

**Holy Day:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, with Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

### Daily Mass Schedule

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

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

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

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)

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Mitch Dayton memorial Mass (requested by Florence Grzbyinski and family)

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass  
7:00 p.m. Mass for the People

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

No morning Mass

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. John Driscoll memorial Mass (requested by his wife, Catherine)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. Irene Pagha memorial Mass (requested by Carole Hunter)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Irene Finocchio memorial Mass (requested by her family)

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Margaret Holden memorial Mass (requested by her family)  
10:00 a.m. William and Mary Baker memorial Mass (requested by family)  
11:30 a.m. Daniel Calder 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial Mass (requested by his wife and daughters)  
4:30 p.m. Advent Penance Service

### SAINT ROSE PARISH FINANCES

Collection 11/22/09 \$5,988.00

Collection 11/29/09 \$5,015.00

Campaign for Human Development ---- \$1,466.00

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



*Advent Confessions – Saturdays - 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.*

*Advent Penance Service – Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.*

*Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass*

*6:00 p.m. Family Mass – Children's Pageant*

*10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with Adult Choir  
(preceded by a Carol Concert beginning at 9:30 p.m.)*

*Christmas Day – Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*8:00 a.m.*

*10:00 a.m.*

*11:30 a.m.*

*New Year's Eve – Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>*

*4:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

*New Year's Day – Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

*9:00 a.m.*

*11:00 a.m.*

### **Children's Choir News**

December 9<sup>th</sup> - practice for cantata only at 5:00 p.m.

December 16<sup>th</sup> - practice for OLDER group only

December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup> - **NO PRACTICE**

All practices are in the church.



**Mark you calendars! Friday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**



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"*



**Grades 3- 6** – 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. As part of the Mass, 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. 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!

**REMINDER** – Due to voting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, there are no CCD classes for grades 3 – 6 on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, due to voting booth set up at St. Rose on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, the next CCD class for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



*Married Couples – want to give a gift that keeps on giving? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in our area is January 8-10, 2010. For more information, visit [www.wvmeMA.org](http://www.wvmeMA.org).*

## Altar Servers

Attention 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** We thank all those who have stepped forward as new members of our Council. The P.P.C. will meet Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.



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](http://www.ccab.org). Proceeds to benefit the Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities food pantries and fuel assistance programs.

### 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.**

### 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.)

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*The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who donated sugar and beans to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Dorchester. Over 185 bags of beans and sugar were donated. The parishioners of St. Rose continue to be the most generous and loving people. Thank you!*



## Rest in Peace

*We pray for the repose of the soul of John Chiffer and the consolation of his family. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*