



St. Rose of Lima Church

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Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017



We gather this weekend to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, the third week of Advent. This weekend Fr. Matthew and I will wear the rose colored chasuble symbolizing joy. We are now more than half way through the Season of Advent and we look forward with excitement to the birthday of our Lord Jesus, our Savior.

In this week's Gospel we hear of John the Baptist as a prophet preparing the people through baptism for the mission of the Christ. John explains however that he is not the Christ but points to Jesus as the way forward. We know that after Jesus was baptized He began to preach and teach, perform miracles and prepare the people within a three year span for His death and glorious resurrection. As Jesus ascended into heaven, He invited the apostles to make disciples of all. During these days as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Infant Jesus, we consider that we too point toward Jesus as our way of life. Here at St. Rose I'm proud to say we are part of the mission that Jesus has gifted us with. Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion to the homebound and the ill on a regular basis. Many in our parish bring food to the homebound through the Meals on Wheels program. Many loving hands and hearts organize the food pantry and many hearts and hands stock the food pantry through many generous donations. Many adults and young adults reach out to our children and young people in our Religious Ed programs. We worship together, we pray together, we bring Christ's love to many in town and the surrounding area.

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported Bishop's Annual Appeal. I received a letter from Bishop's office thanking St. Rose of Lima Parish. The goal determined by the diocese was \$39,900.00. We pledged \$48,790.00. God bless you for your generous hearts and for supporting our Bishop in such worthwhile charities. Thanks to Deacon Vin and Peggy for their outstanding coordination with the appeal.

So here we are – one week from Christmas. The children are excited, the adults are busy and there's a great feeling of expectant joy in the air. This year the fourth Sunday of Advent is the evening of December 23rd and until noon of the 24th. We celebrate Christmas Eve Masses from 4:00pm on. As you know, I wrote about this in last week's bulletin but to further help you understand we have an insert in this week's bulletin with the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day Mass schedule. If you're feeling a little frazzled – just remember that Christmas lasts until the Epiphany. We can still send cards and gifts even if we're a little late. The main thing is breathe and enjoy the day. It's special because of Jesus' birth in a simple stable. Let's not get overly complicated and remember the reason for the season. God's love for us is unconditional – let's pay it forward.

*Happy Advent!
Father Owen*



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 17th Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 People of the Parish
Vecchiarillo Family, Lucia Russo
- 9:15 Mario Marrano, Elba Gabrielsen
- 10:30 Michael & Angela DeSantis, Nuzio Viaggiano
- 12:15 Caterina Albarti, James John Gallo, Connie Mutascio
- 7:00 John Hayes, Frank Inzitari, Joan Hanley

Monday, December 18th Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Muzio Prioletti (13th Ann.), Lucretia Bosset, Lorraine Noack

Tuesday, December 19th Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Mario Marrano, Al & Jerry Lasso

Wednesday, December 20th Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Mary Marcantonio, Millie DeSandis (1st Ann.)

Thursday, December 21st St. Peter Canisius

- 9:00 John DeBellis, Luigi LaBaquara

Friday, December 22nd Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Robert Maloney, Joann Eades

Saturday, December 23rd St. John of Kanty

- 9:00 Mass Intentions to the Blessed Mother
Vigil

- 5:30 Michael Lemongello, Maria Polera

Sunday, December 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 Contaldi Family, Anna Niro
- 9:15 Euplia Rinaldi (62nd Ann.), Jennie Corbo
- 10:30 Pat J. LaBracio, Anna & Nuncio Pico

Christmas Eve

- 4:00pm Church: John & Irene Haggart, Joyce & Libby Riccio
- 4:00pm Fahey Hall: Deceased Members of the Capriglione & Carbone Families, Sergio Ferreira, Gayle Rossi
- 6:00 Giovanni Maggiore, Vinny Magguilli
- 12:00 Midnight Jim & Ena Moran, Anthony Marcantonio

Rosary Prayer Intentions for December

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

Sorrowful Mysteries: For our beloved America that we will always proudly proclaim in "God We Trust".

Joyful Mysteries: In gratitude to God our almighty Father for his Son Jesus.

