

Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday:

8:00 am, (Livestreamed Multi-Intention Mass),
10:00am (Family Mass), 12:00pm (Choir Mass),
5:15 pm (Contemporary Music Mass)

Weekday Mornings:

7:30am and 9:00am (Livestreamed)

Weeknight Mass:

Monday, 7:30 pm

Saturday Mornings:

8:00am (Livestreamed)

Weekly Holy Hours

Thursday, 8:00 am

Confessions (Reconciliation):

Weekdays following 9:00am mass and
Saturdays between 4:00-5:00pm

Pastoral Team

PASTOR:

Rev. Gerard Gentleman

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Rev. Anthony Saliba

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Dcn. Sean Cotter
Dcn. Thomas Elliott
Dcn. Michael Gambardella
Dcn. Francis B. McGuinness

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B U L L E T I N

St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, December 25, 2022

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516-798-4992

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**Welcome to our Faithful Parishioners and
All Those who may be 'Just Visiting'**

Jesus washed the feet of his apostles at the Last Supper as a sign of loving service, instructing them "as I have done this to you so must you do for one another." We as a family of faith strive to live this commandment of love in doing all that we can to welcome you as we invite you to be an active member of this community.

Welcome new parishioners! If you are new to our parish, I invite you to introduce yourself to me or any of the other priests after Sunday Mass. Even though we are a large parish, we make every effort to come to know you and your family personally so that we may be better able to serve you. If you would like to register, please see the Welcome section on the homepage of our website (www.srolchurch.org) for details.

- Fr. Gerard

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YouTube, St.RoseR.C.Church
www.stroseschool.net

PHONE NUMBERS

Rectory.....798-4992
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-8:00 pm;
Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm; closed for lunch, 1-2 weekdays;
Saturday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Rectory Fax.....795-7836
Parish Outreach Office.....798-4954
School Office.....541-1546
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Office of Faith Formation.....541-1712
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
(located next to Outreach, in Convent)
Youth Ministry.....798-4992
CYO.....709-0260

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Congratulations on the birth of your child! Baptisms are celebrated Sundays at 2:00 pm in the Church; other times may be available. Requirements: an initial interview with a priest or deacon; a Baptism preparation course; a copy of your child's birth certificate and Sponsor Certificate(s). Please go to the Baptism section of our website (www.srolchurch.org) under Sacraments for full details and a Fillable Form required to get started. The date for your child's baptism can be set once these requirements are met.

RECONCILIATION: Come and experience God's mercy. Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm; Monday-Friday after the 9:00 am Mass or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations on your engagement! To begin your journey, please go to the Marriage section of our website (www.srolchurch.org) under Sacraments for full details and a fillable Registration Form used to schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon. No date for a wedding will be set by phone. Couples must make arrangements in person at least six months in advance, and only after all consultations are complete. It is recommended that you set your date with the church before you contract with a caterer.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., 12/26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr

7:30 Christmas Mass Novena
9:00 Edward Forte
7:30 Charles French

Tue., 12/27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:30 Ann M. Murray
9:00 Christmas Mass Novena

Wed., 12/28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:30 Christmas Mass Novena
9:00 Frank Maiorino

**Thu., 12/29 Fifth Day within the Octave of
the Nativity of the Lord**

7:30 Christmas Mass Novena
9:00 For the Intentions of the Deacons of St. Rose

**Fri., 12/30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph**

7:30 Christmas Mass Novena
9:00 Josephine & Marco Lacagnina

**Sat., 12/31 Seventh Day within the Octave of
the Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 Christmas Mass Novena,
Ronnie Jablonski, Johnny McMahon,
Alfred DeLutio, Justin Fusco, For the
Intention of Helen Evans

**Sat., 12/31 Vigil: The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the
Nativity of the Lord**

5:15 Antoinette Tosches

**Sun., 1/1 The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God, the Octave Day of the Nativity of
the Lord**

8:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas
Mass Novena, Sadie Ward Alexander,
Alice & Joe DeBonis, Lida Garbin
10:00 Diane DeGaetano
12:00 Mass for the People
5:15 Joseph Michael Infranca





...from Fr. Gerard

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS - It is with joy and hope in the newborn king that I share with you the good news of Christmas day. How good it is for us to be together as a parish family, along with relatives and friends who join us today. I am happy as well to welcome home college students and those who serve in the military. The family is truly present in the manger, in our church and in our homes.

