Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday:

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

Weekday Mornings:

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

Weeknight Mass:

Monday, 7:30 pm (No 7:30 pm mass on civil Holidays) Monday Vigil before Tuesday Holy Day 4:00 pm Mass

Saturday Mornings:

8:00 am (Livestreamed)

Weekly Holy Hours

Thursday, 8:00 am

Confessions (Reconciliation):

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

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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

PHONE NUMBERS

PHOVE NOMBERS Rectory .798-4992 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-8:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm; closed for lunch, 1-215 weekdays; Saturday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm Rectory Fax .795-7836 Parish Outreach Office .541-1546 (4704 Merrick Road, Massapequa) .541-1712 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

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.

SACRAMENTS

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

<u>MARRIAGE</u>: 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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(OCIA): 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. For information, call the rectory at 516-798-4992 or email Deacon Tommy Elliott at tommy9.6deacon@gmail.com.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., 1/8 The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 William Shirmacher

9:00 Joseph A. Ferrara

7:30 Joseph & Edna Paris

Tue., 1/9 Weekday

7:30 Rosetta Abate

9:00 Jeanne Burns

Wed., 1/10 Weekday

7:30 Doreen Meringolo

9:00 Joseph Ugenti

Thu., 1/11 Weekday

7:30 For the Intention of Stephen O'Connell

9:00 Peter Picone

Fri., 1/12 Weekday

7:30 Lee Zahn

9:00 John R. DeMarco

Sat., 1/13 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church

8:00 Anne Milia, Vincent Carey, Frank Walker, Leroy McKeage, Charles Schubert, Marion Broadway

Sat., 1/13 Vigil: Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:15 Ralph DeFelice

Sun., 1/14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Rosetta DeLiso, Joseph Santangelo, Antonina & Joseph Lombardo, Anthony DeLiso, Philip Pantano, Frank & Rose Falsitta

10:00 Justin Fusco

10.00 Justin Lusco

12:00 Gladys Figueroa

5:15 Mass for the People



On the Cover by Fr. Anthony

On the cover: "*The Adoration of the Magi*" (c. 1525 -1530) by **Girolamo da Santacroce** (1480–1556) displayed at the Walters Art Museum located in Mount Vernon, Baltimore, Maryland.

Girolamo da Santacroce was a 16th-century Italian painter of the Renaissance period, active mainly in Venice and the Venetian mainland.



...from Fr. Gerard

It has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

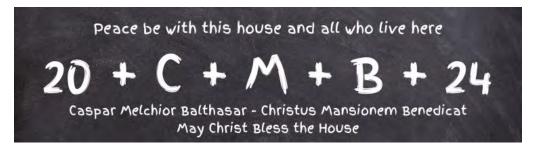
St. Paul would have been criticized by many of his Jewish contemporaries for speaking in such terms. The people of Israel were defined, at least in part, by their separation from the Gentiles. The idea that God planned the Gentiles to be "co-heirs" in his covenant to Israel would have seemed absurd to many. But St. Paul remained insistent that God intended the Gentiles to be "co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." It has, therefore, been a consistent, and necessarily repeated, teaching of the church that, despite our differences, we are one body in Christ. And as one in and with Christ, we, therefore, are one with all people, as each of us is created in the image and likeness of God.

The task of unity continues to be a difficult one. Throughout history we have struggled with ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity. Too often, those divisions have resulted in war, genocide, and terrorism. There have been peaceful protests against that which divides us, and there have been protests that have degraded into physical and verbal violence. We have political leaders who dedicated their lives to fostering unity, and others who have founded their public life on exploiting that diversity. Therefore, we can never stop putting before us a commitment to value, respect, and uphold the dignity of all people. We must continue to seek harmony, and not thrive on discord.

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is symbolized by the Magi, who come seeking wisdom and a revelation beyond their religious and cultural experience. Today we celebrate the seeking that leads the world to Christ. The unity that we seek is beyond human effort; it comes by the grace of God. We must, therefore, never stop seeking Christ, particularly when we seek to overcome division.

Every one of us has experienced division, in our families, communities, nation, world and church. Despite our best efforts, we cannot heal all those wounds. This Christ child has come into the world to draw us to him and do what we cannot do on our own. If we seek unity, we must first go to Christ before we speak, act, write or post online. Before we march, protest or lead others, we must first pray. Before we use ethnic slurs, tell racist jokes or act with bigotry, we need to come before the newborn king seeking the gifts of contrition, mercy and respect.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING - The blessing of the doors with a chalk inscription above each door is a New Year custom. The inscription "C + M + B" signifies Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, the traditional names of the Wisemen or *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which is Latin for "Christ bless this house." The numerals on either side of the initials indicate the year. You can follow this tradition in your home with chalk or use the image below.



