



St. Rose of Lima Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017



With joyful hearts we gather to celebrate this Christmas of 2017. 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.

I love the new Nativity in front of the altar. We were able to purchase this in November from the funds we received from parishioners who donated money in lieu of funeral flowers for their loved ones.

Fr. Andrew is enjoying living in Rome and is doing very well in his studies of sacred scripture. He sends his prayers and blessings to us all. Let us keep Fr. Andrew in our prayers as he celebrates his first Christmas as a priest.

The seminarians at the North American College in Rome are not allowed to travel home for Christmas. Alex will spend Christmas with his godmother in Lile, France. He sends his best wishes and prayers to us all. He is working very hard and doing very well this year. Keep Alex in your prayers during these busy and exciting days for him.

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 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 People of the Parish
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

Monday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

- 7:30 Nicholas Garafolo, Rina Sgourakis
10:00 T.C.W. McHugh, Linda Wheelan
12:00 Deceased Members of Adessa & Prosperi Families, Mary Tubito-Valastro

Tuesday, December 26th St. Stephen

- 9:00 Cathy DiNatale, Lillian Caruso

Wednesday, December 27th St. John

- 9:00 Special Living Intention for Dr. Diehl, Nancy Rafanello

Thursday, December 28th The Holy Innocents

- 9:00 James DellaBonta, Rose Zinicola

Friday, December 29th Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 Ena Moran (19th Ann.), Josephine Colucci (10th Ann.)

Saturday, December 30th St. John of Kanty

- 9:00 Mass Intentions to the Blessed Mother

Vigil

- 5:30 Michael & Mary McHugh, Joyce & Libby Riccio, George VanHouten (1st Ann.)

Sunday, December 31st The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 7:30 Angela Niro, Lawrence DeRogatis
9:15 Davide Rebelo, Carmella Comune
10:30 Mario Marrano, Susie Perretta
12:15 Salvatore & Marie Finelli, Mary Delgado

New Year's Eve

- 5:30 Ed & Ellen Seborowski, Gayle Rossi

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, Ruth Schwarzmann, Joan Dittrich*



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

For the 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:

DelRusso, Perrotta, Mirocco & McGuire Families

From: Cathy Perrotta & Donna Mirocco

ALTAR CANDLES

For the week are offered in Loving Memory of:

Sergio Ferreira

From: Anabela & Kirk Rossi



TABERNACLE CANDLES

For the week are offered in loving memory of:

John Sweeney

From: Julia Antonelli



The pencil thin Christmas trees by the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph were donated in loving memory of Mario Marrano by his wife Anna and children.



We remember and give God thanks for our beloved dead especially

Dean S. Seneca

Peter A. Marotte



Congratulations to the Parents of our newly

Baptized:

Cameron James Doyle

Valentina Angel Figuiolo

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.

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

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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 7:30am
Dec. 31st 9:15am
Dec. 31st 10:30am
Dec. 31st 12:15pm

New Year's Eve

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.

Fourth Week of Advent: LOVE



The fourth Sunday, the focus is LOVE. All four candles are lit each evening during this week.

The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Do not fear, Mary, you shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High."

O Jesus, I believe you were born of Mary and are God's Son.

Your mysterious coming is beyond understanding. Yet like your holy mother, Mary, I wish that you come to me, for you promised you will. Let me serve you in any way I can and know that you are with me day by day as my life goes by.

Like Mary, your mother, though I know you only by faith, may my whole being proclaim your greatness and my spirit rejoice in your favor to me.

O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, holding all things in your strong yet tender hands, come and show us the way to salvation.

RELIGIOUS ED

The Religious education program wishes all in our parish a blessed Christmas and a peace filled and Happy New Year.

To all the families in our parish program, enjoy this very special time together.

To the wonderful volunteers in our program, thank you for all you do for the children in our parish. May God bless you and your families during this most sacred season.

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.





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 17, 2017

Sunday Collection \$ 12,585.00
 Christmas Flowers \$ 300.00

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 cereal low sugar like rice crispies, wipes, cleaning products, laundry detergent, paper products, pastas, canned tuna, meat, chicken and salmon, jelly, small bags of rice. The food pantry will not be opened on December 23. It will reopen on January 13th and then back to 2nd & 4th Saturdays.** 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

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Christmas Schedule

Closed

Tuesday, December 19th

Opens

Tuesday, January 9th

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



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.

Christmas Prayer

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.

Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Fourth Sunday of Advent Prayer

“Almighty, eternal, just, and merciful God, give us miserable ones the grace to do for You alone what we know you want us to do, and always to desire what pleases You. Inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, may we be able to follow in the footsteps of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and by Your grace alone, may we make our way to You, Most High, Who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are glorified God almighty, forever and ever. Amen.”

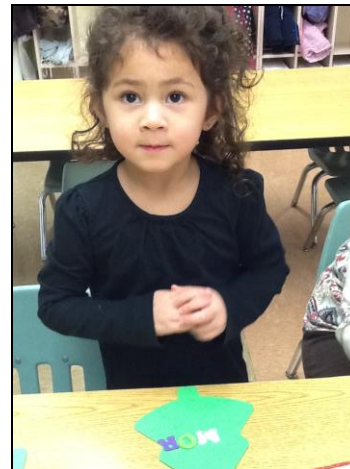
from St. Francis of Assisi

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The Pre-K classes are busy getting ready for Christmas! We are eagerly awaiting the birth of Jesus. During Religion, we are learning about the Three Kings and what they brought to Baby Jesus. The children were able to examine the containers from our church that are filled with Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. We discussed why they brought him these gifts and how far they traveled to find the Baby Jesus. We also have our own advent wreaths at home and we try to remember to light a candle each week to mark our time of waiting for Jesus to be born.

The preschool classes are also busy in preparation for Christmas. Our Religion lessons are helping the children to understand the true meaning of Christmas, when Jesus was born. The children made angels to represent the angel that came to Mary to tell her the good news! They are learning to spell their first names and working on some letter recognition skills. They love to do puzzles and play in the kitchen with their friends.

St. Rose of Lima Early Childhood Center would like to wish you all a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas!



If anyone is interested in working in our New Toddler Room in aftercare (2pm until 6pm), please contact Lorie Agrifolio at lagrifolio@stroseacad.org.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

Website: www.saintroseoflimachurch.org

PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER

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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
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Msgr. William McCarthy	Pastor Emeritus retired and not in residence	

Parish Staff

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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
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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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.