

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to get married should contact the parish office at least one year in advance to be sure of adequate preparation for the Sacrament.

BAPTISM

Parents need to participate in baptism instruction and schedule a baptism date with the parish office.

PENANCE

By appointment or on Saturday afternoons, 4:00-4:30 PM.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please introduce yourselves and register in order to become a member of this community of believers. We are happy to affirm and welcome your gifts and presence in our midst.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Become an official member of the Catholic Church.

* Unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholics

* Adults baptized in other faiths who wish to join the Catholic church

* Baptized Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist and/or Confirmation Interested? Call the parish office for more information.

VISIT AND/OR COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office if you or a member of your family is hospitalized or confined to home because of illness. A member of the parish staff or a Eucharistic Minister will be happy to visit and bring Communion.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember that bulletin announcements must be received in writing no later than 9:00 AM Monday of the week to be published.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

DAILY MASS

Monday 9:00 AM

Tuesday-Friday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAYS

8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

PENANCE

Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM

or by appointment

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Monday-Thursday

Closed Fridays

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THRIFT SHOPPE

Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

September-June

Handicapped Accessible



ST. ROSE OF LIMA, NORTHBORO, MA



Sunday, December 16

- * Coffee Shop after 10:00 AM Mass, sponsored by the Carlucci Family
- * Passionist Associates Meeting, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM, FLC
- * Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 18

- * Thrift Shop Open 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Church Hall
- * Communion Service, 10:30 AM, Whitney Place

Thursday, December 20

- * Prayer Shawl, 10:00 AM, FLC
- * Thrift Shop Open 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Church Hall
- * Rosary 6:15 PM
- * Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Church

Friday, December 21

- * Office Closed

Sunday, December 23

- * Coffee Shop after 10:00 AM Mass, sponsored by the Owen Family

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

Our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese: 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us,
a great sign of your love.

Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family
this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each
other and to your son.

Give us the grace and strength we need every day.

Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.

Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of
your love.

Amen

Saturday	December 15
	Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM	Samuel Priestley (Priestley Family)
Sunday	December 16
	Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Joseph A., Florence, Joseph C. McCollum (The David Family)
10:00 AM	Leo Collard, Anniversary Remembrance, Irene Collard, Lloyd Clark, Amy Jolly (Joan Collard & Family)
11:30 AM	Rob Kasierski, who is serving in Korea (Family)
Monday	December 17
9:00 AM	Pauline Gilgore (Anna Priestley)
Tuesday	December 18
8:30 AM	
Wednesday	December 19
8:30 AM	Frances Mihelcic (Family)
Thursday	December 20
8:30 AM	
Friday	December 21
	No Communion Service
Saturday	December 22
	Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM	Walter Lewandowski (The Priestley Family)
Sunday	December 23
	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Esther D. Ahearn, 6th Anniversary (Julie & Rich)
10:00 AM	John H. Casali (Carolyn Hayes)
11:30 AM	Richard O'Hearn, 10th Anniversary (The O'Hearn Family)

Stewardship of Treasure

\$ 7,970.00	December 9, 2018 (185 env)
\$ 1,125.00	Make Up (243 env)
\$ 20.00	Pay Ahead (1 env)
\$ 995.00	Loose
\$ 2,446.15	Online (48)
\$ 12,556.15	Total

Thank you!

God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. God's most precious gift to us was his son, Jesus. What gifts can YOU share that will show the measure of your love to God?

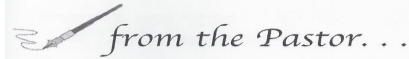
End of Year Giving

Please remember St. Rose of Lima Parish in your end of year giving. This is a great time of the year to share abundant blessings for the benefit of our church community. Donations made before December 31, 2018 will be applied toward your 2018 tax return.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Ignatian Prayer Reflection for four Sundays of Advent. "Pray Like the Pope."

Week four: Sunday, December 16, 6:15 - 7:00 PM
Those gathered will be led in a 20 minute prayer experience, in preparation for next weekend, followed by group reflection upon the prayer.



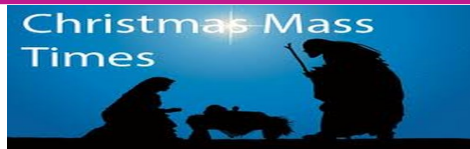
Celebration of Christmas Masses at St. Rose of Lima

I'd like to say a word about the guests and large crowds that will join us at the Christmas Masses. Many of them may not have been to Mass for a long time. Some worry about the welcome they may or may not receive as strangers or "first time" people. The Christmas Season presents all of us "regulars" with a great moment to welcome all visitors with a warm welcome and love! Please introduce yourself to anyone you don't know and answer any questions our guests may have.

We want to make a great impression on all visitors and invite them all back to St. Rose of Lima - our spiritual home. One final request; please sit in the middle of the pews and leave the outside or ends of the pews available as best seats for visitors! No one wants to be like the Inn keeper in the gospel who slammed the door on Mary and Joseph and yelled, "No, there is no room in the Inn!"

Scholarship Mass

On Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the 10:00 AM Mass, we will be awarding the recipients of the 2018 St. Rose of Lima Scholarships. Please join us in congratulating our awesome graduates.



Christmas Eve Masses,

December 24th:
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and Midnight

Christmas Day Mass, December 25th
10:00 AM

Lessons & Carols

From the Music Ministry:

Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner and the "Adult Choir" has been rehearsing diligently to provide a beautiful Prelude to the Midnight Mass starting at 11:30 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending a fantastic program of "Lessons and Carols."

