



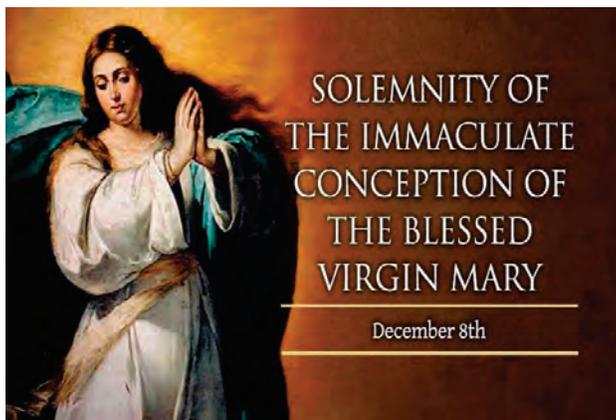
BULLETIN

December 5, 2021

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Wednesday, December 8. What we celebrate is Mary's total freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception. Mary is always seen as the model disciple, the model of our faith, and so this day should be a day when we pray that our faith and trust may be the same as Mary's. May this Solemnity to be for us a day to reflect on the place of Mary in our prayer life and as a model of faith for us. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. Therefore, this is an opportunity to bring the intentions of our nation to Jesus through Mary. Join us in celebration of the Eucharist at 9 am, 12.15 pm or 7 pm.



PEACE

Our Advent Confessions will take place on Monday, December 20th from 6:00pm – 7:30pm in the school building. I have invited three additional priests to assist us with this sacrament. Due to COVID-19, we take strict precaution measures to protect priests and our community. Priests will be stationed in our school classrooms to ensure proper social distancing. When entering a classroom and approaching a priest, we ask you to properly wear your mask covering your mouth and nose.

The Drawing for the Car Raffle will take place on Saturday, December 11th at 6.30pm in church. Come and join us or watch us online. I'm so pleased to tell you that the Mercedes has been paid off and we have made a profit so far of almost \$50,000.00. I appreciate the many people who have brought back their tickets. The car raffle is our main fundraiser that helps to support our parish mission: celebrate sacraments, especially daily Eucharist; teach the Catholic faith to our young generation (CCD, ECC, Youth Program, and Confirmation Program); support education in Catholic elementary schools; support our adult faith programs; to maintain our aging buildings; to pay our utility bills and staff salaries. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on this important fundraiser. Thanks to all of you who have been sitting and selling at the booth and at many various locations throughout the town. You may still purchase tickets at the car raffle booth or online by visiting our parish website. Good luck!



*Yours in Christ
Fr. Matthew*

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, Dec 5th

- 7:30 For The People of The Parish
† Carmela Rosati by Adele Garafolo
† Ida LaConte by Rick & Sabrina Smolen
9:15 † Richard Blind by The Forgione Family
† Joseph Dattoli by Michael Pateiro
10:30 † Julia Da Silva and Avelino Goncalves by Maria
Gonçalves
† Michael Valvano by Joel Valvano
12:15 † Deceased Members of the Caruso & Natale
Families by Nancy Caruso
† Carmella Robertello by Angela Amoresano
7:00 † Ignazio DiNatale (2nd Ann.) by Wife
† Ann D'Aries by Angela

Monday, Dec 6th

- 9:00 † Salvatore & Evelyn Plakey (18th Ann.) by Brenda
McNeil
† Lena Citarelli by Lois Bonito

Tuesday, Dec 7th

- 9:00 † Leo Barsanti by Angela
† Bernice Mitschele by Susan Tietjen

Wednesday, Dec 8th

- 9:00 † Nicholas Garafolo by Adele Garafolo
† Marianna E. Perrotta by Linda and Sal Carlino
12:15 † Ruth Walters by Robertazzi Family
† Jule Albanese by Family
7:00 † Filomena Bruno & Natalie Marrano by Jeanne
† Josephine Cristallo by Jeanne

Thursday, Dec 9th

- 9:00 † Benjamin Karpinski by Annmarie Karpinski
† Janet Euler by Eriksson Family