When this is done, someone in the family can ask for God's blessing on family and home in the new year with the following prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated in loving memory of Thomas O'Gara on his Heavenly Anniversary, with love from Eileen, Alison, Caitlyn, Anna, Arthur and Patrick.



Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased

AnnaMaria Figlozzi Alfonso Zitoli Palma Beilman Frances Callaghan Salvatore LaGumina Richard Olive Loreto Iaboni



Wedding Banns

<u>2nd Time</u> James Dadabo, Jr. & Tiffany Abruzzese, both of St. Rose of Lima

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

Nikki, Baby Tiffany Diana, Baby Aubrey Theresa Geraldine Casterella, Elizabeth Forte Catherine O' Donnell, James Orefici Sally Ann Paladino, Patty Strick-Wagner

Here's What's Happening at St. Rose

AA - Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

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

Bereavement Support Group - If you have recently lost a loved one, a Bereavement Support Group may help you. A group is forming at St. Rose which will begin in February. Registration is required. Please call Outreach at 516-798-4954 for more information.

Centering Prayer - Thursday, January 18 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Chapel

Charismatic Prayer - Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Chapel

Family Mass Committee - Wednesday, January 10 at 8:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

GRASP (Grief Recovery After Substance Passing) - Friday, January 19 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

Men of Solidarity - Saturday, November 18 after the 8:00 am mass.

Respect Life Committee - Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Board Room

Retired Friends - Thursday, January 18 at 12:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room. New members welcome.

Supermarket Cards - They will be sold this weekend after the Saturday 5:15 pm and Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 pm masses.



Happenings at the Family Mass!



St. Rose of Lima celebrates its Family Mass each Sunday at 10 am. The Family Mass Committee aims to provide our Family Mass with an environment where faith can be shared, developed, and renewed for <u>all family members</u>. Through our efforts, we hope to develop a true sense of community here in our parish.

Upcoming Family Mass Events

Here's what's coming up for the St. Rose of Lima Family Mass:



Save the Date – February 4, 2024 – Anyone for **Bagels `N Bingo**? - After the 10 am Family Mass, join us for the fun in the Auditorium. Admission: \$4 per person or 2 for \$7 when bought in advance. At the door, the cost will be \$5 per person (Admission includes one set of Bingo cards, additional cards can be purchased at the door). Advance Tickets will be on sale after the Family Mass on January 7, 14, 21 & 28.



Save the Date – February 11, 2024 – Lent Day Sunday Social - Join us for fun in the Auditorium after the Family Mass. We invite all families to join us for some crafts/ activities for the children and light refreshments appropriate for the Lenten season. Everyone is invited to bring a baked good or some other snack for the Share Table.



If you have any questions about the Family Mass team, e-mail Matt and Kelly Baroletti (mbaroletti@verizon.net).



St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday 10 am-2 pm Thursday 10 am-12 pm Friday Closed

May the Epiphany bring you the wisdom of the wise men, the inner child of baby Jesus, and the light of God to lead your way.

The pantry is starting to <u>run low on</u> these items:

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Jello/Pudding
Tea
Cookies
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Mayo
Napkins
Hair Conditioner
Tissues
Ketchup

Donations of food store gift cards are always welcomed!

Outreach assists those living within the St. Rose of Lima parish boundaries who are experiencing difficulties. Please call Outreach at 516-798-4954. All calls are confidential.

Thank you for loving your Neighbor.
Sister Carol & Ann

Office of Faith Formation

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

Phone: 541-1712

E-mail: religioused@srolchurch.org Website: www.srolchurch.org

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation





Religious Education Classes

Tuesday classes - January 9 from 4:15-5:15 PM Grades 1A, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and Special Needs

REMINDER: There are no Saturday classes on January 13 in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Saturday classes resume on January 20 from 8:45-9:45 AM Grades 1A, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8

Reconciliation Schedule

Session 4

January 9 at 7:00 PM

Session 5

January 16 at 7:00 PM Session 6

January 20 at 11:00 AM

Session 7
January 20 at 12:30 PM
Session 8

January 23 at 7:00 PM

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

4th Grade Catechists - Coming Soon!
Tour of the Church Training
Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 PM in the Church



Grade Level Masses

January 14

2nd Grade at 10:00 AM 6th Grade at 5:15 PM

January 21

1st Grade at 10:00 AM 7th Grade –Chosen Lesson January 28

4th, 5th Grades at 10:00 AM 6th Grade at 5:15 PM

February 4

3rd Grade at 10:00 AM 8th Grade Chosen Lesson



PRAYER AND ACTION FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE

January 22, 2023 was the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision, which made abortion on demand legal throughout the United States. The prayers and efforts of the last five decades have borne fruit, and thanks to the *Dodds v. Jackson* Supreme Court decision in June 2022, the 1973 ruling was reversed.

