

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th**

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th

9:00 a.m. Margaret Donovan memorial Mass (requested by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reichardt)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29th

9:00 a.m. John Chiffer memorial Mass (requested by Pat Hines and family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th

No morning Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st

9:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd

5:00 p.m. Dr. Michael G. Kinsella and Edna Wilcox Memorial Mass (requested by the Kinsella family)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd

8:00 a.m. Daniel A. Gallagher memorial Mass (requested by family)
 10:00 a.m. Daniel A. Gallagher memorial Mass (requested by family)
 11:30 a.m.

SAINT ROSE PARISH FINANCES

The collection totals for December 20th, December 27th, 2009, January 3, 2010 and January 10, 2010 will be published in the January 17, 2010 bulletin.



Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. - Lk 2:49-50



*New Year's Eve – Thursday,
 December 31st - 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
 New Year's Day – Friday, January
 1st - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*



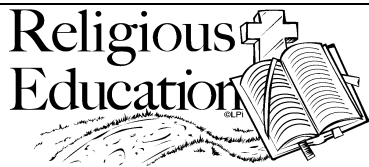
In this season of Advent, remember to bring your thanks and praise to God in song! The Cantors at St. Rose invite you to sing with them during the Mass! *Psalm 33:1 "Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous"*

Children's Choir - December 30th - **NO PRACTICE**

If you were unable to attend the Cantata on December 11th, you can watch it on BCATV - check your local cable program listings.

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.)



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!

The last CCD classes of 2009 will be on Wednesday, December 23rd 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 4th 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!

We hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas Day in celebration of our savior. As a reminder, the Christmas Collection supports the retirement, healthcare and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have not done so already and you wish to do so, you may include your completed Christmas Collection envelope in today's collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity to the church. Please visit www.CareForSeniorPriests.org.

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. We will have two training sessions for new Altar Servers on **Saturday, January 16, 2010** and **Saturday, January 30, 2010** from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the church.



St. Adelaide's Parish, Peabody, presents a Custom Tour of Southern Italy with Fr. David Lewis. Itinerary will include: Rome, Vatican City, San Giovanni Rotondo, Sorrento, the Isle of Capri, Pompeii, the Amalfi Drive, Castera and Montecassino. March 7 – 17, 2010. For more information, call St. Adelaide's Parish at (978) 535-1985.



Thank you and God Bless to all who donated time, money, support, baskets, soups, and desserts, and to those who attended the Fundraiser Soup Dinner for Chaz Southard on December 5th. Chaz holds out much "hope" for his future and continues to need our support and prayers. Because of your generosity, we were able to present Chuck Southard with a check for \$1,500 to help Chaz and his family.

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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.