# Saint Rose of Lima Parish

### 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 18, - April 26, 2015

<u>Saturday</u> 5:30PM - (Fr. Tocci) Bob & Joyce Crowley by the Feltault Family <u>Sunday</u>: 8:30AM - (Fr. Hollis)

Joseph Haughey

by Paul & Martha Gillespie

10:00AM - (Fr. Hollis)

Eugene Conese & Anna May Conese

by The Fowler Family
11:30AM - (Fr. Tocci)
Mass for the People
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. Tocci)

Ann Dalrymple by The Zamagni Family

Sunday:

8:30AM (Fr. Tocci) 10:00AM (Fr. Tocci)

Marjorie Cass by The Powers Family

11:30AM (Fr. Medas)

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#### Reconciliation:

St. Rose of Lima: Wednesday, May 6th & 20th - 7:00PM - 8:00PM Saint Agnes: Wednesday, April 22nd, May 13th & 27th 7:00PM - 8:00PM.

Last Week's Parish Support: \$8.933.94

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Well, our plucky pastor and his foot-weary flock are right now, as you sit reading this, traversing the Holy Land. As they visit the sites where our Lord Himself preached, worked, and lived, we all should remember the stark, earthy reality of His life, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. It's all too easy for us to engage the Gos-

pel as stories from a printed page; but it's important for us to remind ourselves that those stories are real historical events, that happened in real geographical locations, and experienced by real people with lives as ordinary, as busy, and as blessed as ours are today. Especially as we continue to rejoice over Jesus's Resurrection throughout this Easter Season, it's good for us to bear in mind that the faith we celebrate is anchored in real-life, and can touch us as surprisingly and as profoundly as Jesus touched the lives of those people in Jerusalem some two thousand years ago - if we allow it to. We welcome **Joseph Princi III, Tyler Roberts and Maisie Williams** who were Baptized into our parish this past weekend. May God continue to bless them and their families as they begin their pilgrimage through the Church! God bless you all.

Father Ren



<u>Let's Connect!</u> 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**: TCl to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help.

Starting Heart to Heart: On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 - <a href="mailto:frmichael@theChristinitiative.org">frmichael@theChristinitiative.org</a> or 978.887.5505. Please join us. Fr Michael

<u>Vacation Bible School</u>: 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



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.



In honor of Patriot's Day the offices of The Christ Initiative will be closed on Monday, April 20th 2015

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