In our gatherings, we are also aware of those who are not with us. The deceased, the infirmed and all those we are separated from due to physical and emotional distances; they, too, are very much in our minds and hearts today. Despite a desire to have a “perfect” Christmas, the limitations of humanity sometime keep this from being so. With hope, we rejoice that it is into such imperfection that Christ was born. St. John’s gospel proclamation that, “*the Word became flesh*” reminds us that it was into the earthly human experience that the Father willingly sends the Son.

Several years ago, while in Bethlehem on a Holy Land pilgrimage, I was blessed with an insight that remains with me. We want Christmas, and all the world for that matter, to be free of chaos and discord. Unfortunately, this is not the reality that many experience. On pilgrimage, our group looked forward to visiting the location of Christ’s birth. We expected Bethlehem to be a place of humility, holiness, and welcome. What we experienced, however, were cars, crowds, noise, and anxiety. It was unnerving. We did, nevertheless, make it to the grotto marking the birthplace of Jesus. Before departing that sacred space, we sang Silent Night together. In doing so, we realized that the madness which had besieged us had dissipated. The Bethlehem we hoped for did, in fact, exist in our desire to encounter Jesus, who is incarnate in the turmoil of humanity.

My prayer is that this may be true in each of your lives. That the Bethlehem as you know it, and the Christmas that you desire, be so through your genuine faith. If we act as humble servants to the people of our lives, if we welcome all as Christ and if we seek holiness through word, deed, and sacrament, we will know the Word made flesh and the Christmas that he desires for us.

CHRISTMAS DAY ON THE LORD’S DAY - With the celebration of this Christmas on Sunday, I am mindful that every Sunday provides us with a Bethlehem experience. Like the shepherds of the field on that blessed night, we come together in our parish church to “see” what the Lord has made known to us. Our celebration of the Eucharist is always the summit of our week in which we come to taste and see the living and real presence of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is also the source of his abiding presence in our lives. We come to church this day and every Sunday so that we can not only encounter our Lord here in church, but bring that presence into the world. What we celebrate today is that our God is always with us, even in disordered and unsettled times.

We are grateful to celebrate our faith with so many on this special Sunday, and we hope that many will continue to seek him in the days ahead.

THANK YOU - St. Luke tells us that in reaction to the arrival of the shepherds, “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” It is with sentiment that I reflect on the generosity of heart that I have witnessed over the weeks of Advent. Thank you to all who participated in the Outreach Blessing bags as well as the Advent Angels and CYO Christmas Gift Giving programs. The recipients of our own community and beyond are very grateful. In a special way, I thank the Family Mass Committee, CYO Coordinator Lucy Weyer, Outreach Co-Coordinators Ann Hedgis, Sister Carol Radosti and all the volunteers whose dedicated efforts made the distribution of your generosity possible.

I also thank all who have helped us to worship well this Christmas. We are blessed with dedicated staff and volunteers who have prepared the church for the Christmas liturgies. Thank you to John Buckel and all of the Music Ministry participants who have provided us with beautiful Christmas music and throughout the Advent Season. We thank the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Altar Servers for all of their extra effort, and lastly, I express my gratitude to my brother priests and deacons whose faith and leadership cultivate the mission of the church so well.

Peace!



DIocese of Rockville Centre
Office of the Bishop

Christmas 2022

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In union with our Holy Father Pope Francis, and in a non-judgmental spirit of mercy, humility and charity, I invite everyone who will be present at our Christmas Masses, or watching our Christmas Masses via the Catholic Faith Network or CBS, or not present at all: If your life has been far from the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist, I invite you with Pope Francis to return.

I invite you to experience the power and liberation of Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and to cross the bridge into the full practice of your Catholic Faith through a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass and an ever-deepening love for the Holy Eucharist.

Perhaps you are not a Catholic and yet have some mysterious attraction to the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist.

You are not alone! Many saints – I think of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the pioneering American Catholic educator and convert – had the same experience and were drawn to enter the Church through their intuitive experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in our parish churches! Be open to the Eucharistic movement of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Our celebration of Christmas 2022 occurs this year as every Catholic diocese, every Catholic parish, every Catholic hospital, university, and institution in the United States is engaged in an evangelizing ***Eucharistic Revival***.

