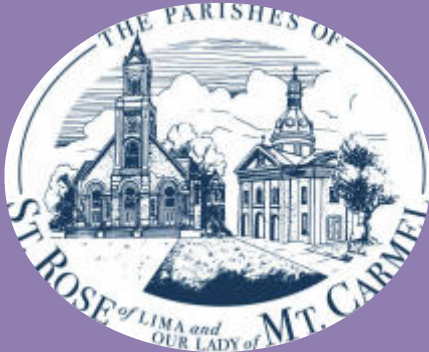


PARISH COMMUNITIES OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA AND OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



REVISED CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

12/24 – 2:00pm Vigil Mass
@ St. Rose (in-person with
reservation)



12/24 – 4:00pm Vigil Mass @ St. Rose
(virtual with outdoor distribution of
Holy Communion following Mass)

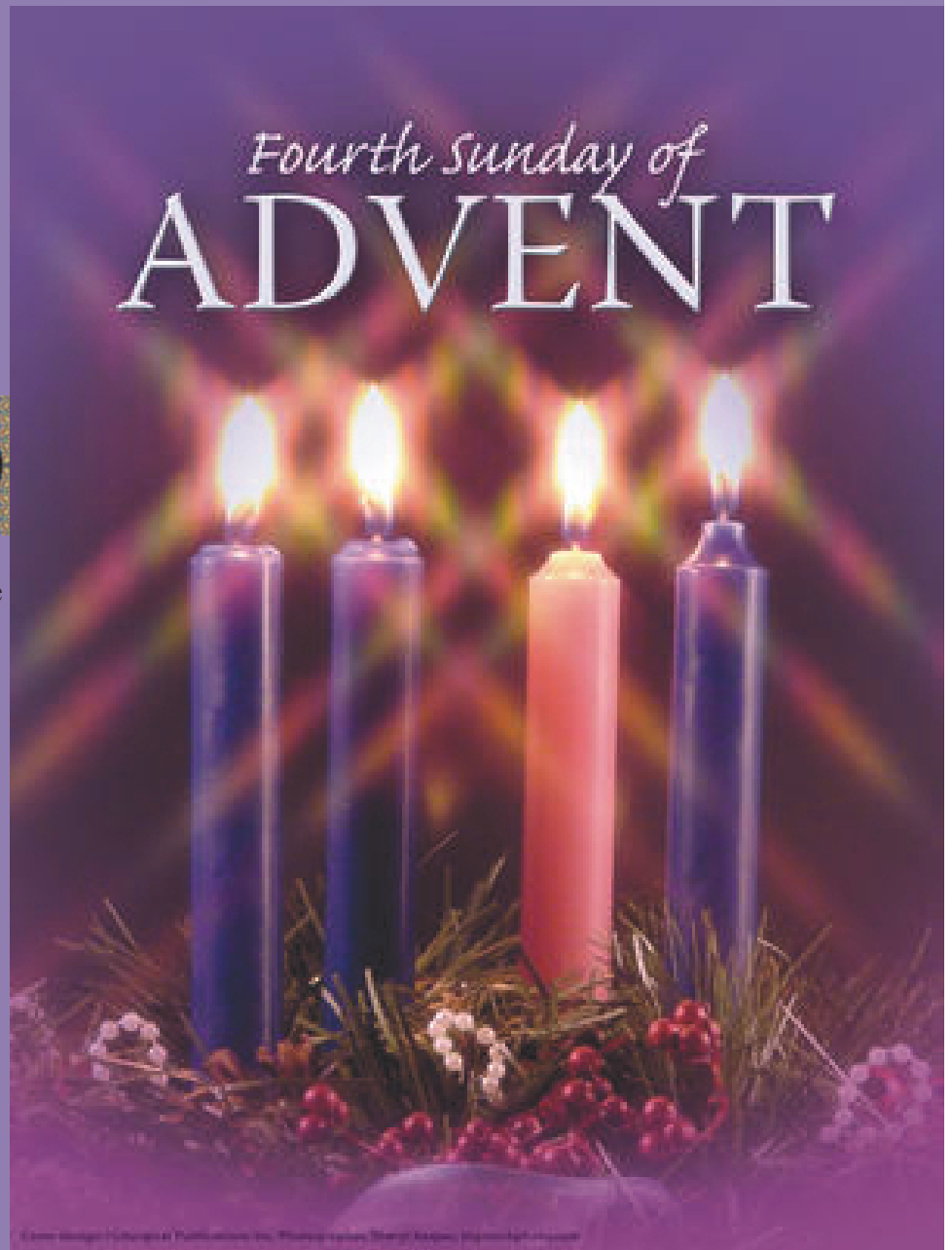
12/24 – 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ OLMC
(in-person with reservation)