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



Our Sick: Please remember in your prayers those in our parish and community who are ill, especially Adrianna Monaco, Lena Raimo, Francesca Dagastino, Carmine Sarno, Rich Koscielak, Ann Gorban, William Petrello and Ruth Schwarzmann



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For the week are offered in loving memory of:

John Sweeney

From: Barbara Nelson



SANCTUARY LAMP - CHURCH

A reminder of the Divine Presence in the Eucharist burns this week in memory of:

Nancy Rafanello

From: Barbara & Kenneth Wetzel



ALTAR CANDLES

For the week are offered in Loving Memory of:

Jack Harrington

From: Helen Harrington



TABERNACLE CANDLES

For the week are offered in loving memory of:

Jule Albanese (6th Ann.)

From: Family

The ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS for Advent are in loving memory of Giuseppe Farro.

From: Silvia Farro



Congratulations to the Parents of our newly

Baptized:

Violet Antonia Walters

Prayer Intentions of POPE FRANCIS for December THE ELDERLY

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generation.

Third Sunday of Advent Prayer

"With our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole mind, with our whole strength and fortitude, with our whole understanding, with all our powers, with every effort, every affection, every feeling, every desire and wish, let us love the Lord God. Who has given and gives to each one of us our whole body, our whole soul and our whole life, Who has created, redeemed and will save us by His mercy alone, Who did and does everything good for us."
from St. Francis of Assisi

CONFIRMATION NEWS

9th Grade: Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

10th Grade: Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

YOUTH CENTER

Annual Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 19th
8pm – 9pm in the Youth Center

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S



Sunday, December 24th

Dec. 24th 4:00pm Fahey Hall
Dec. 24th 4:00pm Church
Dec. 24th 6:00pm
Dec. 24th 12:00 Midnight

Monday, December 25th

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

Sunday/Monday, Dec. 31st/Jan. 1st

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



CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	Dec. 25th	Closed
Tuesday	Dec 26th	Closed
Wednesday	Dec. 27th	Office opens 9:00am
Friday	Dec. 29th	Open 9:00am -12 Noon

Monday	Jan. 1st	Closed
Tuesday	Jan. 2nd	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.

Third Week of Advent: JOY



On the third Sunday of Advent, the third candle is added with a prayer of Joy. This is the week to light the pink candle. We read together from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, "Always rejoice. Pray without ceasing. In all things give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you all. Extinguish not the spirit. Despise not prophecies. But prove all things: hold fast that which is good. From all appearance of evil refrain yourselves. And may God of peace himself sanctify you in all things: that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Lord, may we always remember, from the moment we rise, through all the actions of our day, until we lay down again to sleep at night, that we are called to the joy of discipleship, to live constantly in the presence of God. Help us to pray without ceasing, and, most of all, to "rejoice always" in the gift of Your presence. Amen.

We are so excited to announce that our Toddler Room is Opening on Tuesday, January 2nd. The Toddler room is designed to accommodate the needs of children between the ages of 12 months and 2 1/2 years old. This age is full of exploration and growth in language and social skills. Toddlers are curious and active learners. Our room is designed specifically for the adventurous nature of this age group. Each day is filled with teacher guided open play time, music, books, learning activities, art projects, sensory experiences, and outdoor play time. All this occurs as toddlers learn how to interact with one another and the world around them.

If you would like more information about our toddler room, or to schedule a tour, please call 973-887-1801 or email cfreeman@stroseacad.org.

ADORATION

Christmas Schedule

Closed

Tuesday, December 19th

Opens

Tuesday, January 9th

We wish you a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



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 10, 2017

Sunday Collection \$ 11,733.00

Immaculate Conception \$ 2,723.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 1,779.00

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

WE ENCOURAGE ALL OUR PARISHONERS TO USE THE TITHING ENVELOPES AND HELP US TO MEET OUR GOAL OF

\$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 from 10 – 11am. **The pantry is in need of Coffee caffeinated, mayonnaise, cleaning products, dish detergent, cereal for adults, personal care items – deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, paper products. NO canned corn, string beans, soup, tuna, peas or pumpkin.**

The food pantry will not be opened on December 23. It will reopen on January 13th

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Isabella Francis at Isabellafrancis2@gmail.com.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: NO MEETING IN JANUARY.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

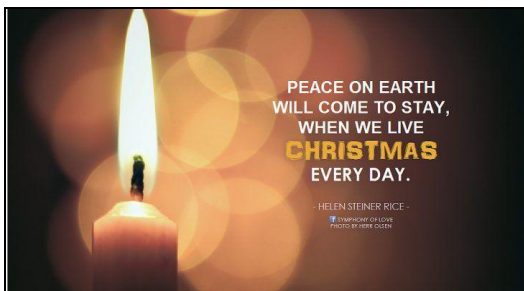
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 6504

Dec. 17th – Pancakes with Santa – Rec. Center. 9am – 12pm
All Parishioners are welcome.

