



St. Rose of Lima Church

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Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015



It's good to be back from my three week trip to Australia. I went there to celebrate my three "First Masses" in three Jesuit churches in Melbourne. I lived in Melbourne for two and half years as part of my formation training to the priesthood.

Between July 2008 and August 2010, I worked at Xavier College, a Catholic secondary school in Melbourne. I acted as assistant chaplain to Year 9 levels on three campuses and to the boarders. I also taught religion in the Xavier College Kindergarten. For two years, on a weekly basis, I ran the "Newman Society" project for 20 students in Year 12. The project consisted of a series of discussion groups across a broad range of topics from theology, faith and morals to philosophy and politics. I was also involved in the life of three Melbournian church communities in Richmond, Essendon and Oakleigh.

It was so good to be back in Melbourne as a priest. I was very warmly received by the parishioners. I met many of my old friends, including my good friends Theresa, Adriana, Danusia, and Fr. Michael Ryan, my former rector, all of whom traveled to the USA for my ordination last May. It was great to catch up!

I met with Fr. Owen's twin brother Michael while visiting Australia. Can you imagine traveling to the other side of the world for vacation only to see your boss? What a surprise!

Since this is the beginning of the summer season in Australia, it was funny to see people preparing for Christmas and putting up Christmas trees. Australians, on Christmas Day, all go to the beach!

It's good to be back in the US as we began The Jubilee Year of Mercy last Tuesday. Pope Francis decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has, at its center, the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36).

This Holy Year commenced on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy. Pope Francis states that he wants the year to be a time for Catholics to contemplate just how merciful God has been to them and to better understand how they are called to be merciful to others in turn.

The Logo for the Year, which features Jesus -- the Good Shepherd -- taking upon his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrates that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The image also shows one of Jesus' eyes merged with the man's to show how "Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ." The motto, "Merciful like the Father" (Luke 6:36), serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure.



Father Matthew



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 13th Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 People of the Parish
Vecchiarelli Family, Jean DeRosa
9:00 Diamanda Mormando, Wanda Sarrecchia
10:30 Michael & Angela DeSantis, Anthony DeSantis
12:15 Mary Marcantonio, Marie Gabler (8th Ann.)
7:00 Christian M. Talbot, Frank A. Figurelli

Monday, December 14th St. John of the Cross

- 9:00 Ed Pilot, Donald Burke

Tuesday, December 15th Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Libby Riccio, Marion Hartnett

Wednesday, December 16th Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Walter Thomas, Marion Hartnett

Thursday, December 17th Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Margaret Mutascio (3rd Ann.), Mary Crescenzi

Friday, December 18th Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Joan Hanley (1st Ann.), Muzio Prioletti

Saturday, December 19th Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Mass to the Blessed Mother
Vigil
5:30 Dolores DiAntonio, Margaret Manna (23rd Ann.)

Sunday, December 20th Fourth 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

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.



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

Congratulations to the Parents of our newly Baptized:

Chole Jean Nisivoccia

Sienna Rose Ventola



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For this week are offered in loving memory of
Michael & Angela DeSantis
from: Children & Grandchildren



SANCTUARY LAMP - CHURCH

A reminder of the Divine Presence in the
Eucharist burns this week in memory of:
Michael & Angela DeSantis
From: Children & Grandchildren



TABERNACLE CANDLES

For the week are offered in loving memory of:
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From: Children & Grandchildren



ALTAR CANDLES

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"Learn Your Faith"

Baltimore Catechism Question of the Week

Q. What must we do to save our souls?

A. To save our souls, we must worship God by faith, hope, and charity; that is, we must believe in Him, hope in Him, and love Him with all our heart.

Congratulations to Father Owen on his 24th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary!



Congratulations to Daniel & Katherine Neuman on the baptism of their son Dylan Richard.



Congratulations to Rocco & Brook Nisivoccia on the Baptism of their daughter Chole Jean.

2015 CONFIRMATION NEWS

9th Grade: Your next class night is **December 13th**. 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: December 15th at 8pm – Christmas Party

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

Help Spread Christmas Cheer

This year we will be collecting Toys R Us or Game Stop gift cards for the boys at Mt. St. Joseph home in Totowa (they will be used to purchase new video games). Please bring a \$20 gift card to the Youth Center on Saturday, December 19th. Any questions please contact Lisa Krueger at lisageo@optonline.net.

There will also be a party at St. Rose in January for the Mt. St. Joseph boys on January 23rd. Details to follow.