12/24 – 10:00pm “Midnight Mass” @
St. Michael’s (in-person with reserva-
tion)

12/25 – 7:30am Christmas Day Mass
@ St. Rose (in-person with reserva-
tion)

12/25 – 10:00am Christmas Day Mass
@ OLMC (virtual with outdoor distri-
bution of Holy Communion following
Mass)

12/25 – 11:30am Christmas Day Mass
@ OLMC (in-person with reservation)



CONFESSIONS Saturday: SR 3:00- 3:45 pm; OLMC 4:30- 5:15 pm

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism Please call the Parish Office to register for a Baptism and arrange a meeting with one of the priests. Families having a first child baptized will be asked to attend Baptismal Instructions at St. Rose Rectory. Baptisms are held at 12:30 pm at St. Rose on the first Sunday of the month and at Mt. Carmel on the third Sunday of the month. **Note:** Baptismal dates will be scheduled only after the necessary paperwork is completed.

Confirmation is administered yearly to 8th grade students in our CCD program and those students attending Parochial Schools. Children wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled and participating in the CCD program for two years before they are eligible to receive the sacrament.

Marriage To complete the necessary paperwork, couples are asked to contact the Parish Office at least one full year in advance of the proposed marriage date.

Reconciliation is celebrated at times listed on the cover or by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick Whenever a family member has become seriously sick or is hospitalized, please contact the Parish Office to schedule an anointing.* Please note - Until further notice, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, requests for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be only in "imminent danger of death" and home communion visitations are suspended.

Monthly Visitations Homebound parishioners who wish to receive the Eucharist on a monthly basis are encouraged to contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.



MEMBERSHIP IN OUR PARISHES

New parishioners are very welcome to join one of our parish families. You may register by contacting the Parish Office. Registered parishioners seeking to be sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be practicing Catholics in good standing to receive the necessary recommendation. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest to review the qualifications. Parishioners moving out of a parish are asked to notify the Parish Office.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS Please email articles to strose@echoes.net by noon Friday two weeks before requested publication date. (*Holidays—three weeks.*)



*Rest
in
Peace*

We remember our recently deceased relatives, friends, and members of St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishes, especially all those who have died during the pandemic, and those most recently.

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THURSDAY'S COMMUNITY MEAL RESUMED AT ST. ROSE

The Community Meal at St. Rose Family Center is provided by St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen in Scranton and packaged by parish volunteers in Carbondale, will be **TAKE-OUT ONLY**. The meal will be ready for pick-up at **12:00pm (Noon)**. Doors will open at 11:45am on the Morris Place side of St. Rose Church. We look forward to the day (TBA) when we can resume in-person, sit-down meals, but this is a positive step forward. Please contact the rectory if you have any further questions about the Community Meal. Thanks to all who support this Corporal Work of Mercy!

What: Community TAKE-OUT Meal

Where: St. Rose Family Center

When: Thursday's beginning December 3, 2020
(No Meals provided Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve) @ 12 Noon.

Who: All are welcome



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GOING HOMEBOUND

Please note that during the month of December the parish Religious Education Program will be home-bound.

Parents are reminded that they are responsible to work with their child on the completion of their at home religious education materials that include work in the textbook and the handouts provided in the packet. In the month of DECEMBER, the children are asked to make **Christmas Cards** to be distributed in our local nursing homes.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm SR (Virtual only)

Christmas Day:

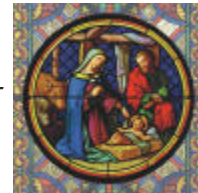
10:00 am OLMC (Virtual only)

Masses will not be open to in person attendance.

Both Masses will be livestreamed on

3as1catholic.org

Communion will be offered via drive through after both Masses. Those wishing to receive Holy Eucharist are asked to watch the Mass on the video feed and to arrive at the end of Mass and receive in the drive through line. For St. Rose in the drive along the rectory and at OLMC on the Feast Grounds.



See the Bulletin cover for the schedule including in-person Masses. Please note that seating is limited and is by reservation only. If these Masses are filled, we kindly invite you to participate in one of the two virtual Masses.