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Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel continues with the story of John the Baptist as he tells the people what they need to do to be followers of Jesus. As they listen, they wonder if he is the Messiah who is to come. John quickly tells them that "one mightier than I is coming."

~ Family Faith on the Go ~



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students

Sunday, December 16 during the 10 AM Mass

Sunday, December 23 during the 10 AM Mass

Please note: This does not take the place of first grade religious education classes.

Elementary Classes

Grade 1 Sunday	Classes resume Jan. 13
Grade 5 Monday	See below*
Grade 2 Tuesday	Classes resume Jan. 15
Grade 3 Wednesday	Classes resume Jan. 16
Grade 4 Thursday	Classes resume Jan. 17

Grade 5 Retreat*

Monday, January 14, 2019

4:00 - 7:00 PM

"Let Your Light Shine"

Elementary Teacher Meetings

Sunday	Jan. 6 at 9:00 - 10:00 AM
Monday	Jan. 7 at 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday	Jan. 8 at 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	Jan. 9 at 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday	Jan. 10 at 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Middle School Classes

Grades 6-7-8:	Monday - Classes resume Jan. 14
Grades 6-7-8:	Tuesday - Classes resume Jan. 15

Middle School Teacher Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 PM

High School ~ 9th and 10th Grade Classes

Classes resume Jan. 6

High School ~ 9th and 10th Grade Teacher Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 PM

Confirmation Classes

Classes resume Jan. 6

Confirmation Teacher Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 7:00 PM

Confirmation Retreat

February 23 - 24, 2019

Salvation Army Wonderland
Christian Retreat and Conference Center
Sharon, MA

Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM



**St. Rose of Lima Community Garden
Giving Thanks**

For the eleventh year in a row, we reaped a bountiful harvest from the Community Garden which was then donated to the Northborough Food Pantry. The garden produced over **700** zucchini and summer squash, **600** cucumbers, **2200** large tomatoes, **1200** cherry tomatoes, **163** eggplant, **9** butternut squash, and **20** pints of green beans. The success of the garden is due to the generosity of many people. We would like to thank all the “Farmers of the Week,” who weeded and harvested the crop and then delivered it to the Food Pantry.

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| <i>Laura Folsom</i> | <i>Food Pantry Clients</i> |
| <i>Paul & Laura Garber</i> | <i>Rex Family</i> |
| <i>Paula Garrigus</i> | <i>Klusacek Family</i> |
| <i>Ruggieri Family</i> | <i>Olivia & Rose Reilly</i> |
| <i>Pam & Connor Meoli</i> | <i>Theresa Ferragamo</i> |
| <i>Mayo Family</i> | <i>Elsa Li</i> |
| <i>Pack 62 Scouts</i> | <i>Long Family</i> |
| <i>Rogers Family</i> | <i>Monika Tamala</i> |
| <i>McCarthy Family</i> | <i>Dems Family</i> |
| <i>Campbell Family</i> | <i>Kyle & Katheen Carpenter</i> |

We would like to give a special shout out to Mike Fedak who was our “man on the scene” for the entire growing season, visiting the garden daily and a huge thank you to Chris Carroll of European Car Service who provided the water that makes the garden grow. Without his generous donation of water, the garden would not be possible. We would also like to thank Nick and Darren Carracillo (rototilling) and JD Clean Greens (mulch) for their contributions to the garden. We look forward to another great growing season next year.

Judy Rapa & Joan Scott, Garden Co-chairs



**High School Youth Group Underway
& New Members Welcome!**

The High School Youth Group is an opportunity for teenagers of the parish to join together in faith for various social, spiritual, and service programs. Anyone in grades 9-12 is encouraged to join us for Youth Group meetings and events.

**Mark Your Calendar with these
upcoming dates:**

- January 9:** 6:30-8:00 PM- Youth Group Meeting
February 6: 6:30-8:00 PM-Youth Group Meeting

If you have not participated in the Youth Group before but have questions, please email Stephen Lavoie:

stroseyouthministry@verizon.net. There will be one Youth Group meeting or event per month from now through June.



College Student Dinner

St. Rose of Lima will be holding its Annual College Dinner on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the rectory. All college students are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing all of you and catching up before you head back for your next semester. Please RSVP to:

Stephen Lavoie at stroseyouthministry@verizon.net



On Families

“Even St. Joseph was tempted to leave Mary, when he discovered that she was pregnant; but the Angel of the Lord intervened and revealed to him God’s plan and his mission as foster father; and Joseph, a just man, ‘took his wife’ (Mt 1:24) and became the father of the family of Nazareth. Every family needs a father.” ~ Pope Francis ~

Beginning Friday, December 14 a holy hour to pray for priests will take place from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at Immaculate Conception, Worcester. This holy hour will consist of adoration, a short reflection, the rosary, silent prayer and benediction. This holy hour will be held on the second Friday of each month.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule Dec. 22 - 23, 2018

Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Cup Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	J. Meschisen	M. Scholl, M. Proulx, J. Frazier, E. Bouvier		G. Campbell, T. Breeze
Sunday 8:00 AM	J. Sargent	D. Tarka, B. Halter, C. Rice, M. Rice		A. Reyes, A. Reyes
Sunday 10:00 AM	B. Colglazier	J. Bukow, G. Collette, B. Gillon, K. Guay	P. Sullivan, M. Sullivan, M. Ransden, H. Carlson	K. Donovan, E. Ruiz, D. Gillingham, C. Ransden
Sunday 11:30 AM	S. Meoli	C. Walsh, M. Berardi, L. Dancy, B. Kelly		C. Brannon, C. Brannon