What do we mean by the phrase "Eucharistic Revival" and why is it so important for our celebration of Christmas?

What does a love for the Eucharist and an openness to being a 21st Century Eucharistic missionary have to do with our celebration of Christmas 2022?

Pope Francis points out the relationship between the Birth of Christ and the Holy Eucharist and the Mass. The very word Bethlehem means "house of Bread."

Pope Francis states: "Bethlehem is the turning point that alters the course of history. There God, in the *house of bread*, is born in a *manger*. It is as if he wanted to say: 'Here I am, as your food.' He does not take, but gives us to eat; he does not give us a mere thing, but his very self. In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it. To us, who from birth are used to taking and eating, Jesus begins to say: 'Take and eat. This is my body.' (Matthew 26:26) The tiny body of the Child of Bethlehem speaks to us of a new way to live our lives: not by devouring and hoarding, but by sharing and giving. God makes himself small so that he can be our food. By feeding on him, the bread of life,

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we can be *reborn in love*, and break the spiral of grasping and greed. From the 'house of bread,' Jesus brings us back home, so that we can become God's family, brothers and sisters to our neighbors. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity. The Lord knows that we need to be fed daily. That is why he offered himself to us every day of his life: from the manger in Bethlehem to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Today too, on the altar, he becomes bread broken for us; he knocks at our door, to enter and eat with us (cf. Revelation 3:20). At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale, but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life."¹

Eucharistic Revival, in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, is a rediscovery of "Eucharistic Amazement" and Eucharistic Devotion.

Eucharistic Revival means that we understand deeply that every Mass has a cosmic significance, and every Mass is celebrated on the Altar of the world – the Altar of Ukraine and every war torn and injustice-ridden area of our world.

Eucharistic Revival is an effective catechesis of the theology and spirituality of the Catholic Mass that moves the hearts, minds, souls and imaginations of the People of God.

Eucharistic Revival in our Catholic schools means the cultivation of a radical fidelity to the Sunday Catholic Mass on the part of our teachers, our staff and our families.

Eucharistic Revival is a rekindling of Pope Benedict XVI's insight that every period of Church reform and effective Catholic evangelization and mission throughout history can be traced to a rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.²

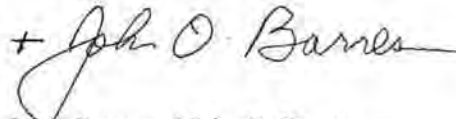
As we celebrate the birth of Christ and his rebirth in our hearts and families at Christmas, we pray for a renewal of our faith in Christ's Eucharistic presence.

We pray that each of us could be Divine Mercy instruments of bringing many, many people back to a full fidelity to the Eucharist and the Catholic Mass.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are being called to be intentional, compassionate, understanding and listening Eucharistic missionaries.

Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the love of the Christ child and the love of the Holy Family light your remaining steps on earth and light your path to Heaven and Eternal Life.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Pope Francis Homily for Midnight Mass, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018.

² See Pope Benedict XVI's 2017 Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* 6: "Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's eucharistic presence among his people."



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated in loving memory of Robert King on his 10th Anniversary in Heaven - Always in our hearts - with love from his Family.

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The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekday masses was donated in loving memory of Frank Maiorino on his Birthday in Heaven, with love from Linda, Barbara, Cathy and Families.

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The Sanctuary Lamp and the Altar Candles are lit this week in loving memory of Frank Maiorino on his Birthday in Heaven, with love from Laurie, Linda H., Maria, Michele, Paulette, Sharon and Families.



Welcome to the Newly-Baptized



*James Franklin Barle
Cayden Lynn Bly
Joseph Dominic DiLeo
Leo Joseph Feliciano
Willa Hollis McKeon
Bianca Elena Piriz
Myles Wayne Pope
Massimo Jude Randazzo*



Wedding Banns

2nd Time

***Troy Mashkow, Church of St. Mary, East Islip &
Liana Rodriguez, St. Rose of Lima***

Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased

*Josephine Strassel
Margaret Fradella*



In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

*Colin
Kathy
Laura
Deacon Frank McGuinness
Mickey O'Brien
Martin and Jo Ann O'Connor
Dina Rajotte
Fred Saporito
Ed Smith*

Here's What's Happening at St. Rose

A Place for Hope (Families Who Experienced the Suicide of a Loved One) - Wednesday, December 28 at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

AA - Weekly meetings on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

Al-Anon - Weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

Anointing Mass - Saturday, January 7 at 8:00 am

Bereavement - If you have recently lost a loved one, a Bereavement Support Group may help you. A group is forming at St. Rose of Lima that will begin in February. Registration is required. Please call Outreach.

