

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. Ted Oldakowski, Jr. memorial Mass  
(requested by family)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Frances Bath memorial Mass (requested by  
Ian and Mary Margaret Graham)  
10:00 a.m. Arthur Therrien 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary memorial  
Mass (requested by his wife Barbara and children)  
11:30 a.m. Marydell Cayot memorial Mass (requested  
by the Cayot family)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 a.m. John Chiffer memorial Mass (requested by  
the St. Rose Rectory Staff)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

No morning Mass

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. Rudy Lia, Madeline and Ralph DeMarco and  
Melena Smith memorial Mass (requested by family)  
6:00 p.m.  
10:00 p.m. Daria and Anthony Bucchiere memorial  
Mass (requested by Neil and Selena Valeriani)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Biaggio, Reno and Filomena Camarro  
memorial Mass (requested by family)  
10:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. Mass for the People

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. John Coppola memorial Mass (requested by  
his wife and children)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People  
10:00 a.m. George Pierce birthday memorial Mass  
(requested by his family)  
11:30 a.m. Salvatore Branciforte memorial Mass  
(requested by his family)



*Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and  
said, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you  
by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1: 41, 42, 45*



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

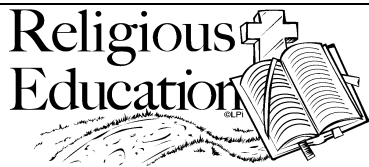
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**Children's Choir News**

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

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Pageant Dress  
Rehearsal in the Church 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**



## Religious Education

Dear Parishioners, two of our eighth grade CCD students are leading a drive to collect gently used suitcases, backpacks, stuffed animals and blankets for homeless children in local shelters. Many of these children have only plastic bags to carry their belongings from one shelter to another. Some are students who must carry their books home on the bus with no backpack. We are so proud of the many efforts our students are undertaking to help those less fortunate. If you have any of these gently used items that you would like to donate, please drop them in the collection box by the CCD office. Thank you!

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, ten of our 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students (Morgan, James, Jason, Jacob, Doug, Laurel, Jessica, Sarah, Michaela and Sabrina), led by two of our CCD teachers (Mrs. Kristin Gillespie and Mrs. Susan Mellinger), traveled into Boston to provide blankets, coats and hats (donated by St. Rose parishioners) to the homeless. The students stopped first at a Roxbury shelter, which provides housing and support for twenty families in need, and then headed into Boston. The group spanned out along Massachusetts and Commonwealth Avenues handing out the donated clothing, as well as coffee and doughnuts. St. Rose is truly blessed to have such giving students, teachers and parishioners. Thank you to all!

The last CCD classes of 2009 will be on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> for grades 3-6. Classes will resume on January 3, 2010 for the 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening group, grades 3-6.

Reminder – Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat is Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Center in Andover. All students riding the carpool should arrive at the St. Rose church parking lot no later than 4:10 p.m.

We wish you a blessed and healthy Christmas vacation!

*Our only collection at all of our Christmas Masses next week will be dedicated to providing for the retirement, healthcare, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We can all remember fondly the priests who baptized our child or children, witnessed our marriage, or brought the anointing of the sick to a loved one that was dying. We encourage you to give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to God and His Church in the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. Please visit [www.CareForSeniorPriests.org](http://www.CareForSeniorPriests.org).*

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.

### SAINT ROSE PARISH FINANCES

Collection 12/13/09 \$5,002.00

Collection to support the Retired Religious of the Archdiocese \$1,959.00

### 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.)

### Children's Christmas Pageant

Come join us at the 6:00 p.m. Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> and witness the reenactment of the Nativity by 15 of our youngest and most talented parishioners! This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to visualize the events leading up to the birth of Jesus into our world, complete with Mary, Joseph, kings, shepherds, angels, inn keepers and animals!



**Thank You**

From the Music Corner – I wish to sincerely thank all who attended the Cantata on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the singers, the children and their parents, those who provided baked goods for our social afterwards, and all those helped set up and clean up. Thank you, too, for your generous donations to help defray the cost of the production. Finally, thank you so very much for your support and enthusiasm for this joyful event.

Susan Frontera, Music Director