

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009***Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM	✠	Pasquale Gallucci, Jr.
10:30 AM	✠	Arthur Benoit (11 th Anniv.)
	✠	William M. Hall
5:00 PM	✠	Alvin Mischler

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009*Late Advent Weekday*

7:00 AM		Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2009*Late Advent Weekday*

7:00 AM	✠	Mr. Francis J. Silva
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2009*Late Advent Weekday*

7:00 AM	✠	Mr. & Mrs. Laurent Jarbeau
5:30 – 6:30 PM		CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009*Late Advent Weekday*

7:00 AM	✠	Sr. Joanna O'Brien, RSM
10:00– 12:00 Noon		CONFESSIONS
<i>Vigil of Christmas</i>		
4:00 PM	✠	Denise Genuario
11:30 PM		SACRED CONCERT
Midnight		Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2009*Nativity of the Lord/Christmas*

8:00 AM		Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement
10:30 AM		Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement
No 5:00 PM Mass		

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2009*Stephen, first martyr*

4:00 PM	✠	Lionel Fournier (9 th Anniv.)
	✠	Edward F. Richard (1 st Anniv.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

8:00 AM	✠	Steven Malone (1 st Anniv.)
10:30 AM	✠	Harold Geary, Jr.
	✠	Beverly Shallcross
5:00 PM	✠	Pasqualina Spaziano

Dear Parishioners,

“Hark!” The herald angels sing, “Glory to the Newborn King!” Ever since I was a boy, I have marveled at the beauty of Christmas. The carols, the decorations, the gifts, the smiles on people’s faces—all this because a little boy was born. But not just a little boy—rather the Son of God become one of us. It is an awesome mystery that we celebrate and ponder year after year, a mystery that has inspired the minds and hearts of billions of people. May that mystery take deeper root in our hearts this Christmas and keep us close to the heart of Jesus still present in the Eucharist.

In a special way, we pray in this Year of Evangelization that the wonder of Christmas will touch the hearts of all our wandering and inactive Catholics and help them to rediscover the endless love, hope and peace inside every Catholic Church.

My thanks to all who will make Christmas so beautiful here at SS. Rose & Clement, especially our Deacon Noel Edsall; our music director Mr. Thomas Hogan & our magnificent Parish Choir; our angelic Children’s Chorus; Mr. Anthony DiSaia and all who help decorate and keep the church so beautiful; the altar servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; the ushers and greeters and, of course, all of you!

Please keep in your prayers this week all those who are sick, suffering, lonely or separated from family and friends this Christmas. May the joy and promise of this sacred season fill their hearts with hope!

Our Christmas Concert last Friday had us all smiling from ear to ear by the end of the night. A special word of thanks to: Mr. Thomas Hogan (whose dedication and love of music make this wonderful concert possible each year), the Wakefield Concert Band (whose talent kept our toes tapping), our Children’s Chorus (who were again the highlight of the night), our wonderful parish choir (who looked outstanding in their “red” noses), to our Rosary & Altar Guild (who hosted the delicious reception), and to all of you who support our parish activities so faithfully! May God bless you all!

In my name and the name of all the parish staff, I wish you a very happy and holy Christmas. *O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Fr. Wilson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD classes **will not** meet on December 27th and 28th, due to Christmas vacation. ALL CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd AND MONDAY, JANUARY 4th.

Mrs. Berube and all the Religious Education teachers and aides wish all our CCD families a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Little Flower Home

Thank you for your generous support of the Little Flower Home last weekend. Many beautiful outfits, booties and other important necessities were collected, along with monetary donations of \$892. May God bless you for supporting women who choose the gift of life.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

Confessions: 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
(with Children's Chorus)

Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

Masses: Midnight, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
(No 5:00 PM Mass)

Sunday, December 27th (Holy Family Sunday)

Vigil Mass (Saturday Evening): 4:00 PM
Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Friday, January 1st (Mary, Mother of God)

Vigil Mass (Thu., New Year's Eve): 4:00 PM
Masses for Holy Day: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

EIGHT MONTH CLUB

Week #15 \$50 Winner

Ms. Alicia Hernandez - Ticket #130

Thank you to all who support Saint Rose School

From the Desk of Mrs. Fuller

Christmas Vacation

Christmas vacation begins this Thursday for St. Rose of Lima Students. The faculty and I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and safe Christmas Season. School will resume Monday, January 4, 2010.

Christmas Concert

Last Wednesday the students of St. Rose of Lima performed their annual Christmas Concert. The concert was filled with the sounds of Christmas love and cheer. I would like to thank the students and parents for supporting this event. Additionally, I would like to congratulate our music teacher, Mrs. Muraco, for doing such a wonderful job of working with the students of St. Rose of Lima. Congratulations!!

Giving Tree

A special thank you to the Saint Rose community for helping those in need this holiday season. The school helped over 65 people receive Christmas gifts this year by way of our giving tree.

OUR PARISH SCOREBOARD

Games played December 13, 2009.

SSRC		Opponent	
Boys Midget	19	OLM1	34
Girls Midget	14	OLM	15
Boys Grammar A1	24	St. Gregory	29
Boys Grammar A2	33	St. Augustine	49
Girls Grammar	NO GAME		
Boys Cadet	55	St. Peter	61

Some tough losses, but a great effort by everyone!



Christmas Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem, at midnight, in the piercing cold. In that hour, O my God, hear my prayer and grant my petition [here mention your request] through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

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“SHARE THE SPIRIT” GIFT SHOP

Inventory reduction sale:

50% off ALL Christmas items.

Our Parish Gift Shop will be closed next weekend, December 26th and 27th. Thank you for your patronage in 2009. Merry Christmas!

MEN of ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph will hold their bi-weekly meeting on Saturday, December 26th at 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM in the McMahon Room. The meeting will begin with a Eucharistic Communion Service in the main church followed by a group discussion on how to be a Catholic man in the world today. Coffee and pastry will be available. **ALL MEN IN THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!** Questions? Please call Malcolm Vakalis at 884-5565.

“Keep the Heat On” Fund Opens

Bishop Tobin’s “Keep the Heat On” Fund is now accepting applications for heating assistance for the 2009/2010 season. Assistance is available for those who heat with oil, gas or electricity. To determine eligibility and apply for assistance, please contact 823-6211 or visit www.heatri.com. Thank you.



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Sunday Collection.....	\$10,722.00
Retired Religious Collection.....	3,304.00
Immaculate Conception Collection.....	2,886.00

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