

## THE CHRIST INITIATIVE:

Saint Agnes Parish, Middleton Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Topsfield

**WELCOME!** New to our parish or just visiting for the day? Thank you for joining us! Just before the end of Mass, we welcome visitors and new parishioners. We are eager to meet you. Welcome!

**Mass Intentions Week of:  
June 20, – June 28, 2015**

**Saturday:** 4:00PM - (Fr. Medas)  
Colleen & Maureen McDonough  
by Mary McDonough

**Sunday:** 7:30AM - (Fr. Medas)  
Richard Stevens by his family  
10:00AM - (Fr. Roach)  
Salvatore Gulino by The Gulino Family

**Tuesday:** 9:00AM  
Dermott O'Connell by Frank Leary

**Thursday:** 9:00AM  
Mickey Dagens by the Casey Family

**Saturday:** 4:00PM (Fr. Medas)  
Joan Trause by Pat Keck

**Sunday:** 7:30AM (Fr. Medas)  
Marilyn McCarthy by the McCarthy  
Family

10:00AM (Fr. Medas)  
Maria Mancini by the Peary Family

**Contact Us**

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**Reconciliation**

**Saint Agnes:**  
Wednesday, June 24th  
7:00PM - 8:00PM.

**St. Rose of Lima:**  
Wednesday, July 1st  
7:00 - 8:00PM

**Last Week's Parish Support:**

**\$1,964.00**

**THOUGHTS FROM THE RECTORY:**

Over the past couple of weeks several parishioners have asked me, with some concern in their voice, how I was "going to do it all" once Fr. Ren left for his new assignment. Maybe you, too, have been thinking the same thing? The concern offered is heartwarming; it's nice to be thought of and cared about. Thank you. Let me share with you my answer. "I'm not going to do it all."

With the formation of Collaboratives and the on-going shortage of priests in our archdiocese, the role of the pastor has been redefined to focus primarily on the "things the pastor must do" including the celebration of Mass, the Sacraments, community engagement, evangelization and growing the disciples and ministries within the parish. I am supported by an outstanding administrative and support team, led by Laura Powers, our Coordinator of Mission, that is accountable for the day-to-day operations of our Collaborative. This team, coupled with our tremendous group of talented parish ministry volunteers, and wonderful parishioners, provide the foundation for our collaborative to thrive and grow. I am extremely grateful for the "extended family" that has enabled the Christ Initiative to accomplish so much in our first year and for the foundation that has been built to sustain our collaborative now and far into the future. Together we will thrive as the Holy Spirit continues to show us the way. Gratefully, Fr Michael

**SUNDAY EVENING MASS:** For the months of July and August, our Collaborative will add a Sunday evening Mass at 6:00pm. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Agnes church in Middleton. It is my hope that this evening Mass will allow you to enjoy summer weekends, while at the same time gathering our two parishes together to thank God for the blessings in our lives and give focus for the week to come. The first of these summer Masses will be July 5th.

**THIS MONDAY:** On June 22nd, our second to last meeting of **Heart to Heart** will take place. Join us from either: 6:00PM - 7:00PM or 7:10PM - 8:10PM in Saint Rose church hall. In the last year and a half, many of our parishioners have experienced the heartache of a loved one passing from this world into the next. Our Faith tells us we are never alone, and asks us to walk with each other during times of joy and sorrow. Our gatherings are an opportunity to have an open, honest, and safe conversation about what is happening in your life, heart, family, and faith since your loved one passed into the hands of God. Over the course of the next meetings, we will have the chance to support and give light to each other. Please join us!

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Fr Michael

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS:**

On-line registration for our Religious Education programs is now available through our website at [www.thechristinitiative.org](http://www.thechristinitiative.org). Each parish offers three program types: Summer Program, Academic Year Program and Home Schooling. From the home page, please follow the link for registrations, or go to the Religious Ed tab for instructions, registration and payment.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

Our Summer Religious Education Program for students in Grades 5 through 8 will be held on June 25, June 26 and June 27. Grades 5 & 6 meet from 8:00PM to 12Noon and Grades 7 & 8 meet from 1:00PM to 5:00PM.

The Religious Education program can only run with the help and service of volunteers. Volunteers to serve as catechists (teachers) and aides are needed for the summer program. If you have any questions, or would like more information on the summer session volunteer opportunities, please contact Deborah Charewicz at 978-774-1958 or at [dcharewicz@thechristinitiative.org](mailto:dcharewicz@thechristinitiative.org).

The St. Agnes Summer Catechists and Aide meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16 @ 7:00PM in the St. Agnes Parish Hall.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Vacation Bible School is coming to our collaborative the week of July 27-31, 2015, at St. Agnes Hall. We invite children entering grades K thru 5 to participate in this year's program called SonSpark Labs. The cost for registration is \$30.00 per child and registration forms are available in the church foyer and online at [www.thechristinitiative.org](http://www.thechristinitiative.org). For questions please contact Patsy Hemeon at [hemeonp@gmail.com](mailto:hemeonp@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

**COR UNUM:** Seeking volunteers for Cor Unum Meal Center, Lawrence on June 21st, from 3:30PM to 7:30PM. Adults and youth (5th grade and older and with a parent) are invited to join us. To ask questions or to volunteer, please call Joe Lackie at 978-771-2540 or email [stagnes\\_corunum@parishmail.com](mailto:stagnes_corunum@parishmail.com)

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