January 22 has been designated a day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children."

Prayer and **action** are the means by which we are called to move forward.

The Saint Rose of Lima Respect Life Committee invites you to join us in the following ways:

PRAYER

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn ~ Monday, January 22
Holy Hour for Life with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 pm in church
Public recitation of the Rosary for Life on the Merrick Road sidewalk following Holy Hour
Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 7:30 pm including prayers for life.

ACTION

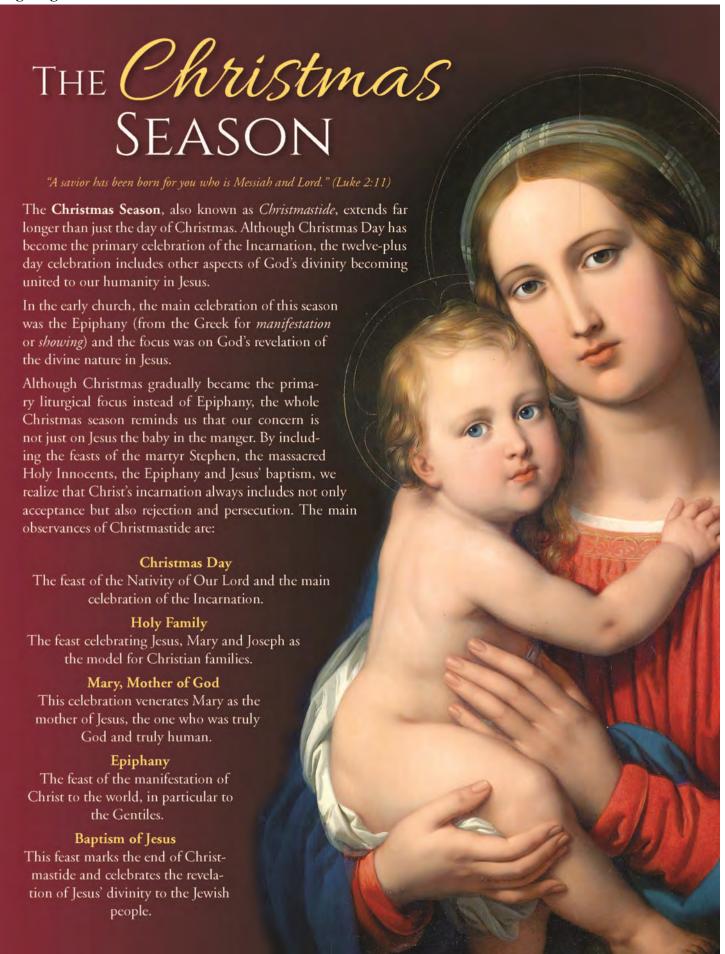
Weekend of Action ~ Saturday, January 20 thru Monday, January 22

Throughout the weekend, we will be accepting donations of baby goods, such as Winter Clothing for Boys and Girls NB-4T, including coats, hats, gloves, socks, unopened toiletries and crib sheets (please only new or like new items), for which The Life Center of LI has a current urgent need. Tables will be set up by the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Altars, or drop off at the rectory. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity!





The necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Even with the overturning of Roe v. Wade, many states still do not recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons, and continue to claim that abortion is a right. Great prayer and advocacy are needed. The work of providing abortion alternatives and care for women and their children is more important than ever.



More About the Main Feasts During Christmastide

Christmas and the Incarnation

"The Word was made flesh, and lived among us," John's Gospel tells us. This sums up the meaning of the term *Incarnation*: the eternal word, the second person of the Trinity, took on a human nature in the person of Jesus Christ. According to the Church councils of Nicaea (AD 325) and Chalcedon (AD 451), Jesus was both fully human and fully divine.

Holy Family

The general breakdown of family relationships at the end of the 19th century prompted Pope Leo XIII and others to promote the observance of the *Holy Family* feast with the hope that it might instill in Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families.

