



St. Rose of Lima Church

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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) December 25, 2016



With joyful hearts we gather to celebrate this Christmas of 2016. 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.

This Christmas we have a full house. As always, our wonderful Deacon Vin is here to support us in every way. What a blessing to have Deacon Michal, who, through the grace of God, should be an ordained priest this time next year. We thank God for all of our young men preparing for the priesthood and of course we remember particularly Deacon Andrew who will spend his last Christmas in Rome and who, through the grace of God, should also be an ordained priest this time next year. Alex will spend Christmas with his godmother in Lille, France. He asks me to send you his prayers and Christmas greetings. We look forward to seeing him back in New Jersey in mid-June. What a pleasure it is to have Kamil with us. I have enjoyed mentoring him since last September and watching him grow in his understanding of both the English language and how an American parish works. This is his first Christmas away from home so let's make sure we make him feel really at home here at St. Rose.

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 25th The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

- 7:30 People of the Parish
Nicholas Garafalo, Vecchiarello Family
10:00 T.C.W. McHugh, Linda Wheelan
12:00 Lou & Anna Montuori, Deceased Members of the
Adessa & Prosperi Families

Monday, December 26th St. Stephen

- 9:00 Cathy Santiago, Antonia Zena Romeo

Tuesday, December 27th St. John

- 9:00 Raffaella Pecillo, Geraldine Bannon Kolich

Wednesday, December 28th The Holy Innocents

- 9:00 Rose Zinicola, Joan Schmitt

Thursday, December 29th Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 Ena Moran (18 Ann.), Josephine Colucci

Friday December 30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 9:00 *Davide Rebelo, Larry Capurso (14th Ann.),
Victoria Sansone & Ken Nelson-Healing Intention

Saturday, December 31st Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 Mass Intentions to the Blessed Mother
Vigil
5:30 Edward & Ellen Seborowski, Joyce & Libby Riccio
Sunday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 7:30 Lucille Cicchino, Dennis Quartarolo
10:30 Helen Gamba, Fred Stewart
12:15 Sarah Molyneux, Nadine Delli Santi
7:00 Jean Nappi

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, Al Rossi and Rose Valli.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For this week are offered in loving memory of:

Nick & Nicky DeFinis

From: DeFinis Family



SANCTUARY LAMP - CHURCH

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

Lynn Falcetano

From: Arace Family



TABERNACLE CANDLES

For this week are offered in loving memory of:

Antonio Marra

From: Children & Grandchildren



ALTAR CANDLES

For the week are offered in loving memory of:

DelRusso & Perrotta Families,

Mirocco & McGuire Families

From: Cathy Perrotta & Donna Mirocco



We remember and give God thanks for our beloved dead especially

Dolores Eagan

John Ulianiello



Congratulations to the Parents of our newly

Baptized:

Olivia Maxwell Seborowski

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

Dec. 25th No 9:00am Mass



CONFIRMATION NEWS

9th Grade: The next 9th Grade class night will be held on January 8th. Students are to arrive no later than 5:30pm through the main lobby doors. Deacon Michal's class will be the leaders of prayer at the 7:00pm Mass.

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

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Next Meeting There will not be a meeting in January. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S



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

Dec. 31st 5:30pm
 Jan. 1st 7:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	Dec. 26th	Office Closed
Friday	Dec. 30th	9:00am – 1:00pm
Monday	Jan. 2nd	Office Closed
Tuesday	Jan. 3rd	Office Open 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.

RELIGIOUS ED

To all of the volunteers, their families and all of the families of the Parish Religious Education Program we wish a Peaceful and Blessed Christmas. Please keep all of the children of the parish in your prayers.

Our Schedule for January is:

1	No classes
7	Retreat – 2nd Grade
8	Cycle 2
15	No classes
22	Cycle 1
29	Cycle 2

Pictures from Fr. Owen's 25th Anniversary Celebration



Fr. Owen with Clergy



Michael Moran reading the 1st reading



Fr. Owen with friends



Fr Owen with Confirmation students for meet and greet.



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 18, 2016

Sunday Masses	\$ 8,155.00
Loose Checks	\$ 1,077.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,642.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 10,814 .00

Immaculate Conception \$ 341.00

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

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

February 11th - Wives Appreciation Night

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 14th from 10:00-11:30am. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Isabella Francis at Isabellafrancis2@gmail.com.

THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen

My Italy Pilgrimage Experience

By Carolyn Guttilla.

First let me say, the people on this very special spiritual trip, right down to each to person, were wonderful! During the time of this very busy schedule, with stops all over the place, we had opportunities to get to know one another. Some of these people I had only seen at Mass, shook their hands or waved hello. The group was small, enthusiastic and "full of the moment". Fr. Owen's personal interaction with each and everyone was so meaningful...we all Love Him!! For me, the most emotional moment came while waiting for the appearance of Pope Francis, standing in Vatican Square. With my very good fortune of standing where I was, I was 5 ft. away from the "joyous Holy Father", I got an amazing photograph of the Holy Father that I will cherish forever! Secondly, the food and Wine were wonderful! I think, despite all the walking, I put on a couple of pounds...not a bad way to do it!

Merry Christmas!

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of you a blessed Christmas. I also wanted to apologize for my infrequent updates compared to last year. Everyone always told me that the first semester of second year was the hardest, and they were correct. All is going well at the seminary, but this year consists in the largest course load we will have in any individual semester. One of those courses includes Hebrew, which along with a completely different alphabet, has a different mentality of time within their grammar, requiring a great deal of studying. Exams will begin at the end of January, and I thank you in advance for all of your prayers. I expect that next semester my updates will be more frequent, as the course load becomes easier.

This year also marks the beginning of preaching practicum, where about twice a week we prepare a homily to preach in small groups to better prepare ourselves to be effective preachers of the word. It is incredible to see how close the priesthood really is, especially when I think back to when I first felt called 5 years ago, my calling truly has been a gift from God and something I continue to pray for. I also thank you for all of your prayers, love, and supports as this journey continues, they are the best gift I can get for Christmas.

I wish you a great Christmas with family and friends, and safe travels if you are going anywhere. I also want to give thanks for God's greatest gift to us, His Son. And finally, I give thanks for our Blessed Mother, who always intercedes on our behalf. What a wonderful and generous God that we have!

In Jesus, Mary, & Joseph,
Alex Nevitt

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Even though the holidays were upon us, we still had time to get in some exciting and educational experiences for the children of St. Rose. Last week in class, the children did several experiments. In Mr. Mike and Miss Donna's preschool classes, the children investigated what happens to gummy bears when they are put in different liquids. The children first had to predict what would happen. Next, the children observed what happened to each gummy bear in each solution. They looked through magnifying glasses very carefully to fully investigate these bears. Last, the children recorded their findings in their journals.

As an added discussion on bears and hibernation, the children helped to prepare cupcakes. Inside of each cupcake was a teddy graham (bear) put there to resemble how a bear hibernates inside a cave. The children enjoyed the stories and songs that went along with this activity, but they mostly enjoyed eating the cupcakes!

In the Pre-Kindergarten class, the children were busy making Gingerbread houses. The children had to "purchase" materials to build their house and use their imagination to create a home for the gingerbread baby. The children used graham crackers, pretzel sticks, rice chex, froot loops and icing to create these marvelous masterpieces! They had a fabulous time buying (using pretend money) and creating these adorable structures!

Have a Safe and Blessed Christmas from all of us at St. Rose of Lima Early Childhood Center! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



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 scheduled for all your needs: part-time, full day and extended day!

ST. PATRICKK SCHOOL

Celebrating 145 years, Saint Patrick School, is a parochial elementary school which includes preschool through eighth grade. We are nationally recognized as a United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon School with several options for preschoolers (ages 3-5) and full day Kindergarten.

We are a STEM school that promotes student critical thinking and application throughout our curriculum in all grades. Our vibrant enrichment programs and dynamic (and championship winning) athletic teams give students many avenues to share their talents.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. You are invited to our Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 12:30 2:30pm. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.st-pats-school.org or contact the office to schedule a tour at 973-635-4623.



PARISH DIRECTORY

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

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PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER

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Pastor Emeritus

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Parish Staff

Mrs. Gretchen Turner	Business Manager	973-887-5572 Ext 115	gturner@saintroseoflimachurch.org
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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
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Faith Formation

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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 – 6pm
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

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.