Please call the rectory to check availability.

Seminarian Reflections – Gabriel said, “Hail, full of grace!”

Dear parishioners,

I once heard a Catholic priest reflecting on the scene we hear in this week's Gospel. “Imagine,” he posed, “how excited the angel Gabriel must have been to bring the message to Mary that she would conceive in her womb the very Son of God.” Perhaps too often we imagine the scene of the Annunciation as being overly pious, and maybe even a bit boring. We have heard the story hundreds, if not thousands, of times before. Yet, the more we think about it, and the more we really reflect on the language given to us in Luke's Gospel (Luke 1), it was one of the most exciting moments in history.

Think about it...we hear of many emotions during this scene. The angel Gabriel greets Mary, “Hail, full of grace!” What excitement! Also, we hear that Mary was greatly troubled and pondered. We hear a declaration not to be afraid. Mary heard from Gabriel about the promise made to King David that his own ancestor would have an eternal kingdom (which we heard in the first reading). Mary was well aware what this promise would entail. She finds out that her elder relative is miraculously pregnant. And, she humbly replies to the angel, despite all these varying emotions, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

It is such a mysterious scene. It is a heavenly scene that is hard to wrap our minds around. However, it is also a very human scene. We see the confusion. We see the perplexities. We see the joys! Why shouldn't it be an exciting scene? After all, it was the beginning of God among us, Emmanuel.

-Michael Boris, seminarian

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS MASS OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

St. Rose

- Driveway next to Rectory
- Line-up – **North** on Church St.
(cars not admitted from South)
- If needed – cars should wrap up 7th Ave.

OLMC

- Brown St @ OLMC Church
- Exit to Fallbrook
- Line-up – South on Brown St./ Apple St.

THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass Schedule:

Vigil Mass
12-31-20
4:00 pm OLMC

Day 1-1-2021
10:00 am SR



Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a,

January Lottery Calendar

January Lottery Calendars will be on sale by the **St. Rose Parish Holy Name Society** after all weekend Masses beginning with the **weekend of November 21 - 22**. For a \$10

donation, you receive two numbers for a chance at **\$6,000 in prizes**. They make an excellent Christmas gift or stocking stuffer! Anyone wishing to help sell calendars may call the Parish Office or Rich Russian at 570-282-6676.



Sunday Mass in Saint Michael's Church

Due to the church being used at the maximum allowed capacity for Mass when Religious Education is in session, the 9:00a.m. Mass is limited to those families who are assigned to attend each particular week. When Religious Education is **not** in session, the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be open to all those who would like to attend. Upcoming **Sundays** on the calendar when Religious Ed. is **not** in session are:

December 27, 2020

January 17, 2021

All are welcome to attend those Sunday 9:00 a.m. Masses



PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO NEED TO REGISTER FOR MASS.

Sunday Mass at Saint Michael's Church is limited to Religious Education Families when in session.

Mass on December 27 will be open to all who wish to attend.

Monday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

8:00 am SR Josephine Lopera
(Charlotte Connor)

Tuesday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 am OLMC Anthony Mazza, Parents, Brothers & Sisters
(Julia Mazza & Family)

Wednesday, December 23

St. John of Kanty

8:00 am SR John Arthur, Dr. & Mrs. John DeAntonio
& Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butts
(John, Roseann & Gianna DeAntonio)

12:10 pm SM Anthony T. Marcavage
(William A. Kerl)

Thursday, December 24 Vigil The Nativity of the Lord

2:00 pm SR (in-person with reservation)
4:00 pm SR (virtual with outdoor distribution of Holy Communion following Mass)
5:30 pm OLMC (in-person with reservation)
10:00 pm SM "Midnight Mass"
(in-person with reservation)

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 am SR (in-person with reservation)
10:00 am OLMC (virtual with outdoor distribution of Holy Communion following Mass)
11:30 am OLMC (in-person with reservation)

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 26

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 pm SR Francis & Mark Monahan, Monahan, Gigliotti & Falbo Families
(Mary Monahan)
5:30 pm OLMC Violet & Joseph Falvo
(Children)

Sunday, December 27

Feast Holy Family JMJ

7:30 am SR Tino Penzone
(Wife, Jeanne)
9:00 am SM Bill Butwill & William & Clementine Butwill
(Janet Rusnak)
11:15 am OLMC Mary Anne Liuzzo
(Barbara Yanchak & Diane Zindell)
5:00 pm SR Berty B. Langol
(Mr. & Mrs. William Kresock)



Greetings!

