

The Parish Family of St. Rose of Lima is
proud to congratulate our beloved Pastor
Fr. Owen B. Moran



on the 25th Anniversary
of his Ordination to the Priesthood

We thank you for your years of service to God, the Church and for the love and friendship you so generously give to your devoted parishioners of St. Rose of Lima. We love you and wish you many more joyous and healthy years in your blessed priesthood.

" May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, ... and may God hold you in the palm of his hand"



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 11th Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 People of the Parish
Theresa Garafalo, Jean DeRosa
- 10:30 Connie Schimenti, Joseph Caruso (26th Ann.),
Giuseppe & Maria Mule'
- 12:15 Al Burns, Arlyn Cunningham
- 7:00 Fred Daunno Jr., Celia Peda

Monday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 9:00 Jim Moran (7th Ann.), Joseph Zoppi Sr. (20th Ann.)

Tuesday, December 13th St. Lucy

- 9:00 *Donato Diprenda (3rd Ann.), James Belske-Healing
Intention

Wednesday, December 14th St. John of the Cross

- 9:00 *Esperanza Iglesias, Frederick Nessler-Healing
Intention

Thursday, December 15th Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Libby Riccio (28th Ann.), Mary Ann Belske

Friday December 16th Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Mary Ann Lynch, Edward Hopkins

Saturday, December 17th Advent Weekday

- 9:00 Mass Intentions to the Blessed Mother
Vigil
- 5:30 Dolores DiAntonio, Marie Gabler (9th Ann.)

Sunday, December 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 Margaret Manna, Lucille Cicchino
- 9:00 Euplio Rinaldi, Sr. Lenore DeCoster
- 10:30 Jean & Russell Profita, Angela & Michael DeSantis
- 12:15 Margaret Sarno (17th Ann.), Dean Everetts
- 7:00 Michael & Mary McHugh, Joan Hanley (2nd Ann.)

Rosary Prayer Intentions for December

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

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

Joyful Mysteries: In thanksgiving for Fr.
Owen's 25 years of priesthood and for continued blessings
for him as he serves as pastor at St. Rose.

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



Our Sick: Please remember in your prayers those in
our parish and community who are ill, especially
Adrianna Monaco, Lena Raimo, Lillian Caruso,
Tom Manna, Layla Morales, Manuela Granato, Helen
McHale and Al Rossi



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For this week are offered in loving memory of:

Rafaella Pecillo

From: Mr. & Mrs. Sabino Ruta



TABERNACLE CANDLES

For this week are offered in loving memory of:

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From: Mr. & Mrs. Sabino Ruta



We remember and give God thanks for our beloved
dead especially

Carmela Ciufalo

Francis Pace, Jr.



Congratulations to the Parents of our newly

Baptized:

Angelo John Berres

Michael Paul Matey

The Orchids on the Altar are in grateful thanks to God and in
loving memory of Fr. Owen's parents.

Schedule for the Dec. 9:00am Sunday Mass:

Dec. 11th No 9:00am Mass

Dec. 18th 9:00am Mass

Dec. 25th No 9:00am Mass

A retired administrator of a company is seeking a
position. Please call Hans at 973-953-1753.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Envelopes for donations towards our Christmas flowers are in
the pews. Please consider making a donation in memory of a
loved one. All envelopes must be in no later than December
12th.

God is never undone in generosity. When we place our hand in His and follow His request, the results are truly miraculous. In the summer of 1986 I listened to God's call to enter into seminary to become a priest. It was surprising how easy it was to change my life, sell my house and follow the Lord's invitation. God's next invitation to me came in 1989 when working in South Hampton, Long Island, I felt the call to serve the Lord as a priest in the US. I made my decision very easily and quickly. The Lord makes the complicated very uncomplicated. The day of my Ordination, December 14, 1991 was a great joy for me, my family and my friends. With great excitement I began my life as parochial vicar at St. Patrick's in Chatham. In the year 2003 the Lord again spoke to me. I felt the strong desire to become pastor of St. Rose and within two days of my interview with Bishop Rodimer and the personnel board I found that the Lord's will for me was again fulfilled. During Holy Week of 2003 Bishop Rodimer appointed me pastor of St. Rose of Lima.