Charismatic Prayer Group - This group meets on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Chapel to remind us of God's love and presence in our everyday lives.

Rectory Hours - The rectory will be closed on Sunday, Christmas Day and Monday, December 26. It will also be closed on Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2. The rectory will be closing at 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 29.

Respect Life Committee - Tuesday, January 3 at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Board Room

Sunshine Group for Widows and Widowers - Thursday, January 12 at 12:30 in the Rectory Meeting Room

SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS

The next dates for Sunday conversations will be held on January 8 and January 22 following the 12:00 Mass at the back of the church.



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With no extra cost to you, have a percentage of your purchases go to ST. ROSE OF LIMA! Simply register at smile.amazon.com and choose St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church in Massapequa as your charity.

Each time you shop throughout the year, sign into your amazon account using smile.amazon.com.

Questions? Please call St. Rose Rectory.



	<u>12/18/22</u>
\$17,214.00	Weekly Offering
<u>4,938.00</u>	Online Giving
\$22,152.00	

	<u>12/19/21</u>
\$20,320.00	Weekly Offering
<u>6,330.00</u>	Online Giving
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'TIS THE SEASON TO REJOICE!

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

*A*s the familiar 18th century English Christmas carol reminds us, the Christmas Season, also known as Christmastide, extends far longer than just the day of Christmas. In the Church year, Christmas day is the first of the 12 days of Christmas. The last night, twelfth night, is January 5, the eve of the feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6. Today, the final Sunday of the Christmas Season celebrates the Baptism of Jesus. Clearly, Christmas is meant to be not just a celebration of the baby Jesus or Jesus' birthday but a summary of our lives in relation to God's intimate, incarnate presence with us today.

*I*n the early Eastern Church, the Epiphany was the primary celebration of both Jesus' birth and his manifestation to the world. It was associated with the winter solstice when the sun's light began to be renewed for another year. In the Roman West in the 3rd century, the celebration of Jesus' birth was shifted to December 25 to compete with the pagan festival of the "unconquered sun" (*natalis solis invicti*) and the time until Epiphany became the Christmas Season.

*F*rom the 4th century on, Christmas, with its focus on Christ's incarnation as a truly human person like ourselves, grew in popularity until today it often surpasses Easter in the popular imagination. During this blessed season, then, we are constantly reminded of God's love and desire to be with us and for us to share in the divine life.



TRADITIONS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas Crib

St. Francis of Assisi first popularized the custom of making a Christmas crib or crèche to represent the nativity in 1223 when he said Christmas Mass in a cave with a hay-filled manger and a live ox and ass.

The Christmas Tree

Though Christmas trees play no part in scripture and have only in the last few centuries found their way into the Christian celebration of Christmas, they are sacred signs of God's life-giving presence among us and their lights remind us of Christ, "the Light of the world" (Jn 8:12).

Christmas Carols

Popular songs called carols (Greek *choros*, a sung dance) celebrate the events of the Season. The oldest known carol is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" from the 12th century. Another popular English carol, "The 12 Days of Christmas" (1780), enumerates a series of daily gifts that total 364—a gift for every day until next Christmas!

ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS DAY

In our society, much of the celebration of Christmas comes before December 25. For Christians, the days after Christmas provide a period of calm in which the spiritual meaning of the manifestation of Jesus, God-With-Us can be explored. The following activities help us appreciate the meaning of the Incarnation as the new year arrives.

- Take some time to look back upon the previous year and identify your personal "joyful mysteries," moments when God was especially present to you. Express your gratitude to God for these moments and your hope that you will experience more fully the presence of God in the new year.
- The slower pace of activity after December 25 makes this a good time for visiting with family and friends during these days. Reflect on how God is revealed to you especially in your relationships.
- Spend some time in silent prayer before the crib, the Christmas tree or in church. Invite God to touch your heart at the wonder of the Incarnation.

