

THE CHRIST INITIATIVE:

Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Topsfield

Saint Agnes Parish, Middleton

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:
May 9, - May 17, 2015**

Saturday 5:30PM - (Fr. Tocci)
Timothy Guinee by The Family

Sunday: 8:30AM - (Fr. Hollis)
The Riccardi Family
by Donald & Marie Riccardi
10:00AM - (Fr. Tocci)
Eugene Yanchus M/M
by Martha & Paul Gillespie
11:30AM - (Fr. Medas)

Mass for the People

Monday: 9:00AM

Mass for the People

Wednesday: 9:00AM

Aloysius Bennett by The Bennett Family

Friday: 9:00AM

Mass for the People

Saturday:

5:30PM (Fr. Medas)

William Baker by The Zamagni Family

Sunday:

8:30AM (Fr. Tocci)

The Feeney Family

by Donald & Maria Riccardi

10:00AM (Fr. Medas)

Loretta Erschen by Toni Hatfield

11:30AM (Fr. Tocci)

Mass for the People

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Reconciliation:

St. Rose of Lima: Wednesday,
20th - 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Saint Agnes: Wednesday,
May 13th & 27th
7:00PM - 8:00PM.

Last Week's Parish Support:

\$4,801.00

First Holy Communion: May is the month of First Holy Communion celebrations. We have already celebrated two First Holy Communion Masses, and will have a total of six Holy Communion Masses in our collaborative - The Christ Initiative. The Holy Eucharist is food for our souls and hearts. While none of us are worthy to receive the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ, it is the essential food for our hearts that God is eager to give us. Hopefully, every Mass we pray together is engaging our hearts and lives. But, even if it doesn't, we still receive the Holy Eucharist - the Body and Blood of Christ. This week let's take a moment to remind ourselves of this great truth. This week let's take a moment to remind someone else - particularly our children - of this wondrous truth. The great challenge is to become what we receive, to become Christ for each other.

Fr Michael

Religious Education Teachers: While we still have our summer religious education program in front of us, our academic year religious education program has ended. I want to take a moment and thank all who volunteered time and talent to make this year a wonderful experience of success for our students. In a particular way, I want to thank all our teachers who sacrificed so much of their time to help our young parishioners learn to open their hearts, lives, and minds to God. All of this would not have been possible without our Directors of Religious Education, Deborah Charewicz and Joanne Joyce. May we remember in grateful prayer our directors and all who made this a great year.

Fr. Michael

St. Rose of Lima Summer Religious Education Program: Grades 6, 7 & 8: The Summer Religious Education Program for students **entering** Grades 6, 7 & 8 in the Fall of 2015 will be held on the following days: **Thurs. June 25; Fri., June 26; Sat. June 27.** Classes will meet from 8:00-12 Noon. Please note that because the last day of school for Masco is June 25, an adjustment will be made to the class times for June 25. In addition to attending the Summer Program, Grade 6 students will attend three one-hour classes held throughout the school year – one in the Fall, one during Advent; and one during Lent. These sessions will be held on a Sunday evening.

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School is coming to our collaborative the week of July 27-31, 2015, at St. Agnes Hall. Save the date! We invite children entering grades K thru 5 to participate in this year's program called SonSpark Labs. During this amazing program, children will explore God's life-changing plan as they find out the answers to life's most important questions. They will discover that God loves them, and that through Jesus they can be members of God's family and personally experience God's plan for each of us. 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.

Heart to Heart: On Monday, May 18th, from 7:00PM - 8:00PM in Saint Rose church hall, we will have our next meeting of Heart to Heart. 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. While the death of a loved one is never easy, families in our parish have experienced some particularly unexpected, and untimely, death of a cherished family member. 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



25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass: 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Mass will be celebrated on June 14th at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Please register by June 1 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in May.

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