



2023 St. Rose of Lima Advent Angels Gift Collection



The Family Mass Team will again be coordinating our **Advent Angel Gift Collection** here at St. Rose. The idea behind Advent Angels is to give the families of our parish an **opportunity to help people** who are less fortunate than themselves by giving with our hearts, with love and generosity. The collection will benefit the Outreach efforts here in the Massapequa's at St. Rose of Lima and also support the Church of the Resurrection in Farmingville.

As we did last year, the focus for this year's collection is GIFT CARDS. The reason for this direction centers around compassion for the struggling families assisted at Outreach. Our hope is that Gift Cards allow these parents or grandparents to experience the dignity and joy of shopping for the perfect gift for their loved ones. We truly hope the St. Rose community can support this year's effort as generously as they have in the past. Tags for Gift Cards listing the requested store and amounts will be distributed.

Please return the Gift Cards labeled with their amount in an envelope or with a tag attached by **December 3** to allow families enough time to shop with the Gift Cards before Christmas (late Gift Cards will be accepted until December 10).

In our support of the Church of the Resurrection in Farmingville, we will also offer Special Family Wish Tags that indicate a requested gift from one of the family members we are sponsoring at the Church of the Resurrection.



We will distribute angel gift tags from our "Giving Gifts" displays in the Church between November 12 and December 3. These tags will be located by the Altar rail near the statue of Mary and by the Tree of Life near the parking lot entrance closest to Merrick Road. We will also have some tags available in the rectory office for your convenience.



While the majority of the collection will be for Gift Cards and Family Wishes, we will have a very small number "traditional" gift tags for those parishioners that wish to purchase a wonderful present that will brighten up someone's Christmas. These traditional Angel Gift Tags will indicate who the gift would be for, i.e., "girl age 11-13".

Unwrapped gifts with their tags (please no wrapping materials!) should be returned to the 10AM Family Mass or to the Rectory by December 10. **December 10 is the last day for the collection – Family Wish Gifts will be delivered immediately following the 10am Family Mass on December 10 so it is imperative all Family Wish Gifts be received by this time.**



Advent Angels gifts need not be expensive, but please, new items only! Whether you participate in this program or not, let's make a special effort this Advent and Christmas to keep all those less fortunate than ourselves in our prayers. Thank you! If you have any questions, please call Matt or Kelly-Ann at 516-798-6026 or see anyone on the Family Mass team during tag distribution or gift collection at the 10am Mass.