Through the grace of God and through many caring hearts and hands, I have been able to work many marvels for the Lord in this great community. The Church of St. Rose is indeed a beacon of hope and love. The stranger feels welcome. The poor are fed. The bereaved are ministered to. The sick are strengthened. The dying are released toward the glory of God.

Our Religious Ed Program, through the devotion of Mrs. Bernadette Caponegro and her team, our children from Kindergarten through 8th grade are learning their faith and preparing to serve God as active Christians for the future. Our Confirmation Program, through the devotion of Mrs. Stephanie Politi and Ms. Lisa Paradiso and their team, are engaging our young people academically and relationally to know their faith and to serve those in and around our community who are vulnerable and in need. I'm very proud of our Antioch Team. This year most of our leadership team are Extraordinary Ministers living their faith, reaching out to their younger peers and assisting the community. Our Early Childhood Center, is flourishing and our 3 and 4 year olds are learning in a faith-centered environment.

Truly at St. Rose we witness the love of Christ and are truly a beacon of hope for those who enter our worshipping space. This year we were privileged to celebrate 73 Baptisms; 64 First Holy Communions; 87 Confirmations; 22 Weddings; 103 Funerals. Through the grace of God we are privileged to minister with the love of Christ to those in sorrow, joy, and those who come here to attend weekday Mass, Sunday Mass or simply light a candle and pray.

As I celebrate the 25th Anniversary of my priesthood this weekend, I thank my brothers Michael who has traveled from Australia and Fintan who has traveled from Ireland to represent my family. To my dear cousins from Philadelphia and my cousin Brother Peter from Elizabeth who have been my support for many years, thank you. Thank you to Fr. Matthew and Deacon Michal, our dedicated clergy and staff. Thank you to my friends who have traveled from Rhode Island and the shore. To you my dear parishioners – you too are my family; know that in this Mass of Thanksgiving I thank God for giving me the care of your souls. Thank you for love and your support. As we continue on this journey together in this wonderful town, we are guided through the joys and sorrows of this life into the perfection of eternal life.

With paternal love, prayers and many blessings,

Fr. Owen

CONFIRMATION NEWS

9th Grade: The next class night is Sunday, Dec. 18th. Students are to arrive no later than 5:30pm through the main school lobby doors. Mrs. Batanjany's class will be the leaders of prayer at the 7pm Confirmation Mass this week. Please remember that your Community Service Essays are due on this class night.

10th Grade: The next 10th Grade class night will be held on Sunday, January 8th. On this night students will take their ACRE assessment. Please arrive no later than 5:00pm through the main lobby doors. Students must attend the Mass of their choice on this weekend.

YOUTH CENTER

**Next Youth Group
Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 20th**

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 4th in the Church beginning with the Rosary at 7pm.

December 18: Cycle One: ALTERNATE DISMISSAL LOCATION

Sunday, December 18, Father Owen will be 'meeting and greeting' parishioners after all the Masses in the cafeteria. To ensure the safety of our children and an anticipated ease to the potential congestion in the parking lot we have been asked to make the following changes on Sunday, December 18:

1. All who attend the 9am Mass may enter from the side lobby door. Those who do not attend the 9am Mass are asked to enter from the GYM (located at the rear of the parish property). This door will be monitored by our team from 9:45 to 10:00am.
2. ALL CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE GYM (located at the rear of the parish property.) The main doors to the lobby will be locked and no child is to be picked up from the lobby for this week only.

We will have a graduated early dismissal:

- Grades K – 2 (and older siblings) 11:00am
- Grades 3 – 5 (and older siblings) 11:15am
- Grades 6 – 8 11:30am

GIVING TREE



Gifts will be collected at all Masses on Dec. 10th & 11th. 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.



Parents Night Out is back!!

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

Friday night, December 16th 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 December 12th



Confirmation students, pictured here in the Youth Center, with some of the many donations they collected for the Howard Street Mission which serves the homeless and those in need throughout Morris County.

Thank you to Confirmation Catechist Lisa Krueger for coordinating this worthwhile community service project.



Congratulations to our retired Police Chief, Stan Hansen.



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 4, 2016

Sunday Masses	\$ 11,004.00
Loose Checks	\$ 900.00
Loose Cash	\$ <u>1,551.00</u>
Total Sunday Collection	\$ <u>13,455 .00</u>

Christmas Flowers	\$ 819.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 1,459.00

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

\$13,500

Thank You

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6504

December 12th - Tomorrow night at 6PM is the Knights Christmas party, \$20.00 each. Dinner is at 6:30PM

December 18th - Pancake Breakfast with Santa: 9AM – 12Noon.

