

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 6, – June 14, 2015

Saturday: 4:00PM - (Fr. Cadin)

Nellie Muzichuk by Agnes Jones

Sunday: 7:30AM - (Fr. Ren)

Rev. Jose S. Ferreira by a parishioner

10:00AM - (Fr. Ren)

Edith Altieri Ferdinand

by Carol D'Agosta & family

Tuesday: 9:00AM

John Spirito

Thursday: 9:00AM

Sheree Doherty by The Jones Family

Saturday: 4:00PM (Fr. Ren)

Rosemary Malone by James Malone

Sunday: 7:30AM (Fr. Medas)

Giuseppe Gallotto by Michelle Goodwin

10:00AM (Fr. Medas)

Michael Flynn by The Cocciardi Family

Contact Us

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Reconciliation:

Saint Agnes:

Wednesday, June 10th & June 24th

7:00PM - 8:00PM.

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday, June 17th

7:00 - 8:00PM

Last Week's Parish Support:

\$2,452.00

Humble Pie: I like pie. Most of you know I like pie. However, a slice of *Humble Pie* usually isn't welcomed or sought after by most of us. I don't think it's on the menu at the Agawam Diner! There is a difference between being forced to eat a slice of *Humble Pie* and choosing to take a slice. Jesus chose to take a slice. He humbled Himself to come among us, as one of us. Jesus left behind the glories and power of heaven to become our servant, our redeemer. Jesus continues to humble Himself by taking on the appearance of bread and wine. The Holy Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus. Not made so by the power of any human being, but by the power of love. Love can change things. Love can change us; the love that someone has for us, or the love that we choose to have for another. I hope you have had that experience. Humility enables a person to look beyond differences that might separate one person from another, and to love. Humility allows us to see each other the way God sees us. Jesus' humility allows simple things - bread and wine - to become Divine realities. This weekend we celebrate the gift of Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Jesus. As we reflect upon Jesus' humble presence in Holy Communion, it is a good moment to ask how we foster humility in our lives and, importantly, in our relationships. Some questions: Do we live lives open to a wisdom beyond our own cleverness or understanding? While striving to grow each day, are we at peace with our own limitations and at peace with others? Do we foster anger in our hearts? A daily slice of *Humble Pie* can help us grow in answering those questions as Jesus did. (...and there's no calories in *Humble Pie*.) See you at the Diner! Fr. Michael

Eucharistic Procession: In celebration of Corpus Christi on June 7, 2015 please join us for a Eucharistic procession, leaving St. Agnes at 1:00PM. We will walk to the Middleton Green on Route 114, where we will gather for prayer, reflection and Adoration for the Blessed Sacrament.

Message from Father Keith: As many of you might have noticed, I have had an issue with my ankle over the last several months. After many appointments with doctors it was determined that it will need surgery. So, June 1st, at Mass General, I had surgery to reconstruct my ankle. As a result I will not be able to assist at Sunday Masses until the end of the summer. I ask for your prayers during the upcoming weeks. I will miss my weekly participation to be a presider at Masses in both Middleton and Topsfield. Thanks for your support and I look forward to seeing you later this summer. You also will be in my prayers. Fr Keith

Blessings to Father Ren: Please join us on Saturday, June 13th, at the 4:00PM Mass to express our gratitude to Father Ren for his ministry with us, and to bid him blessings in his new assignment. A reception for Father Ren will take place following the Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Next Meeting: On Monday, June 15th, our next 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 will be 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 six meetings, we will have the chance to support and give light to each other. Please join us. frmichael@thechristinitiative.org or 978.887.5505. Fr Michael

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Our annual 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. Here at St. Agnes we are blessed with many dedicated individuals who give freely and lovingly of their time and talent to the children in our program. Volunteers to serve as catechists (teachers) and aides are needed for the Grade 5-8 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.

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 foyers and online at thechristinitiative.org. For questions please contact Patsy Hemeon at hemeonp@gmail.com or call the parish office.

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