



# MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2008**

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

- 8:00 AM ✕ Rev. Richard A. Donnelly
- 10:30 AM ✕ Harold Geary, Jr.
- ✕ Beverly Shallcross
- 5:00 PM ✕ Michael Bevilacqua (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2008**

*Thomas Beckett, bishop, martyr*

- 7:00 AM Parishioners of SS. Rose & Clement

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2008**

*Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas*

- 7:00 AM ✕ Margaret Porretta

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008**

*Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas*

- 7:00 AM ✕ Deceased members of the  
Porretta Family

*Vigil: BVM, the Mother of God*

- 4:00 PM ✕ Mary C. McNally

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2009**

*Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God*

- 8:00 AM ✕ Christmas Flower Memorials
- 10:30 AM ✕ Dorothy Silva

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009**

*Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors*

- 7:00 AM ✕ Maria & Carmine Filipelli

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009**

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

- 4:00 PM ✕ Dorothy Fosh (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
- ✕ Fatima DePetrillo (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

- 8:00 AM ✕ George & Anne Gonwa
- 10:30 AM ✕ Owen Murphy, Sr. (26<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
- ✕ Mrs. Angelina Imondi
- 5:00 PM ✕ Ray Battista

*Dear Parishioners,*

It is often said, “You can’t go home again.” Not so with the Catholic Church. No matter how long a person has been away, he or she can always come home. By virtue of our Baptism, we are forever God’s children. And no matter how far away we wander from the Church, we are welcome to come home because Jesus loves us yesterday, today and forever!

Yet Jesus never forces us to come home. He only invites—and so must we! Whether or not a person returns to the Church is a decision only he or she can make. Our work is to speak about Jesus and welcome them to join us at any time.

But why would people want to return to the Church? What draws them back? Here are the top ten reasons that influenced the decision of people to return to their Catholic Faith:

**Number 10: Because they want meaning in life.** In today’s busy world, lots of people suddenly realize that their lives have lost a sense of meaning or purpose. They begin to ask, “Who am I? What is my life about? Why do I do what I do?” The Church has answers to all these questions.

**Number 9: Because childhood memories surface.** As children, we feel deeply connected to God. That wanes as we age and commit more and more sin. Some people recall that connection later in life and long to have it anew. The Church will happily help them to reconnect.

**Number 8: Because they made mistakes.** Sin wearies and burdens people. The guilt of hurting others weighs on them. They want to start over again with a clean slate. Confession frees them from their sins and gives them that new beginning.

**Number 7: Because they need to forgive others.** Anger and resentment toward individuals who have hurt us are spiritual cancers that eat away our heart. People want to learn how to forgive others so they can find peace. The Church teaches them how.

**Number 6: Because they want to be healed.** Some people carry deep spiritual wounds. Some struggle with anger at God over bad things that have happened. The Church cannot change these things but can give spiritual healing and hope through the power of the sacraments.

I hope you found those helpful. The last five will follow next week. May God bless you with a new year filled with good health, prosperity and peace!

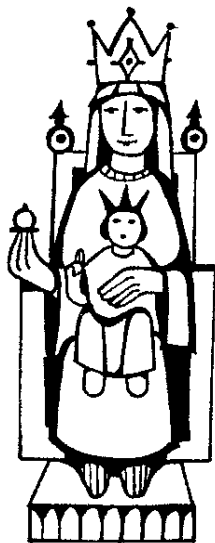
*Fr. Wilson*

December 21, 2008	
Sunday Collection.....	\$6,729.00
Christmas Flower Offering.....	3,297.00
<i>A sincere thank you for your support.</i>	

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**ALL CCD CLASSES** will meet next week at their scheduled times. Parents please remember to call the office if your child will be absent.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** For those who still owe paperwork, please note that **ALL** necessary forms are due on January 5<sup>th</sup>.



### Holy Day Mass Schedule

*Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Mary, Mother of God*

Vigil Mass (Wed., New Year's Eve): 4:00 PM

Mass for the Holy Day: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

### *New Year's Words. . .*

“To leave the old with a burst of song;  
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;  
To forget the things that bind you fast  
to the vain regrets of the year that's past;  
To have the strength to let go your hold  
of the not worthwhile of the days grown old;  
To dare go forth with a purpose true  
to the unknown task of the year that's new;  
To help your brother/sister along the road;  
To do his/her work and lift his/her load;  
To add your gift to the world's good cheer  
is to have and to give a Happy New Year.”

*--Author unknown*

## From the Desk of Mrs. Fuller

I hope your Christmas was joyful and restful. Time with family and friends can help to replenish not only the body but the soul. Here at St. Rose of Lima School we not only nourish the mind, we nourish the spirit with lessons of God's love. **Please consider sending your child to St. Rose of Lima School.** The students at St. Rose are taught by teachers who care deeply for their academic and spiritual growth each day. Please feel free to stop by and see the wonderful work of Jesus' love in the eyes of the students.

### CHRISTMAS VACATION

A reminder that school will resume on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### PRAYER PARTNERS

Our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Cheryl Berube, is looking for adults who would like to be a prayer partner for a child making his or her First Holy Communion. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Cheryl at 739-0212. For those who have signed-up already, you will be receiving a mailing shortly with the necessary information. Thank you.

### WOMEN'S FAITH ENRICHMENT GROUP

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the McMahan Garden Room. All adult women who would like to explore and understand more deeply their unique role in the world are invited to attend!

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

We ask, O God, for the grace to be  
our best selves.

We ask for the vision to be builders of the human  
community rather than its destroyers.

We ask for the humility as a people to  
understand the fears and hopes of other peoples.

We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the  
children of the world to come more than the  
failures of our own making.

We ask for the heart it takes to care for all people  
as well as for ourselves. Amen.

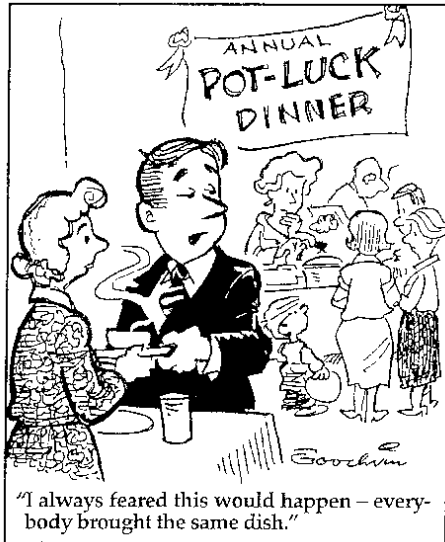
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***“SHARE THE SPIRIT” GIFT SHOP***

Our storage space is limited so as a result we are offering:

**½ off ALL Christmas Merchandise!**

Come in early for best selection.



"I always feared this would happen – everybody brought the same dish."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*  
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***January Open Houses at the Villa***

The Villa at St. Antoine, an assisted living community located at 400 Mendon Road in N. Smithfield, invites the public to Friday Open Houses at the facility on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Tours of the facility, refreshments and entertainment will be offered.

**EIGHT MONTH CLUB**

**Week #17 \$50 Winner**

**Mr. & Mrs. Louis Hassell – Ticket #492**

*Thank you to all who support Saint Rose School.*

**MARRIED COUPLES**

Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Sign-up soon so you can renew your love for one another. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are January 16-18, February 13-15 and March 6-8. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).

**YOUR WILL**

***Please remember SS. Rose & Clement Parish  
in your Will and Estate.***