January 7th – Past Grand Knights Dinner honoring Chris Virginio.

Call Grand Knight Joe Carvagno for more information. 973-887-7696

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 household cleaning supplies, detergent, paper towels, canned tomatoes, coffee, rice, canned fruit, snacks, crackers** The next time the food pantry will be open is Saturday, January 14

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



Congratulations to Deacon Michal and Kamil who were installed as 1st Degree Knights of Columbus.

Men's Cornerstone

Cornerstone is a 24 hour experience which provides you with the opportunity to experience a sharing of faith and spiritual growth through personal talks, group sharing, prayer and the sacrament of reconciliation. Here is the date for the upcoming retreat.

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Men's Cornerstone Retreat will take place January 27-28, 2017

Registration will open in December, 2016

<http://ndcarmel.com/mens-cornerstone-retreat>

My Cornerstone Retreat Experience

By Daniel Politi

This past January I attended my first Cornerstone retreat with other men from our parish. The retreat was held at Notre Dame Church in Cedar Knolls. By attending this retreat, I feel we shared an amazing experience.

Some of the returning Cornerstone Brothers gave talks to the group on how our Catholic Religion has enriched their faith and helped them through life's many challenges. Challenges which we all might face at times but some much harder than others. It reminds us to support as many people as we can that pass through our lives, as we may not know their personal life stories and how much they might need our support.

A nice gift that we received near the end of the retreat was a pack of letters, cards, pictures and notes of encouragement and support from our family members and friends. It reinforced what we experienced and spoke about, in regards to our faith and our love of family.

I believe Cornerstone would be a great experience for anyone. Even if you attend it only once and shared with friends and family what you came away with, that itself would be spreading Gods word. It will give you an understanding of how our faith is so very strong in so many Catholics. You will come away with a new outlook on our faith and on the lives of all those around us.



Father Owen welcomes his twin brother, Michael to our parish. . Michael came all the way from Australia to celebrate the silver Jubilee with Fr Owen. The parish family of St Rose is so happy to have you here with us Michael. Welcome and Enjoy !

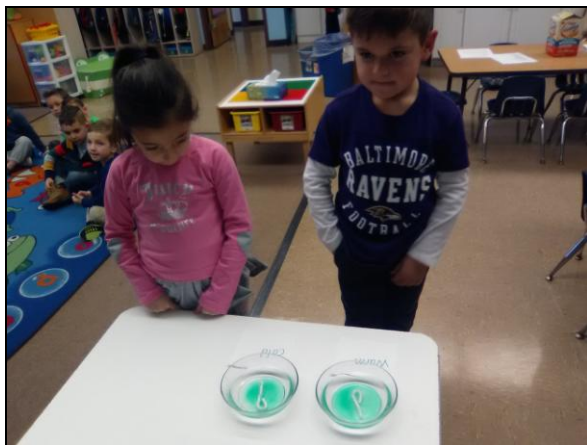
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The Pre-Kindergarten class attended First Friday Mass in December. The children discussed the season of Advent in religion class and one student was able to light the first candle of Advent during mass (with Father Matthew's help). The children also made their own Advent wreath to take home where they will light pretend candles each Sunday of Advent until Christmas.

Candy canes were the star of our latest science experiment! We wanted to know what would happen to a candy cane if we put it in different liquids. In school, we put our candy canes in warm water and cold water and observed them for 15 minutes. The candy cane in the warm water melted completely away faster than the one in the cold water. The children were also given a candy cane to take home and put in any liquid of their choice. The next day, we discussed what liquids they put their candy cane in and what happened to the candy cane.

The preschool classes are also learning about the season of Advent and the birth of Jesus. They are also discussing bears and hibernation. The children painted their own bears without using a paintbrush. They also learned sorting skills when they were asked to sort out the bears according to their color. In the coming weeks, the children will learn more about hibernation and do some exciting science experiments.

If you are interested in signing up for St. Rose of Lima Early Childhood Center, please call to come take a tour of our facility 973-887-1801! We have schedules for all your needs: part-time, full day and extended day!



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.