THE COMPANIONS OF CHRIST

Over the centuries as the Christmas Season was celebrated, the Church gradually drew together a series of feasts following Christmas Day that by the Middle Ages were often referred to as the "Companions of Christ" (*Comites Christi*), a kind of royal entourage to accompany the newborn king. In their various ways, they represent different forms of witness to Christ or some aspect of our Christian faith.

December 26: St. Stephen, the first martyr, who was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed that salvation came through Christ and was stoned by an angry Jewish (Acts 6:8-8:1).

December 27: St. John, apostle & evangelist, who followed Christ during his earthly ministry and then wrote his Gospel to reveal the meaning of Christ's words and actions (Mt 4:18-21, Jn 21:24-25).

December 28: The Holy Innocents were the children who were murdered by King Herod the Great in his attempt to eliminate Jesus as a threat to his royal power (Mt 2:16-18).

December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the English Church, who was murdered by King Henry II's knights for opposing the king's attempts to control the Church.

December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who show how our own families might reflect a right relationship to God and one another.

December 31: Pope St. Sylvester, who oversaw the transition of the church from an illegal to a legal religion under Roman emperor Constantine and invited the world's bishops to the first Ecumenical Council at Nicea (325).

January 1: (the Octave Day of Christmas): Mary the Mother of God, whose "yes" to God models our willingness to bring Jesus to birth in ourselves and our world (Lk 1:26-38).

January 8: the Epiphany, when God in the incarnate child Jesus is revealed to the all the world in the persons of the Gentile Magi (Mt. 2:1-12).

January 9: The Baptism of the Lord. This feast now ends the Christmas Season by celebrating Jesus' commitment to God's saving activity and God's commissioning him with the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish it.



Lessons and Carols





"Adoration of the Christ Child" -
an oil on canvas painting
by the Italian Renaissance artist
Antonio Allegri da Correggio
(August 1489 – 5 March 1534;
usually known as just Correggio)
dating from around 1526
and housed in the
Uffizi Gallery of Florence, Italy.



Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults
a journey of faith

Formerly known as RCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults who are not baptized, baptized in another denomination, or those who are not fully initiated become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Meetings are Sunday mornings beginning in the fall and culminating at either the Easter Vigil or the Feast of Pentecost. All those who would like to begin the journey of full initiation into the Catholic Church are invited to call the rectory at 516-798-4992 or email Deacon Tommy Elliott at tommy9.6deacon@gmail.com.

Joseph A.A, Air Force
Christopher Afetian, Marine Corps
Ryan Thomas Albergo, Marine Corps
Vincent Gregory Austin, Marine Corps
Christopher Backe, Army
Ryan Baranek, Marine Corps
Jessica Bennett, Navy
Paul Brachfeld, Navy
John Bragoli, Marine Corps
Daniel Bramson, Army
Timothy Breen Combes, Army
Dante Bright, Army
Stephen Brill, Marine Corps
Ryan Burkhardt, Marine Corps
Brian Coleman, Marine Corps
Joe Cooney, Marine Corps
Sean Cousin, Air Force
Brian J. Cuttler, Marine Corps
Patrick Devine, Army
Richard A. Devoti, Marine Corps
Nicole DiGregorio, Army
Michael Duffy, Army
John Dulko, Navy
Christopher Ernst, Army
Matthew Fallon, Marine Corps
Michael Farley, Navy
Jonathan Fish, Navy
Michael Flynn-Monaghan, Marine Corps
Weston Gall, Air Force
Jake and Max Gauthier, Marine Corps
Gabriel Gonzalez, Air Force
Ryan Hayde, Air Force
Shawn Hoose, Army
Colin Hughes, Navy
Lauren Kerl, Army
Jordan Knoppert, Navy
Jeffrey Kornbluth, Army
Matthew Kramer, Army
Thomas Kramer, Army
Matthew Mahlmeister, Army
Mike McKabe, Army
David Meehan, Marine Corps
Matthew Mosam, Army
Cassidy E. O'Brien, Navy
Kelsey M. O'Brien, Navy
Kevin Occhino, Army
Grady O'Halleran, Marine Corps
Timothy Pastor, Marine Corps
Matthew Paul, Marine Corps
Olivia Pavone, Marine Corps
Christopher Peluso, Air Force
Daniel Ponzio, Marine Corps
Joseph Ramos, Army
Alicen Re, Coast Guard
Thomas Re, Navy
Jesse Reyes, Air Force
Christopher Rossi, Marine Corps
George Russo, Marine Corps
Sammy Serra, Army
Robert Shimborski, Jr., Army
Zachary Small, Army
Peter Stegemeyer, Army
Kelly T. Szal, Army
Robert Van Horn, Air Force
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Paul Vermillion, Marine Corps
Roger P. Williams, Army
Thomas E. Winthrop, Navy
William Youssef, Marine Corps
Peter Zaccaria, Navy