Don't you love listening to Christmas songs? I officially kick off the Christmas song season on Thanksgiving day, and will continue to listen until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Theologically speaking, my hands down favorite Christmas Carol is "O Holy Night". The most compelling lyric is the opening stanza:

"O Holy Night!

The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!"

Over the years, I have drawn such inspiration from this song. I think it beautifully captures the essence of the Christmas message. Jesus is the only name by which we are saved! He was sent by God the Father to save us from sin and death. To some degree, the "world" will always lay in sin and error pining, until the Lord appears and reveals the truth. The soul within each human person will only feel its worth when it experiences the thrill of hope. Our hope is in Jesus and being in communion with his Church. I think we can all speak to the reality of having "weary souls " during this Pandemic. When the Christmas miracle breaks through, weary souls rejoice because we know a new and glorious future awaits.

To all our families and friends at St. Rose/Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes, Merry Christmas! Whether you join us at the Holy Mass in-person or virtually, may God send us his abundant blessings. As "O Holy Night" concludes:

"Let all within us praise His holy name!"

Peace,

Fr. Walsh

Appeal 2020 update:

OLMC

16.47%(84 out of 510) gave/
pledged DAA 2020 Goal:
\$23,000.00 Total Raised:
\$7,155.00 (Under): (\$15,845.00)

SR

16.19%(225 out of 1,390) gave/pledged DAA 2020 Goal:
\$62,000.00 Total Raised: \$36,693.06 (Under): (\$25,306.94)



Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene



In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

When the Christmas manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

~ St. Rose of Lima Parish ~

Mission Statement

We, the Faithful of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, are a Catholic Community of believers living our Baptismal calling in union with the Pope and the Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton. Created in the image of God the Father, nourished by His Son, Jesus, in both the Word and Eucharist, and sustained by the Holy Spirit, we strive to bear witness to the love of God as experienced in our daily lives.

Stewardship ~ Weekend of 12/12,13 \$TBA

Ret. Fund for Rel. \$TBA

Weekly Amount Needed to Meet Expenses: \$10,708.00

Hosts and Wine at St. Rose of Lima Church

† **Daniel Larkin & Mary Randazzo** (Judith Larkin)

Sanctuary Candles at St. Rose of Lima Church

† **Dr. & Mrs. Donald J. Miller** (Patricia A. Miller)

† **William Coleman** (Grandchildren)

† **Daniel Larkin** (Judith Larkin)

† **Mary Randazzo** (Judith Larkin)

† **Gerard McDonough** (Judith Larkin)

Hosts and Wine at St. Michael's Church

†

Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael's Church

† **Dorothy Notchick** (Rich & Carolyn Russian)

MASS ATTENDANCE 12/12,13/2020

Saint Rose: TBA

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel TBA

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Recent restrictions on being in public places bring a big challenge to meeting weekly expenses for our parishes, especially utility bills. Please mail your offertory envelopes to the Parish Office. I know this poses a problem for all of our families; only you know what you are able to give. Every amount helps, and we appreciate your sacrifice. Thank you!!



~ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish ~

Mission Statement

We, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, are a Catholic Community of faith, nourished and empowered by Word and Sacrament. Our Mission is to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through service rooted in justice, peace, love, and tradition under the intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Stewardship ~ Weekend of 12/12,13 \$TBA

Ret. Fund for Rel. \$TBA

Weekly Amount Needed to Meet Expenses: \$4,860.00

Hosts and Wine at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

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† **Marion & Francis** (Joe & Angela Grandenetti)

† **William F. Hoppel** (Joan Scavo)

† **John & Mary Calabro** (Family)

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† **Thomas J. Scavo** (Joan Scavo)

† **Gene Rogan** (Joanne Rogan)

† **Josephine Lapera** (Frank & Debbie Hacken)

† **Josephine Lapera** (Jean Cerra)

† **Anthony Mazza, Parents, Brothers & Sisters** (Julia Mazza & Family)

† **Mary Trunzo** (Dombrosky, Berg & Jones Families)

Parish Goals-Diocesan Appeal

OLMC 2020-\$23,000.00 SR 2020- \$62,000.00

(2019-\$25,000.00)

(2019-\$66,000.00)

Christmas Wafers

Traditional Christmas Wafers are available in all of our churches this weekend. A donation of \$3 per pack is greatly appreciated.



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