Friday, Dec 10th

- 9:00 † Peter Rudy by Stephen Rudy
† Mary Matarazzo by Annette Stewart

Saturday, Dec 11th

- 9:00 † Joseph Zoppi Sr. by Dan & Dolores DiBernardo
† Edith Bravaco by Joseph Bravaco
† Karla Borrelli by Mom
† Leo Barsanti by Dee & Dan DiBernardo
† Frank Sweetin by The Facchino Family
5:30 † Vito DiAntonio by Arleen Sannitti
† Maria Bregna by Deborah Bregna

Sunday, Dec 12th

- 7:30 For The People of The Parish
† Vecchiarello Family by Mary & Bob
† Christine Stein by Milli Kowalski
9:15 † Connie Schimenti by Carol and Joe Giorgio
† Mario J Comesanas by Grisel Comesanas
10:30 † Angelo Fiorenzo by Bill & Angela Savino
† Catherine Mindel by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rosania
12:15 † Judy Ferraro by Family
† Michael Ferraro by Family
7:00 † Teresa Brown by Tony and Maryanne
† Alba Cifelli by Gary & Silvia Platzer

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

For the week are offered for:

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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Nov 21st \$12,934.45 **Nov 28th** \$13,787.85

We are very grateful for your weekly contribution to St. Rose! Your generosity is vital to meet our expenses and continue our many ministries. Please note that you can give online by visiting our website, mail your envelopes to the rectory office, use our "drop-off" box by the office entrance, use one of the donation boxes in the church.

CAR RAFFLE SALES

Retail Value: \$51,370 **Total Sales:** \$105,505

Keep up the good work!

DECEMBER ROSARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Glorious Mysteries: That Catholics will keep "Christ" in Christmas this year.

Sorrowful Mysteries: For those who are returning to Church this season, that they will renew their relationship with God.

Joyful Mysteries: In gratitude to God our Almighty Father for his Son Jesus.

Luminous Mysteries: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis as he leads us in faith.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the Parents of our newly baptized:

Valentina Faustina Munoz

John Michael Cross

Jack Christopher Allen Turano

Vittoria Roberta Scorsone

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the newly-wed couple:

Andrew Giaquinto and Katherine McGuire

2021 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

With the year coming to an end, many people plan to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact. Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which helps so many of your brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of thousands of people are supported each year by the work of our Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at www.2021appeal.org. May God bless you for your generosity!

PARISH NEWS

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you all for your generous donations. We currently have enough food to help many people who come to our pantry. If you are interested in donating at this time, the pantry is in need of coffee, water, canned chicken, canned salmon, paper towels, laundry detergent, cleaning goods (Dawn, Mr. Clean, Windex, etc.), personal deodorant, soap, toothbrushes and snacks for the children. The food pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10-11 am.

PARISH CENSUS

Saint Rose of Lima is implementing a Parish Census. Please help our Parish to update your records by visiting saintroseoflimachurch.org/census. The Parish Census needs to be completed by everyone who already is a parishioner, who would like to become a parishioner, or who participates in our parish life online.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Families with children entering grades Kindergarten to Sixth in September, who would like to register for our parish Religious Education Program, please contact us by telephone or email. Our telephone number is 973-887-0357 and follow the prompts for Religious Education or by email contact Gina (reled@saintroseoflimachurch.org) or Bernadette (bcaponegro@saintroseoflimachurch.org)

If you have a child entering Kindergarten or First grade in September 2022, please consider being a catechist next program year. We invite you to 'sit in' on some classes this year, to become familiar with our flow

and processes. It is a wonderful way to share the Sacrament Preparation experience with your child.

If you are interested in joining our parish religious education program, we continue to look for catechists. Please contact us if you are interested in sharing your faith with the children of our parish.

