

Daily Mass ScheduleSATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

5:00 p.m. Lilia and Jose Lorbes memorial Mass (requested by the their daughter)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Richard and Nora Kickham memorial Mass (requested by Ruth Lucy and family)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

9:00 a.m. Genevieve Smyrnios memorial Mass (requested by her sister Florence Grzybinski and family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

No morning Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

9:00 a.m. Robert Blaikie, who is ill (requested by Pauline Vincent)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th

9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th

5:00 p.m. Jack O'Connell 10th anniversary memorial Mass (requested by the O'Connell family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th

8:00 a.m. Benedict Cuneo Cosimano memorial Mass (requested by Lisa Cosimano Gallagher)

10:00 a.m. Ron Gallerie memorial Mass (requested by his family)

11:30 a.m. Richard and John Rose memorial Mass (requested by their mother, Dorothy Rose)

SAINT ROSE PARISH FINANCES

The collection total for Sunday, November 22nd will be published in next week's bulletin due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

A second collection will be taken up next week to support the Retired Religious of the Archdiocese.



"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." - Lk 21:36

R.C.I.A.

Are you or is someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic or completing Sacramental Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) in the Church? The RCIA is a communal faith experience of adult instruction and dialogue. The RCIA offers an opportunity to search and explore the Catholic faith with casual and open discussions, presentations, prayer and liturgical worship. We will meet on Sunday mornings beginning soon. To register please call the Rectory. (Already Catholic – Interested in becoming a RCIA Parish Sponsor? Help pass on the faith that you have received by joining the RCIA Team.)

WEDDING BANNS

III. MELISSA POMPEY AND MICHAEL WARD



December 2nd - practice for cantata at 4:30 p.m.
 December 9th - practice for cantata only at 5:00 p.m.
 December 16th - practice for OLDER group only
 All practices are in the church.
 Any questions, call Susan, 887-5505



Mark you calendars! Friday evening, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. – the annual St. Rose Christmas Cantata is coming! Please join us in celebrating in music and song the joy and hope of the Advent season.



Grades 3-6 – Monday CCD Classes – The Family Mass for students in the **Tuesday afternoon and Sunday evening CCD classes (grades 3-6)** will be held on **Sunday, December 6, 2009 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass**. This Mass is a wonderful part of the students' religious education program. The students will participate in the Mass through helping with program distribution, delivering readings, prayers of the faithful, and helping with the offertory gifts, collection and singing. As part of the Mass, our CCD students also look for a way to help others. This year, our students have decided to help **provide new and gently used winter clothing to children in the surrounding areas aged 0-12 (sizes infant through XXL)** through the organization *Cradle to Crayons*. Approximately 275,000 children ages 0-12 are living in poor or low-income households in Massachusetts and may go without coats, clothing and footwear this year if not for the donations of others. CCD children may bring their donations to class. If you would like to help and do not have a child in our CCD program, please call Tricia Williams 978-887-3569 and she can arrange for pickup of your donation. Thank you for supporting this very rewarding component of St. Rose's Religious Education program!

Grade 8 – Reminder that CCD classes for 8th grade students will begin on Monday, **November 30th** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Grade 7 – CCD classes for 7th grade students (who are now on a break) will resume on **January 20th 2010**.

Grade 10 – 'tis the season . . . to bring gently used/new scarves, gloves, hats, coats and blankets to the homeless in Boston. All interested students are asked to join Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Mellinger's class on Saturday, December 12th to distribute these items to the homeless in Boston. All donations can be brought to the Church Hall. Please call 978-887-3272 with any questions.

What Catholics Believe

Come and join Fr. Mark Tuesday evening, December 1st for a new adult education series based on the Creed – our Profession of Faith. We begin the Advent season with the first presentation and discussion, "We believe in one God," at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All are welcome.



10th Annual "Soup" Night

Saturday, December 5th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Rose Church Hall during the Topsfield Christmas Walk. Free Soup and Desserts! Donations for Chaz Southard of Topsfield – On August 10, 2002 Chaz dove

into the ocean and broke two vertebrae. As Chaz continues his rehabilitation, he could use our donations, support and prayers. Please come with your family and enjoy a wonderful evening. Please call Kathy Yanchus, 978-887-6047, for more information.

Altar Servers

Attention 4th – 8th Graders: If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server at St. Rose, please call Joan Chiffer or Fr. Mahoney at 978-887-2882. Altar serving is an excellent way for young people to participate in the Mass and help others in the community to worship. Two, 30 minute training sessions will be scheduled after we have heard from everyone who is interested in serving.



Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities will be holding its Holiday House Tour "Holiday in the Highlands" in Lowell, Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Tour ticket prices: \$25.00 advance purchase, \$30.00 day of event. For further information, please call 978-452-1421 or visit website at www.ccab.org. Proceeds to benefit the Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities food pantries and fuel assistance programs.

Sing Praise

In this season of Advent, remember to bring your thanks and praise to God in song! The Cantors at St. Rose invite you to sing with them during the Mass! *Psalm 33:1 "Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous"*

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have contributed and prayed for the success of our 2009 appeal. As the end of the year approaches, those who have not yet participated and are able to assist are reminded that Grand Annual donations help to support our Parish programs and ministries throughout the year. Contributions may be placed in the regular collection at any Sunday Mass, mailed or dropped off at the Rectory Office.

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Thank you to all who helped make our annual Christmas Bazaar such a success. Special thanks to the Committee members and to all who donated time, goods and effort.