February 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 People of the Parish
Rose DeRosa, Anthony Ciccone
9:00 Antonio & Maria Cunha, Michael Mania
10:30 Francesco Menza, Grazia Marcianelli (26th Ann.)
12:15 Catherine McHugh (5th Ann.), Frank Custode (3rd Ann.)
7:00 Anna Mana Crosta, Cristina Davino

Rosary Prayer Intentions for February

Glorious Mysteries: We pray for the ill, homebound and aged, that during these cold days they will know our love and prayers surround them.

Sorrowful Mysteries: For the parents of our First Holy Communion parents that they will teach their children their catholic faith in love.

Joyful Mysteries: For our parish family of St. Rose that we will prepare ourselves for the season of lent by prayer and works of charity.

Luminous Mysteries: For catholics who are weak in faith, by our prayers and invitation to them, that they may draw closer to God.



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



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For this week are offered in loving memory of

Margaret Mutascio

Family



SANCTUARY LAMP - CHURCH

A reminder of the Divine Presence in the

Eucharist burns this week in memory of:

Emanuel Vito

From: Family



TABERNACLE CANDLES

For the week are offered in loving memory of:

Nicky DeFinis

From: Family



ALTAR CANDLES

For the week are offered in loving memory of:

Arlyn Cunningham

From: Family



We remember and give God thanks for our beloved dead especially

Angela H. Rainer

Henry W. Smolen

Nicholas S. Marcantonio

“Learn Your Faith”

Baltimore Catechism Question of the Week

Q Are the Three Divine Persons one and the same God?

A. The three Divine Persons are one and the same God, having one and the same Divine nature.

Q. Which are the chief creatures of God?

A. The chief creatures of God are men and angels.

Q..Who were the first man and woman?

A. The first man and woman were Adam and Eve

On Wednesday, February 3rd, the Feast of St. Blaise, Fr. Owen will bless the throats of the faithful after the 9:00am Mass and Father Matthew will be available to bless throats between 6:00 – 6:30pm.

2016 CONFIRMATION NEWS

9th Grade: Your next class night is **February 21st**. 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 is **this Sunday, Jan. 31st**. Please arrive through the school lobby between 5:15 – 5:30pm. Dismissal will be between 6:30 – 6:45pm. Please attend a Mass of your choice during the weekend as there is no mandatory 7pm Mass attendance. Be sure to pickup a Mass ticket.

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 Date: Tuesday, February 16th, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Post Antioch Pizza Party (in the Cafeteria)

Please RSVP to Lisa Paradiso or Mrs. Politi so that we order enough pizza.

**Please bring a non-perishable food item and/or \$5.00 donation.* Please contact Stephanie Politi at spoliti@saintroseoflimachurch.org for any questions.

Need a night out but don't have a babysitter?

Let the St. Rose of Lima Confirmation students baby-sit your children **in our beautiful Youth Center!**

Friday night, February 12, 2016 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Children ages 3 yrs old (potty trained) to 10 yrs old **Cost \$20 for 1 child and \$35 for 2 or more** from the same family. Our 9th and 10th graders, under the supervision of a minimum of 2 adult supervisors, will supervise your children as you enjoy a “night out on the town”. Confirmation students will earn Community Service hours and **all profits** generated from the Community Service event **will go to the Youth Center**.

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

If you would like to register your child for this special event, email Mrs. Liebhauser reled@saintroseoflimachurch.org or

Mrs. Politi spoliti@saintroseoflimachurch.org

Put your name, contact information and the names and ages of your children in the email. Register ASAP or no later than February 8th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

January

30 Second Grade Retreat

31 Cycle 2

February

7 Cycle 1

14 No Classes

21 Cycle 2

28 Cycle 1

ANTIOCH 2016



Fr. Owen presenting check to Nicole Biunno, winner of the Youth Group 50/50 Raffle.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (January 6), the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later—February 15. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually “unclean” for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her “purification.” Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.) This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.