Support
Our
Military

Thanks to all our Friends of Music who offered donations
in support of the music ministry and brass this Christmas Season!

In loving memory of the Gardini and Bonomo Families. Always in our prayers.

In loving memory of Frederick and Regina Nuzzi and John A. DeLucia.

In honor of John, Matt, Amanda and all the choirs. Thank You!

In loving memory of Jeanette DiMonda Hanson.

In loving memory of our darling Aunt Linnie B. Brown,
with much love, Mary-Beth and Nick Petraco.

In loving memory of Dominik Pinzone.
We love you and miss you always - Mom, Dad and Anthony.

In honor of our granddaughters, we love you very much – Grandma and Grandpa.

In loving memory of my good friend, Joan Palcari. R.I.P, from Tom and Kathy Corcoran.

In loving memory of Robert and Elizabeth King.
First Christmas in heaven together. Always in our hearts.
Love, Kathy and Dennis Annunziata and Family.

In loving memory of our parents.

In loving memory of Yvonne Noon.
You left this world but not my heart.

In loving memory of Anthony Joseph Contorno. We love and miss you.
Love Mom, Dad and Mike.

In loving memory of Alex Berardi, with love from wife Erika and daughter Christine.

In loving memory of Olga Santamaria.

In honor of my grandchildren, Finley, Violet and William.

In loving memory of Domenick and Celeste DeSilvio
and Joseph and Adele Immerso.

In loving memory of Joseph Bonelli from Gary and Patricia Fernando.

In loving memory of Eileen, Frank and Francis Mainieri.
Always in our hearts. Eileen, Tom and Family.

In loving memory of Joseph and Ida Caiazzo.

In loving memory of Robert Golemme and Gladys Figueroa.

In loving memory of Patricia and Walter Hulsman.

In loving memory of Hugh McCarren from Joan, Patrick, Diane and grandchildren.

In loving memory of Joan, Jeff, and Ron Fugelsang,
with never-ending love, the Hanna Family.

In loving memory of Salvatrice and Michael J. Gambardella, Sr.

In memory of Catherine and Danny Donohue,
in honor of the new grand piano in the sanctuary.

In loving memory of Michel Keir, from Bob and Kathy Keir.

Venerable Fr. Anthony Vincent Gallo



Montforte Irpino: 11 Jan. 1899 - Rome: 2 May 1934

Let us pray to obtain his Beatification:

O Most Holy Trinity, Who deigned to raise Venerable Anthony Vincent Gallo to the priesthood, and endowed him with precious gifts, especially that of a burning love for suffering and immolation, we humbly beseech You, if it be Your will, that he may be glorified on earth, and that we may obtain through his intercession the particular grace which we ask for with living faith. Amen.

**For more information: visit: www.fathergallo.com
or contact [Fr. Anthony Saliba](#) in rectory.**

IRA Charitable Rollover Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you would like to make a gift to St. Rose using your IRA, you can if:

1. On the date you make the gift, you are at least:
 - 70 ½ years old if you reached 70 ½ prior to 2020; or
 - 72 years old, pursuant to the Secure Act which changed the RMD age from 70 ½ to 72,
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify), and
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.

You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of Federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

This is a unique opportunity to make a charitable contribution through a direct IRA transfer while reducing your adjusted gross income.

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases, you will only have to fill out a simple form.

VERY IMPORTANT: Your gift must go directly from your IRA to our Parish. If you receive the money first, you will be taxed on it like any other distribution.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2022 - UPDATE

Catholic Ministries Appeal is ending soon. Please consider donating and making a difference in someone's life. If we reach our goal, you will also be making a difference at St. Rose and in our community.

