

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

5:00 P.M. Lilia and Jose Lorbes, memorial Mass (requested by their daughter Lilly).

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**

8:00 A.M. Ruth Moran, Anniversary Mass (requested by her family).  
 10:00 A.M. Jean O'Keefe, Anniversary Mass (requested by her family).  
 11:30 A.M. James Bowes Jr. memorial Mass (requested by his family).

**MONDAY, MARCH 9TH**

9:00 A.M. For a Special Intention (requested by Pauline Vinson).

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH**

9:00 A.M. For a Special Intention.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH**

9:00 A.M. No Morning Mass.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH**

9:00 A.M. Charles T. Evans, memorial Mass (requested by his cousin Vincent).

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH**

9:00 A.M. Antonio and Michelina Ciruolo, memorial Mass (requested by their family).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH**

5:00 P.M. Doris Rollfs, memorial Mass (requested by Gerry and Charlotte Shilling).

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH**

8:00 A.M. Daniel Gallagher, memorial Mass (requested by his family).  
 10:00 A.M. Jack Connor, memorial Mass (requested by his wife Mary and family).  
 11:30 A.M. Benito Bottaro, memorial Mass (requested by Carl and Nellie Penta).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

Adoration, Rosary & Prayers  
 6:30--9:30 PM.

**SAINT ROSE PARISH FINANCES**

Collection 03/01/09 \$5,229.00

Thank you to all who support our Parish!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**FOR SUNDAY 3/8/09-----SUNDAY 3/15/09**

3/08	GRADE	1	8:30----9:30 PM
	GRADE	2	9:45----10:45 PM
	GRADES	4, 6 & 9	5:00----6:00 PM
	GRADE	10	6:30----7:45 PM
3/09	GRADES	3---6	3:30----4:30 PM
	GRADE	5	7:00----8:00 PM
	GRADE	7	7:00----8:00 PM
3/10	GRADES	3---6	3:30----4:30 PM
3/11	GRADES	3---6	3:30----4:30 PM
3/12	GRADES	3---6	3:30----4:30 PM
3/15	GRADE	1	NO CLASS
	GRADE	2	9:45---10:45 AM
	GRADES	4, 6 & 9	5:00----6:15 PM
	GRADE	10	6:30----7:45 PM

**HOLY HOUR WINTER SCHEDULE**

<i>MARCH 13</i>	<i>7:30PM----8:30PM</i>
<i>MARCH 20</i>	<i>7:30PM----8:30PM</i>
<i>MARCH 27</i>	<i>7:30PM----8:30PM</i>
<i>APRIL 3</i>	<i>7:30PM----8:30PM</i>
<i>APRIL 10</i>	<i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>

**Attention Students in Grades 6--8**

We would like to develop a junior Youth Group at St. Rose. We hope to provide a safe, friendly place for 6—8 grade students to have fun, grow in their faith, and serve God. We are also seeking the support of parents/adults interested in assisting with this ministry. Please call Joan Chiffer at (978) 887-2882

if you would be interested in more information.

**2009 CATHOLIC APEAL WEEKEND**

This is Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Rose of Lima Parish. We, like all parishes throughout our Archdiocese, will be showing a video message from Cardinal Sean at all Masses and asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. Please know that your participation matters and will make a difference.

As a Catholic community, we are called during this season of Lent to respond to God's grace in our lives. Participation in the Catholic Appeal, a once a year pledge drive to benefit the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese, is one way for us to respond to His grace. The appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish – so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. Please see the information packets in the pews to learn more and to obtain a pledge form if you didn't receive one last week.

Cardinal Sean thanks all the families from our Parish that contributed \$43,888. to the 2008 Catholic Appeal. This year, we hope to have even more households participate. Our financial goal is set at \$37,000. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 25 percent of all funds raised above goal for use in the parish.

Thank you in advance for joining with parishioners throughout our Archdiocese's 292 parishes to carry on and renew the broader mission of our church.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Thursday nights, we are beginning a Bible Study about the Passion and Resurrection narratives in the Gospels. We will begin at 6:15 PM with a shared light supper, followed by a video and discussion at 7 PM.

**LENT 2009**

**ABSTINENCE:** Catholics over 14 years are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is observed on Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence meat may not be used at all.

**FAST:** Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. On these days only one full meal is allowed. Regarding other weekdays we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and voluntary observance of fasting.

**Lenten Devotion:** The Church remains open throughout the day for prayer and meditation. Copies of "The Way of the Cross", a guide for praying the Stations of the Cross that adorn our Church's walls, are available in the back of the Church.

Why not stop by----and bring a friend!

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Christians throughout Eastern Massachusetts are invited to join the largest organized effort in history to end abortion. You will have the opportunity to be a part of history. The 40 Days for Life national campaign will be carrying a simultaneous effort in 125 cities in 43 states. The campaign runs from Ash Wednesday, February 25 to April 5, Palm Sunday. The 40 Days for Life campaign consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and community outreach for an end to abortion in America. The prayer vigils will be held Monday---Friday from 7am until 9pm, and Sat. & Sun. 8---2pm. We will meet at the corner of Rt. 113 and Branch St. in Methuen (Exit 46 off Rt.93) If you would like to save the life of an unborn child and are interested in volunteering for one or more hours, please contact John Fleury 978-685-8754 [prolifemethuen@aol.com](mailto:prolifemethuen@aol.com). All are welcome!

**RECONCILIATION DURING LENT**

Now is the time to return to the Lord and experience God's pardon and peace. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 4---4:45.

On Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. there will be an opportunity for individual Confessions from 6:30---7:30pm. Additionally, a Communal Reconciliation Service for Lent will take place on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15pm. Come and experience the mercy and compassion of God this Lent!

**THE CHURCH THAT SINGS**

Saint Augustine stated: "He who sings prays twice." You are invited to sing the music with the cantor and/or choir as we gather to Worship. Let the people know that St. Rose of Lima in Topsfield is the church that sings!