GIVING TREE

St. Rose is gearing up for our Gift Card Giving Tree Project. Gift tags will be available on the Giving Tree by the altar. Gifts will be collected at all Sunday Masses in December. Please put your gift card in an envelope marked for the Giving Tree and place it in the collection basket or bring to Drop-Off Box by the main entrance to the parish office. The gift cards will be donated to those in need locally. If you or your family are facing a hardship and would like to receive gift cards from the Giving Tree, please contact the Parish office at 973-887-5572. All information will be kept in strict confidence.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

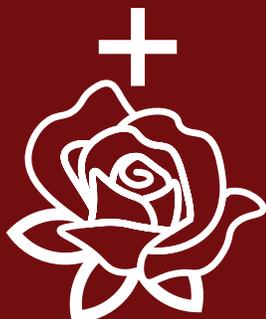
Envelopes for donations towards our Christmas flowers are in the pews. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one. All envelopes must be in no later than December 20th. Envelopes will be placed on the altar.



THE SAINTS SPEAK

Do not desert a friend in time of need, nor forsake him nor fail him, for friendship is the support of life. If friends in prosperity help friends, why do they not also in times of adversity offer their support? Let us aid by giving counsel, let us offer our best endeavors, let us sympathize with them with all our heart. There is your brother, naked, crying, and you stand there confused over the choice of an attractive floor covering. It is a better thing to save souls for the Lord than to save treasures. He who sent forth his apostles without gold had not need of gold to form his Church. The Church possesses gold, not to hoard, but to scatter abroad and come to the aid of the unfortunate. If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt.

St. Ambrose



ARE YOU NEW TO ST. ROSE OF LIMA? WELCOME!

Whether you are looking to register as a parishioner or just want to learn more about our parish community, call 973-887-5572 Ext 128 Monday through Friday 8:00am–3:00pm or visit our website: saintroseoflimachurch.org. Thank you for visiting us!

THE BEST HOLIDAY TRADITION YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF: VENEZUELANS ROLLER SKATING TO CHRISTMAS MASS AT SUNRISE

One of the best parts of Christmas, in my opinion, is hearing about how other people celebrate it. It is going to your in-laws' house and learning that in place of turkey or ham, they eat Polish sausage, or that they open all but one of their presents on Christmas Eve, or that each person has to do a duet with Grandma.

In China people give apples wrapped in colored paper as gifts on Christmas Eve, because the Mandarin word for "peace" sounds like the word for apple. In Greenland they fill their windows with red-orange stars and dance around Christmas trees.

And in Venezuela, they have all-night roller skating, which ends with everyone skating to Mass at dawn.

Yes, you read that right. I, too, had my doubts when I first heard of this tradition—so many that I wrote to a friend at the Jesuit Curia in Rome to see if there are any Jesuits from Venezuela working there who could confirm this is a real thing.

It took him a little while to answer, and when he did, it was with a question: "Are you kidding?"

"I know, it sounds unlikely to me too," I wrote back. "No," he responded. "Father General is from Venezuela, you nut. (And by the way, I just saw him and, yes, this is a real thing. Also, you're fired.)"

Las patinatas, "the skating," "is most definitely real," the Venezuelan-born Coromoto Power told me by phone from England, where she and her mother Beatrix now live. "It's like a mini-festival. There's just loads of people that turn up in a park, and there's music. Imagine Central Park, with its paths and so on, and you skate around and sing Christmas songs."

Is there a lot of drinking? I wonder, thinking of some memorable ice skating events in the Midwest. No, Beatrix clarifies. "It's a family affair. It's for kids. It would be coffee and hot chocolate, soft drinks, juice." It turns out there is no real need for hot toddies in December in Caracas, as it is the height of summer.

While the practice sounds quite secular, Beatrix explained to me that in fact, the all-night roller skating is very much tied to the Catholic faith. "It's normally the nine days before Christmas (although others do it just on the weekend or on Sunday—with people working and in school, it's a bit more difficult). You go skating all night, and then to what is called Misa de gallo—the cockerel's Mass, because it's at 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning."

The songs being sung in the parks are not ballads from the Venezuelan Top 40 but aguinaldos, religious songs written specifically for Christmas. Coromoto—who was named for a Venezuelan indigenous chief to whom the Virgin Mary appeared—recalls one song that imagines a world in which the Virgin Mary was from the Andes and St. Joseph from another region; "then Jesus would be from Venezuela," she laughs. "It's borderline blasphemy," she kids.