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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

January 24, 2016

Sunday Masses	\$ 4,102.00
Loose Cash	\$ 743.00
School Tithing	\$ 270.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 2,000.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 7,115.00

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

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 is Saturday, February 13th from 10:00-11:30am. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Isabella Francis at Isabellafrancis2@gmail.com.

Fr. Owen's Second Parish Pilgrimage Announced ITALY

OCTOBER 10-20, 2016



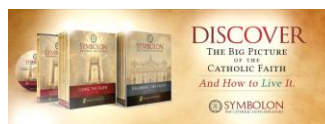
Brochures are available in the Parish Office or contact Great Experiences, Inc.

greatexinc@verizon.net or
spoliti@saintroseoflimachurch.org

Rosary Altar Society

Next Meeting: February 3rd beginning with the Rosary at 7pm. Please remember to bring a donation for the food pantry.

2016 LENTEN STUDIES



SYMBOLON LIVING THE FAITH

Wednesdays: 9:30am – 10:45am

Feb 17. Exception Tuesday, Feb. 23. March 2, 9, & 16

Thursdays: 7pm – 8:30 pm

Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3, & 10

All sessions will be in the Cafeteria (under the Church)

Symbolon: Living the Faith is a program which uses prayer, videos, teaching, and discussion to take you through a journey into how we live the faith that we have learned and how God's Love for us is shown.

In the previous sessions we came to **Know Our Faith**. The 5 weekly sessions will cover the following topics as we **Learn to Live our Faith**:

The Sacraments – Baptism and Confirmation

The Eucharist – Source and Summit of Christian Life

Walk through the Mass – Exploring the Sacred Liturgy

Penance & the Anointing of the Sick – God's Mercy Revealed

Matrimony & Holy Orders – The Sacraments of Service & Communion

Join us for an interesting look at Living Our Faith. Refreshments will be served.

Donations accepted to cover costs.

Register for the classes, by calling Deacon Vin, 973-334-5858 or email Peggy Leo, pegleo5@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6504

"Wives Appreciation Night"

Valentine Dance/Music by "Symphonics"

February 5th at Hanover Manor - \$75.00 per person

Call Rich 973-887-7101 or Chris 973-560-1248

Email: info@kofc6504.org

Pasta Dinner & Meatball Contest

The Academy will hold a Pasta Dinner & Meatball Contest on Friday, February 5th from 6:30 – 9:30pm. Admission includes pasta, meatballs, bread, and salad. It's a BYOB Desserts and soft drinks will be available for purchase to support the St. Rose Academy 8th grade class of 2016.

\$30 per family up to (5)

\$10 per adult

\$5 per child (up to 13)

Fr. Owen and Fr. Matthew will be the judges of the meatball contest.

SCHOOL NEWS



Kindergarten working on their STEM project, Hibernation Station



Miss Camille's is learning all about David this week.

CALANDAR JANUARY

January

Jan. 31-Feb 7 Catholic School Week Begins

February

8 Home & School Meeting – 7pm Messina Hall
 10 Ash Wednesday
 12 Valentine's Day Parties
 15-16 School Closed – Winter Break
 24 Yearbook Pictures/Sports & Clubs Cap & Gown Retakes
 25 Father's Club Meeting 7pm
 26 Grade 2 Reconciliation 7pm



Mr. Mike's class learned about how bears hibernate.



Miss Lorie and Miss Valerie's class won the door decorating contest.



It was "D" week and Ms. Sandra's class was learning about dinosaurs.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE will be held this Wednesday, February 3rd for current families from 9-11 A.M. New families who are interested in Pre-School/Pre-K are welcome to visit our classes from 9-11 A.M. and 7-8 P.M. Please call to make an appointment for a tour and receive a registration packet. 973-887-1801.

TRICKY TRAY CORNER

Reservations and prepaid raffle tickets are AVAILABLE for purchase. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy at 973-887-6990. If anyone has any baskets they can donate to the academy, it would be greatly appreciated! Please drop them off at the front desk of the Academy.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER

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

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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 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.

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