

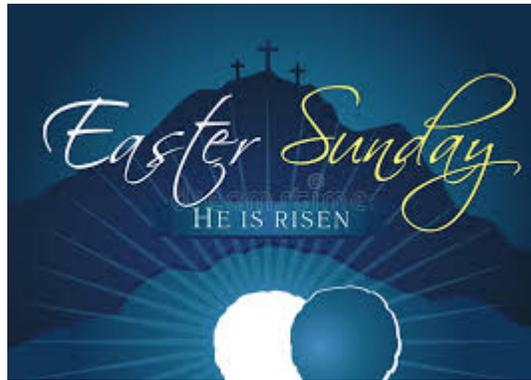
St. Rose of Lima Church

April 1st, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

Pastor:

Father David Martin



Masses:

Thursday: 12:10 PM Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM

Confession:

Saturday at 3:00 PM

Baptisms:

Please call the Office 653-6850 for arrangements.

“Excuse me...? Philadelphia...? Bishop...?”

Last week, I received a phone call from Bishop Harris. He was inviting me to go to Philadelphia with some other priests and two laywomen employees of the diocese. No, not for a vacation...rather it is a workshop, sponsored by The Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), who have been working with us for the past few years. They have invited us, along with some of the priests from across the United States who are involved in “Revitalizing” and “Evangelizing” their parishes and diocese. For four days, the CLI will share with us some of the tools needed to help other priests and those in leadership positions in our diocese who will undertake the forthcoming amalgamations, and how to bring about revitalization and to evangelize. This will involve lectures, class/group work, listening to presentations and ‘one on one’ conversations with priests and lay-leaders who have already been through this.

One of the dioceses that will be attending will be the Diocese of Portland, Maine, who are going through the same process as us. The CLI thought that both dioceses could be of great support for each other. This is a “KEY” component... SUPPORT. The question that was asked during a conference call with CLI was, “What support will be offered as we continue this process?” In other words, what happens when we return to our diocese? We were told that this will include ‘conference calls,’ ‘webinars,’ and ‘check-ins’. Although we still do not know what the ‘plan is’ CLI has ensured us that we are not alone; that they will continue to help us in any way possible. After all their own credibility as experts in this area is on the line.

I will be leaving Monday morning April 2 and returning Friday, April 6 for this workshop. In my absence, I have asked Fr. Tom Fowler to cover me for all funerals and other pastoral needs if they arise. This is a VERY UNIQUE opportunity for us and I am grateful to be invited to be part of this exciting time in our diocese. Please keep me, those attending the conference and our diocese in your prayers as we move forward into new and great opportunities!

Fr. David

Parish Offices...

...will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday and will reopen April 3rd. If there is an emergency, please call the parish number and your call will be answered.

EASTER BLESSINGS

At Easter, we rejoice in the gift of new Life and mercy that our risen Lord gives us: "How blessed and amazing are God's gifts, dear friends! Life with immortality, splendour with righteousness, truth with confidence, faith with assurance, self-control with holiness!" (1Clement 35:2). May this Easter faith grow in each of us, so that we might live this new life fully and give witness to others of the hope that sustains us. May it strengthen us in our commitment to make our parishes strong and vibrant. I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful Easter!

- Father David

An extensive "THANK YOU" will be included in the bulletin Pentecost Sunday...the conclusion of the Easter Celebrations.

Charity beyond our borders....

On April 7, 2018 Rob & Linda Pitman will be going to Verrado, Cuba. They have been in contact with the Catholic priest at Santa Elvira. To help in their limited resources, the priest has asked them if they could bring the following items: reading glasses (2.5 to 3.5), pencils/pens and scribblers. These items will be taken to the outskirts of the community to help the poorest of the poor. If you can help, please drop your items off to the parish office Monday – Friday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Scripture Study Update – First meeting will be held the Tuesday after Easter, April 3, at 6:30 PM in the Church.

2) Look at a Book: *Jesus. A Pilgrimage*, by Jesuit author James Martin.

Three Mondays: April 9, 16 and 23, 2018. Early evening, 6:00 to 7:15 pm at Audite Centre, 119 Leinster St. Facilitator: Father Don Savoie. Preregistration; 642 3152 Book available at Indigo

3) Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast, Assumption Center, Chapel Street, on Sunday, April 8, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.

4) Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be held April 9th, 2018.

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Mary Power

In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Jeannine Joyce, Karen Lanteigne, Louis Leonard, Michael Bradford, Josefino Manosca, Barbara Finlay, Walter McGrath, Hugh Dever

Mass Intentions

Note: No Mass on Thursday this week.

Saturday, April 7	4:00 PM St. Rose	William and Gertrude Crilley Sr.
Saturday, April 7	5:30 PM St. Augustine's	Kevin McCormick
Sunday, April 8	9:00 AM St. Rose	Edmond Gaudet
Sunday, April 8	11:00 AM St. Matthew's	Stacey Lynn (Gravell) Ferreira

Stewardship for the weeks ending March 25, 2018

Envelopes	2762.00
Loose	364.40
Pre-Authorized Debit	416.60
Easter Flowers	190.00
Total	3733.00

Saint Rose Outreach: Thank you to **ESSO** (Main St.), **Irving** (Main St), **Subway** (Fairville Boulevard), and **Irving** (Fairville Boulevard) for the donations of cups and covers for our soup for AIDS Saint John. Also thank you to **Olsen's Groceries** for the donation of a ham. **Our next day** to make soup will be **Monday April 9th** 1 pm in Rose's Kitchen. Please keep us in mind if you have leftovers from your Easter dinners. We have lots of freezer space. Keep the donations coming in.

Prayer of Taize at St. Rose; Thursday April 19 7pm.

It was in the time of war that people, especially young adults, began to gather with the Monks of Taize for quiet and prayer in the presence of others before the icon of Christ. Short Songs, repeated over and over in candlelight, brings travellers to the Taize of this little village even now. St. Rose welcomes the solitude, song and presence of all into this 40 minutes of Light and Peace. In the weeks of Eastertime, hearts can be ready to welcome and remember our world and its need of peace and joy.