Pictured here are Confirmation students and St. Rose youth ambassadors to World Youth Day, Lilly Michaels and Nicole Cremin setting up flower orders for pickup in the Youth Center. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. Special thanks to the committee who worked hard to coordinate the pickup and distribution of all the beautiful plants: the DeTrollo and Cremin families, Kathy Malkinski, Tanya D'Souza, Lisa Paradiso, Lilly Michaels, Eric Magnifico and Andrew and Aaron Deditch.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Trip Information Session

Monday, January 4th at 6:45 in Messina Hall
Anne Breslin from Great Experiences will present.



Congratulations to Nicole an alumni of St. Rose and to Michaela, Peter, Arianna, Alexandra and Kelly from the Academy, who are seen posing with Bishop Serratelli. The children performed at the Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 6th. We are very proud of them.



The 10th Grade Confirmation class signed the Book of Confirmandi at Mass on Dec. 6th. This signifies their desire to be Confirmed and their sponsors willingness to guide them in their faith.



Pictured here are Lisa Paradiso and Dan Politi on December 5th after assisting in the Christmas decorating of the Youth Center. They went and joined other parishioners and friends at a blood drive and donated blood for fellow parishioner Jessica Petti and others who would benefit from the blood donations. Give Blood and Give the gift of life.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

December

- 13 Cycle 1 10am – noon
- 20 Cycle 2 10am – noon
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass Details to follow
- 25 Merry Christmas

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.



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

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

November 6, 2015

Weekly Tithing Parishioners	\$ 10,278.00
School Tithing	\$ 1,518.00
Loose Checks	\$ 750.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,528.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 14,074.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 715.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 1,546.00

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

GIVING TREE



Gifts will be collected at all Masses on the 12th & 13th. Please put your gift card in an envelope marked for the Giving Tree and place it in the collection basket or bring to the parish office during office hours 9:00am – 3:00pm. The gift cards will be donated to those in need locally. If you or your family are facing a hardship and would like to receive gift cards from the Giving Tree, please contact the parish office at 973-887-5572. All information will be kept in strict confidence. The gift cards will be distributed to the families no later than Dec. 18th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6504

“Pancakes with Santa” Dec. 13th –9:00am – 12 noon at Lurker Park

K of C Christmas Party, Dec. 14th at 6pm in FaheyHall members only

www.KofC6504.org info@KofC6504.org
[www.facebook/EastHanoverKnightsOfColumbus](https://www.facebook.com/EastHanoverKnightsOfColumbus)

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 coffee, tea, canned meats and fish.** 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.

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.

News from Rome

Happy Advent! I want to apologize for not writing these past couple of weeks. Between Thanksgiving and house events my schedule became very busy these past few weeks. I want to begin by telling you about a wonderful trip Andrew Burns and I had to London. For some of you who were down the shore during the summer, Andrew is a third theology seminarian from our diocese who worked with Fr. Owen as his parish assignment. He is also assigned at the seminary in Rome. We had a wonderful time enjoying the beauty of London and getting to know each other better since we met for the first time when I arrived in Rome. We went to Mass at Westminster Cathedral and visited London Tower. It is definitely a worthwhile trip, although I would recommend going in the summer when it is a little warmer.

Thanksgiving at the college is one of the biggest celebrations in Italy. We even had the Ambassador and his wife. The big event for me was a dinner I coordinated on Friday for all the other seminarians and faculty, 77 people. It was a lot of work but everyone from my class helped in different ways to make it a successful night. We then had a lovely show put on by different men from different years in the college on Saturday. The weekend finally concluded with a football game between all the new men and the returning men. I was able to help my team playing center. Unfortunately, the new men lost to the old men, although it was a close match until the end of the third quarter. I pray that all of you are preparing for Christmas and can just imagine all the Christmas lights up around town. God Bless, Alex

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

WE JOIN WITH OUR PARISHONERS AND FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF ADVENT! We remember each of you as we gather in prayer each morning!



Five members of Girl Scout Cadette troop #4054 have been working toward the Marian Medal award honoring our Blessed Mother. The girls are Isabella Vescera, Julie Prestigiacomio, Sarah Leitao, Shayna Dooley and Jade Ditta.



On Friday, December 4th, St. Rose held their traditional Santa Story Hour complete with crafts, cookies and milk, and a visit from Santa. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Quinn for organizing this great event.

CALENDAR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

December

- 14 Christmas Concert 7pm in Church
- 16 Santa's Workshop – Shopping opportunity for Pre-School to grade 8
- 18 Picture retakes
- 22 Pre-School Christmas Concert 10am in the gym
- 23 11:30 dismissal no aftercare

BE SURE TO PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE MACBOOK AIR THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES! Drawing will be held at our Christmas concert on Monday, December 14th.



Miss Sandra's class is coloring their Christmas trees getting ready for Christmas



Miss Lorie's class did a candy cane experiment. They watch how a candy cane reacts to different liquids; vinegar, oil, cold water and hot water.

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!

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.

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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 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.