Dec. 20th – Grand Knights Birthday

Merry Christmas to all our St. Rose Parishioners from your Brother Knights.

If you are interested in joining the Knights or have questions about the Knights, please call Grand Knight, Joe Carvagno at 973-508-6705.



Congratulations to Michael & Vanessa on the baptism of their daughter Violet Antonia.



Italy Pilgrimage 2018

Fr. Owen invites you to travel with him to Italy for The Diaconate Ordinations in Rome, and to visit The Shrine of Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotundo, and other sites

September 20 - 29, 2018

Travel to Rome, San Giovanni Rotundo, Avellino, Pompeii, Naples and other beautiful and holy sites with Fr. Owen

If interested, please first contact

Great Experiences, Anne Breslin at 201.825.3725 or at anne@greatexperiencesnj.com

or Mrs. Stephanie Politi at spoliti@saintroseoflimachurch.org or at 973-599-2944

Only 40 spots available. Brochures in parish office.



Thank you one and all for your donations to the Market Street Mission. As a group of Rosarians, please see all we collected.

Thank you again and have a very Merry Christmas.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Santa Story Hour was a huge success! The children came dressed in their pajamas and eagerly awaited the arrival of Old St. Nick! Santa made a grand entrance and read, *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*. There was hot chocolate, donuts, cookies and a fun Santa craft for the children to make and take home. Santa took pictures with each child and gave them a special gift. A great time was had by all! Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out that night and especially to Santa for taking the time to come by and spend time with the children of St. Rose. We know how busy he is this time of year!



Our Toddler Room has now been State approved! We will be opening on January 2, 2018. If you have a toddler (12 months to 2^{1/2} years old) in need of quality care, please call or email us, and take a tour of this fabulous room and our facility. cfreeman@stroseacad.org or lagrifolio@stroseacad.org 973-887-1801

If anyone is interested in working in our after-care program please email Lorie Agrifolio at lagrifolio@stroseacad.org. The hours would be approximately from 2-6 pm. Great for a college student looking to gain experience working with children!



We are now accepting applications for our 2017/2018 school year. If you are interested in applying, or for a tour of our facility, please call 973-887-1801. You can also email cfreeman@stroseacad.org.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 973-887-5572 Fax: 973-884-0476

Website: www.saintroseoflimachurch.org

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

Fr. Owen B Moran	Pastor 973-887-5572 Ext 114	obmoran@saintroseoflimachurch.org
Fr. Matthew Kranc	Parochial Vicar 973-887-5572 Ext 125	fr.matthew@saintroseoflimachurch.org
Deacon Vincent Leo	Permanent Deacon 973-887-5572	tvleo@carroll.com
Mr. Alex Nevitt	Seminarian 3rd Year Theology, North American College, Rome	wnevitt@gmail.com
Msgr. William McCarthy retired and not in residence	Pastor Emeritus	

Parish Staff

Mrs. Gretchen Turner	Finance Consultant	973-887-5572 Ext 115	gturner@saintroseoflimachurch.org
Mr. Diego Badilla	Music Director	973-887-5572 Ext 157	dbadilla@saintroseoflimachurch.org
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Mrs. Anne Marie Gillespie	Trustee		
Mrs. Jeanne Taylor	Trustee		
Mr. William Nevitt	Parish Council President		

Saint Rose Pre-School

Mrs. Lorie Agrifolio	Director of ECC	973-887-1801	lagrifolio@stroseacad.org
Mrs. Carol Freeman	Administrative Assistant (Pre-School/Pre-K)	973-887-1801	cfreeman@stroseacad.org

Faith Formation

Mrs. Stephanie Politi	Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries	973-599-2944	spoliti@saintroseoflimachurch.org
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Mrs. M. Kelly Robertazzi	Youth Ministry and Confirmation Assistant	973-599-2944	krobertazzi@saintroseoflimachurch.org
Fred & Gerry Vaccaro	REL. ED. Assistances	973-559-2944	gvaccaro@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. Matthew 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
First Saturday Devotion – to Our Lady of Fatima Following 9am Mass
Bereavement - 973-599-2944

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 – 6pm
Secular Franciscan Order - Second Saturday after 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

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.