

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008***First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM	✕	Richard O'Leary
10:30 AM		Rite of Acceptance
	✕	John & Victoria Iannotti
5:00 PM	✕	Anne Marie Wyatt
	✕	Scott T. Wyatt

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008*Advent Weekday*

7:00 AM		Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008*Advent Weekday*

7:00 AM	✕	Richard Burford (8 th Anniv.)
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008*Francis Xavier, priest*

7:00 AM	✕	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeSouza
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008*Advent Weekday*

7:00 AM	✕	Anthony DiSaia, Sr. (10 th Anniv.)
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008*Advent Weekday / First Friday*

7:00 AM	✕	Joseph DeSilva
12 Noon		Exposition of the Eucharist
7:00 PM		Benediction of the Eucharist

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008*Advent Weekday*

4:00 PM	✕	Diana Carter (10 th Anniv.)
	✕	Gloria Almon
	✕	Fr. Lawrence J. Murtagh (3 rd Ann.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008*Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM	✕	Rose Chadronet
10:30 AM	✕	Hugh Gavin (Anniv.)
	✕	John & Rose Weeden (Anniv.)
12 Noon		Baptisms
5:00 PM	✕	Gloria Faragalli (17 th Anniv.)

November 23, 2008

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,088.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	2,516.00

*A sincere thank you for your support.**Dear Parishioners,*

This weekend we enter the season of Advent—the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. This year more than ever, we need to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” With the economy in the doldrums and so many worried about their jobs and their bills, we need this holy season to remind us that “God is with us.” If we stay close to Him, He will see us through every trial and difficulty. It’s a message of hope for us and the world—at a time when hope is so needed. Please God we will all take a little extra time to pray for ourselves and our loved ones—and all those in need. While we may not be able to give many gifts this year, we can all give the gift of prayer, which is priceless!!

A week from this Monday (December 8th) is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. The Immaculate Conception celebrates the truth that Mary herself was conceived without sin in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. Masses will be Monday at 7:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM. **THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL MASS.**

I hope you have set aside Friday, December 12th to come and enjoy our annual Christmas concert “The Splendor of Christmas.” This year our concert will feature the Wakefield Civic Band, “Six-in-the-City” (a women’s six member choral group), our own outstanding parish choir and our new parish Children’s Chorus (who will steal the show!!). The concert begins at 7:30 pm and will truly fill you with Christmas cheer!! Please join us!!

On Tuesday, December 16th we will celebrate Vespers (Evening Prayer and Benediction) in honor of our Blessed Mother at 7:00 PM. Fr. David Green, pastor of St. Kevin Church, will be the homilist. Immediately following Vespers, four priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. I pray you can join us as we honor our Blessed Mother during this holy season of Advent.

I will also have Confession available on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon for anyone who can’t attend on December 16th. Confession is good for the soul—please give yourself this amazing gift of healing and forgiveness.

I pray this season of preparation for Christmas will strengthen you and renew your trust that “GOD IS WITH US” and always just a prayer away!!

God bless you in the week ahead.

Fr. Wilson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ALL CLASSES will meet at their scheduled time.

PLEASE NOTE: On Monday, December 8th, all students in Grades 6-10 will be attending the Holy Day Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). **All students will meet in the church hall at 6:45 PM.** Dismissal will follow after the Mass.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR STUDENTS

Grades 3-5 will go to Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) on Sunday, December 7th.

Grades 6-10 will go to Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) on Monday, December 15th.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Do you need Community Service Hours? I am in need of Confirmation students for December 12th & 13th. If interested, please see Mrs. Berube or call the Religious Education Office at 739-0212.

ADOPT A CHILD / FAMILY

If you would like to adopt a child or family in conjunction with the Parish Christmas Giving Tree, please contact Mrs. Cheryl Berube in the Religious Education Office (739-0212) and she will be happy to match you with a child/family. All information is kept confidential and handled anonymously.

