

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:
April 11, - April 19, 2015

Saturday 5:30PM - (Fr. Medas)
Daniel Weeder 1st Anniv. by His family
Sunday: 8:30AM - (Fr. Medas)
Cathy Habeeb-Sheehan by Tim Sheehan
10:00AM - (Fr. Medas)
Jennifer Dalrymple
by The Zamagni Family
11:30AM - (Fr. Medas)
Christopher Manolian 2nd Anniv.
by Jacqueline Rizzo
Monday: 9:00AM
Mass for the People
Wednesday: 9:00AM
Mass for the People
Friday: 9:00AM
Mass for the People

Saturday:
5:30PM (Fr. Tocchi)
Bob & Joyce Crowley
by the Feltaut Family
Sunday:
8:30AM (Fr. Hollis)
10:00AM (Fr. Hollis)
Eugene Conese & Anna May Conese
by The Fowler Family
11:30AM (Fr. Tocchi)

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Reconciliation:
St. Rose of Lima: Wednesday,
April 15th - 7:00PM - 8:00PM
Saint Agnes: Wednesday,
April 22nd 7:00PM - 8:00PM.

Last Week's Parish Support:
Easter Clergy: \$13,037.00

Good Friday: \$828.00



Let's Connect! Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our parish. You can unsubscribe any time.

There are 2 easy ways to connect (choose one).

- 1. Visit our church at:** www.flocknote.com/TheChristInitiative
- 2. Text:** TCI to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help.

With Gratitude: Our celebration of Easter Mass was such a joy-filled and inspiring moment for our parish. Not only could I see joy and inspiration in so many faces as I prayed Mass, but lots of folks made it a point to tell me how spiritually enlivening was Lent, our celebration of the Triduum, and the holy Masses of Easter. God is truly blessing our parishes – the Christ Initiative. Our collaborative staff worked so hard to make these days true celebrations of Faith. However, it would have been for naught if you, the parishioners of the Christ Initiative, did not respond to the presence of God asking you to come and pray as a parish family. Let us all continue to believe in, and respond to, the presence of God in our lives. Christ is Risen and with us! And, in case you are curious, attendance at our Easter Masses surpassed last year! The good news of our parish is spreading! God is truly blessing our lives, our parish, and our collaborative. I am certainly offering lots of joyful prayers of thanksgiving this week. Fr. Michael

Starting Heart to Heart: On Saturday, April 25th at 11:00AM in Saint Rose church hall, we will have our first meeting of Heart to Heart. In the last year and a half, many of our parishioners have experienced the heart ache 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 April 25th meeting will give us a chance to begin to get to know each other, and choose a day and time that is best for us to gather for six more meetings. 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 seven meetings, we will have the chance to support and give light to each other. Our first meeting will last an hour followed by a light lunch. Please let me know if you will be attending so we can plan appropriately for lunch - frmichael@theChristinitiative.org or 978.887.5505. Please join us. Fr Michael

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Some 35 parishioners, the majority from our two parishes, will be making the journey of a lifetime to Israel. Please keep us in your good prayer as we walk in the footsteps of Christ our Saviour.



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! This year's program is 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. Registration details will follow shortly.

Center for Faith, Gordon College: We are pleased to invite you to the Quasquicentennial Lecture at A.J. Gordon Memorial Chapel at Gordon College in Wenham, MA with Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4:00PM.



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