2022 St. Rose Goal: \$180,500

Pledges to Date: \$136,402 - **75.57% of Goal**

To make a donation:

Use the envelopes on church pews or ask in the rectory, or
visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA>, or
call 516-678-5800, ext. 296, or

send in the coupon below with your check to the rectory or in the offertory basket.

There's still time to make a gift. Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2022 and paid in full by January 31, 2023.

For more information about the Appeal, please see the video posted on our website or Facebook page.

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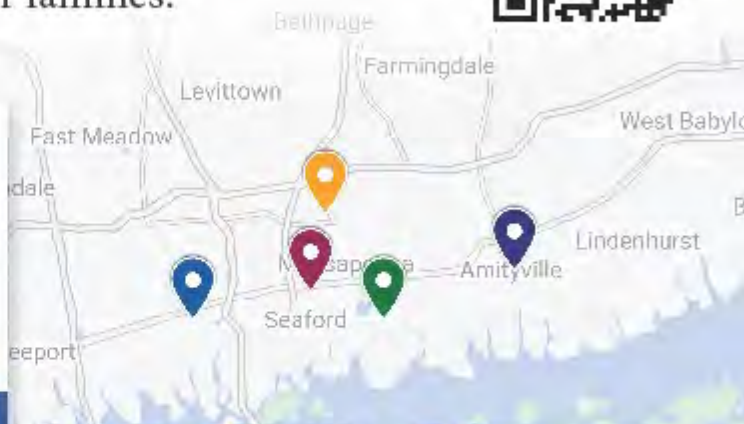
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St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach

PANTRY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday 10am-2 pm

Thursday 10 am-12 pm

Friday Closed

“Christmas is the feast of love incarnate and born for us in Jesus Christ. He is the light of mankind shining in the darkness, giving meaning to human existence and to the whole of history...”

Pope Francis

Thank you so very much for the outpouring of generosity with the Advent Angels gift cards & Blessing Bags this month. We were able to give families the joy and privilege to purchase gifts for their family members with your gift card donations.

With deep gratitude we share that our food pantry is well stocked! We need a few items-

Paper Towels Juice Boxes Taco kits

Christmas Blessings

Sister Carol & Ann

Outreach is here to assist those living in the parish or the Massapequa community who are experiencing difficulties. Please call Outreach at 516-798-4954. All calls are confidential.

Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 2pm

Phone: 541-1712

E-mail: religious@srolchurch.org

Website: www.srolchurch.org

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Christmas Wishes to our Parish Families. . .



We pray your spirit is light with hope, your heart is filled with joy, and your Advent season is blessed with the Glory of God. May His love bring you peace at Christmas and always.

God Bless you and Merry Christmas!

Grace, Kathy, Nancy, Karen, Grace and Emily

The Office of Faith Formation will be closed beginning December 23 and will reopen on January 3.

GRADE LEVEL MASSES

January 1

4th & 5th Grade at 10:00 AM

7th Grade at 5:15 PM

January 8

3rd Grade at 10:00 AM

6th Grade at 5:15 PM

January 15

2nd Grade at 10:00 AM

8th Grade at 5:15 PM

January 22

1st Grade at 10:00 AM

7th Grade Chosen Lesson

FIRST RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Session 1

January 3 at 7:00 PM

Session 2

January 7 at 11:00 AM

Session 3

January 10 at 7:00 PM

Session 4

January 17 at 7:00 PM

Session 5

January 21 at 11:00 AM

Session 6

January 24 at 7:00 PM

Session 7

January 28 at 11:00 AM

Session 8

January 31 at 7:00 PM

Reconciliations are held in the Church. Please remember to bring your yellow First Communion Information card.

...AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

College-Age Retreat - The Marianist Family Retreat Center is hosting a retreat on January 6-8, 2023, designed to bring young people together of college age (high school seniors are welcomed). So whether you are in college or working, come join them to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to meet new friends. Your time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! For information, call Anthony Fucci, Center Director, at 609-884-3829.

Memorare Council New Year's Eve - On Saturday, December 31, there will be a New Year's Eve Gala. Please call Memorare at 516-826-1542 for information.

Retrouvaille - This marriage-saving program on the weekend of January 27 is coming to the New York Metropolitan area. It is not a marriage retreat, nor counseling. It's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. For information, call 516-920-9337 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

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7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

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1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 —*St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue*

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