Mary, Mother of God

Mary was decreed to be the Mother of God by the Council of Ephesus in AD 431 This title asserts the divinity of Christ as well as his humanity: he was born of woman, yet he was the Son of God. The Solemnity of *Mary Mother of God* commemorates this divine motherhood by not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but also honors Christ, who is fully God and fully human.

Epiphany

From the Greek word meaning manifestation, Epiphany refers to the manifestation of the Incarnation to human beings. Mary and then Joseph were the first to receive the revelation of Jesus' divinity. The traditional Epiphany text of the three Magi who brought gifts to Jesus is understood to signify the revelation of Jesus' divinity to the Gentiles. The baptism of Jesus as well as the wedding feast of Cana are also Epiphany stories in which the divinity of Christ was revealed, in the first case to the Jews and in the second to the disciples themselves.

The Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which then commemorated the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time, however, the celebration of Jesus' baptism came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany and was set on a moveable date following Epiphany that also marks the end of the Christmas season in the liturgical calendar.

Activities following Christmas Day In our society, much of the celebration of Christmas

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.

A PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus.

He has entered our history; he has shared our journey.

He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light.

In him was revealed the grace, the mercy,
and the tender love of the Father. Amen.

—Pope Francis



MASS READINGS FOR CHRISTMASTIDE 2023

Christmas Day Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Mary, Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Epiphany

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Baptism of Jesus

Is 55:1-11 or Jn 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11



PARISH HOLY HOUR

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November 17, 2023

Rev Gerard Gentleman St. Rose of Lima 2 Bayveiw Ave. Massapequa, NY 11758

Dear Rev. Gerard Gentleman,

On behalf of the Life Center of Long Island, I would like to thank you and the parishioner's of St. St. Rose of Lima for participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign. I am pleased to share that the campaign rose to date and does not include any straggler bottles yet to arrive \$11,252.93!!!

This generosity allows the Life Center to continue to flourish and provide the services needed by so many each year, including those from your community. Thank you for bringing hope, healing, and new life to those mothers and fathers in the midst of an unexpected pregnancy.

In the past two years, we have saved 109 babies lives and distributed the equivalent of over 1.2 million dollars of essential baby needs such as diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, car seats etc. We are supporting these families with free material aid until their children reach two years of age thanks to the generosity of your parish and our local communities.

With the recent Roe v Wade decision, we are anticipating our centers becoming increasingly busier as women travel to New York to seek abortions. We are prepared and positioned to educate on their options and resources available so they can make truly informed and empowered decisions in hopes they choose life!

A special note of gratitude to Phil Veltre for his faithful dedication to upholding the dignity of Life. We would not have had the successful campaign that we had without their hard work and commitment.

We would welcome the opportunity to invite you and any other parishioner who may be interested in a personal tour of our Massapequa Center. Please call us to schedule at your earliest convenience.

For all God's children, Schuler Gloria Schreiber

Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Phil Veltre

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...AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

Babylon Chorale - Auditions will be held on Monday, January 15 starting with rehearsal at 7:30 pm at Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus. All voice parts are welcomed. For more information, visit www.babylonchorale,org.

Bishop McHugh Health Center - This is a Primary Care Center for adults without health insurance, located at 24 East Main St. in Bay Shore. For information and appointments, call 631-376-4025.

Divorced, Separated, Widowed, Single Catholics - There will be a New Member Orientation on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm at St. Frances Club on 1869 Wantagh Avenue. For further information, call Vito at 516-503-5415.

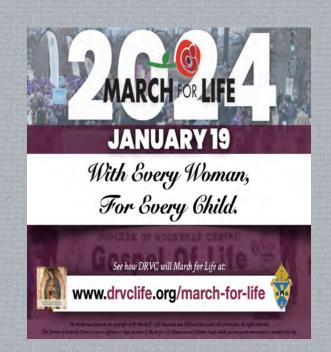
Dominican Village - Dominican Village is an independent living retirement community which also has assisted living and respite care. For more information, call 631-842-6091.

Harlem Wizards - St. Dominic School in Oyster Bay is hosting the Harlem Wizards on Friday, January 26 in the school gym. For more information, visit https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/.

Help Wanted - Catholic Charities' Suffolk Meals on Wheels program is looking for a driver, 20 hours per week, \$16.77 per hour, to deliver meals to homebound seniors. If interested, call Izabela, 631-789-5219.

Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Married Couples -Retrouvaille is a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthier, happier marriage. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. The next weekend is January 19-21

at The Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.



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.

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