"No no no, it's not; it's very beautiful," her mother interjects, as Coromoto describes additional verses of the song, in which the baby Jesus is reimagined as a Venezuelan infant, with traditional shoes and a special kind of hat.

Each region, Coromoto explains, has its own aguinaldos. "There's a big regional conflict between Caracas and Maracaibo. They're the two big cities; there's a big baseball rivalry," she says. "So people in Caracas wouldn't necessarily embrace their song."

Growing up in Venezuela, Sonia Castillo and her siblings experienced a similar sort of celebration in Caracas, but on a more intimate scale. "It was more of a family affair with us and some of our cousins," she tells me through her son Alonso Martínez, who translates from Spanish. "We used to go out pre-dawn and skate on the wider streets and stop for fried sweet arepas," a tasty cornmeal cake filled with things like black beans and avocado, or cheese and steak.

Ms. Castillo also remembered larger gatherings for more experienced skaters in the Parque Los Caobos in downtown Caracas. “It was common to see ‘snakes’—15 or more skaters holding on to each other [and moving] at high speeds. Sometimes they spin uncontrolled.” Ms. Castillo once tried to join in and ended up with a badly bruised knee.

Beatrix Power notes that escalating violence in recent years in Venezuela has made the bigger community celebrations less common. “In the last 12 to 15 years,” her daughter explains, “things have been escalating. It’s such a gun culture. Safety is a very real concern at this point.” So now skaters are more likely to stay between a few local roads or within a particular suburb.

Coromoto points out that the annual tradition is particularly special because roller skating is not a year-round national fascination of Venezuela. “It’s not like people roller skate all the time,” she says. “It’s just a Christmas thing.”

But why? No one seems to know for sure. Beatrix said while the nine days of cockerel Masses and the aguinaldos have been around forever, the roller skating through the night and then to Mass did not begin until the 1950s.

Alexander J. Salas, S.J., a Venezuelan Jesuit currently studying in Toronto, thought the tradition might have ties to the United States. “The skates came to Venezuela when our relationship with the United States was very good,” he said. “Many things from the U.S. and Europe came. And families started to create something new from that—that’s my guess.”

It is not a bad one. In the United States, the era from 1937 to 1959 is known as the Golden Age of Roller Skating; there were an estimated 5,000 rinks in operation around the country, and 18 million Americans skating. It was the number-one participatory sport throughout the United States. And, indeed, after Marcos Pérez Jiménez overthrew the Communist government of President Rómulo Gallegos in 1952, the relationship between Venezuela and the United States expanded.

Mr. Salas noted that the practice of roller skating during the last nine days of Advent is part of a much broader set of Advent customs and Marian practices. “Our Marian devotion is so strong in my state,” he explains. “She is central for us. She brings Jesus Christ.” As such, the months leading up to Christmas are filled with devotions to Mary built around that sense of waiting for Jesus.

In the weeks before Christmas, Venezuelans also embody that sense of preparation for the Lord in various ways. For instance, people will paint their houses, perhaps even buy some new furniture, Mr. Salas told me. “We need to keep our houses beautiful because Jesus Christ will come to our houses,” he said. Then, close to Christmas, children will go through the neighborhood singing and playing instruments indigenous to Venezuela, two of them playing the roles of Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay. “The other children sing and play instruments while Mary and Joseph go around. The families open their doors and offer hot chocolate and coffee,” Mr. Salas says. “Then we pray for five minutes for the families, for hope and peace at each house.”

Much like St. Ignatius would encourage people to imagine themselves in different scenes of Scripture, Venezuelan Catholics create an ongoing, living tableaux of the Holy Family. “We accompany the Virgin Mary and Joseph to find a house for the baby,” Mr. Salas explains. “We create a very happy moment before Jesus comes.”

Mr. Salas notes that this tradition is especially strong in poorer communities. “In the poor areas everybody knows each other—every child knows every child, every grandmother knows every grandmother. They can create something bigger.”

Maybe that is another part of the blessing of sharing our different experiences of Christmas. Whether we ever get to dance around a Christmas tree in one of the darkest places on the planet or are offered an apple that signifies peace, our stories draw us together into a closer community of love and friendship. We help one another become a more fitting place for Christ to be born.

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