LITTLE FLOWER HOME BABY SHOWER

On the weekend of December 13th and 14th, there will be a "Baby Shower" to benefit the Little Flower Home for unwed mothers in Tiverton, RI. The gifts (**NEW MERCHANDISE ONLY & UNWRAPPED**) should be placed on the manger table in the foyer of the church. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated as well (please make checks payable to 'Little Flower Home'.) **What a wonderful opportunity to affirm those mothers who chose life for their babies!** This baby shower is sponsored by the SS. Rose & Clement First Communion Class.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

"The Word Made Flesh"

Saturday, December 6th

8:45 AM to 3:00 PM

SS. Rose & Clement Parish Hall

Fr. Andrew Beauregard, FPO, Retreatmaster

\$10.00 donation

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

From the Desk of Mrs. Fuller

Last week, I had the pleasure of enjoying a special Principal's Day. I would like to thank Father Wilson, the faculty & staff, H. S. A. parents, and students for helping me celebrate this day. Their kindness is appreciated. It makes me smile each time I think of all the joy there is in knowing this special St. Rose Community; for that, I give thanks and all my love. I would like to thank the students for the poems and essays they wrote—they were beautiful. Additionally, I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful charm bracelet. On the bracelet are three charms: a Bible, to remind me of the love of Jesus; an apple, to remind me of the importance of education; and a rose, to remind me of the Saint Rose Community. It was a very thoughtful and special gift! Again, I thank Father Wilson, the faculty and families of Saint Rose of Lima School for allowing me to be a part of this special community.

FIRST FRIDAY – DECEMBER 5th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon to 7:00 PM

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM

**ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO
SPEND AN HOUR OR MORE WITH THE LORD!!**

EIGHT MONTH CLUB

Week #13 \$50 Winner

Mrs. Peggy Coogan – Ticket #211

Thank you to all who support Saint Rose School.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

In your budget packets you will find an envelope marked **CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**. Your gift can be in memory of departed loved ones who will be remembered in all the Christmas Masses. The sanctuary decorations and all the instrumental music will be in their memory. This envelope can be placed in any weekend collection. Thank you for your generous gift which allows us to decorate the church with proper solemnity and provide beautiful instrumental music at Christmas.

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“SHARE THE SPIRIT” GIFT SHOP

If you're looking for beautiful Religious Christmas Cards, please stop by and take a look at our selection. Individual cards for family and special people in your life are also available.

SANTA BREAKFAST

NEXT Sunday, December 7th

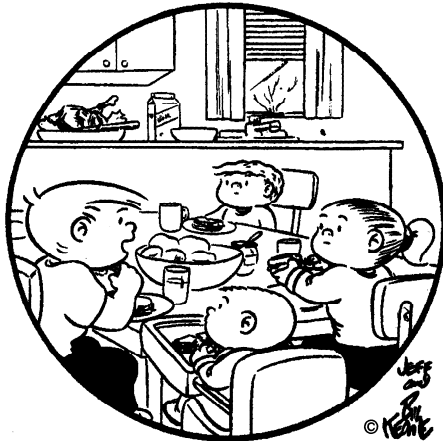
9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON at St. Rose of Lima School

Breakfast includes: Omelets made to order, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, fruit, pastries, coffee, tea, juice and more!!

Adults: \$8.00, Children (3-11): \$6.50, 2 & under: FREE

(PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO HIGH TURNOUT, TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“We're havin' turkey sandwiches today, so we can use our leftover thanks.”

*from The Joyful Noiseletter
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 12, 2008

7:30 PM in St. Clement Church

Wakefield Civic Band

“Six-in-the-City” (All-Women Choral Group)

SS. Rose & Clement Parish Choir

SS. Rose & Clement Children's Chorus

Adults: \$5.00 & Seniors/Children: \$3.00

Reception to follow in the Church Hall

YOUR WILL

***Please remember SS. Rose & Clement Parish in
your Will and Estate***