

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

Pastoral Team

PASTOR:

Rev. Gerard Gentleman

ASSOCIATES

Rev. Allan Arneaud
Rev. Anthony Saliba

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

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Adam Grand, Pastoral Associate

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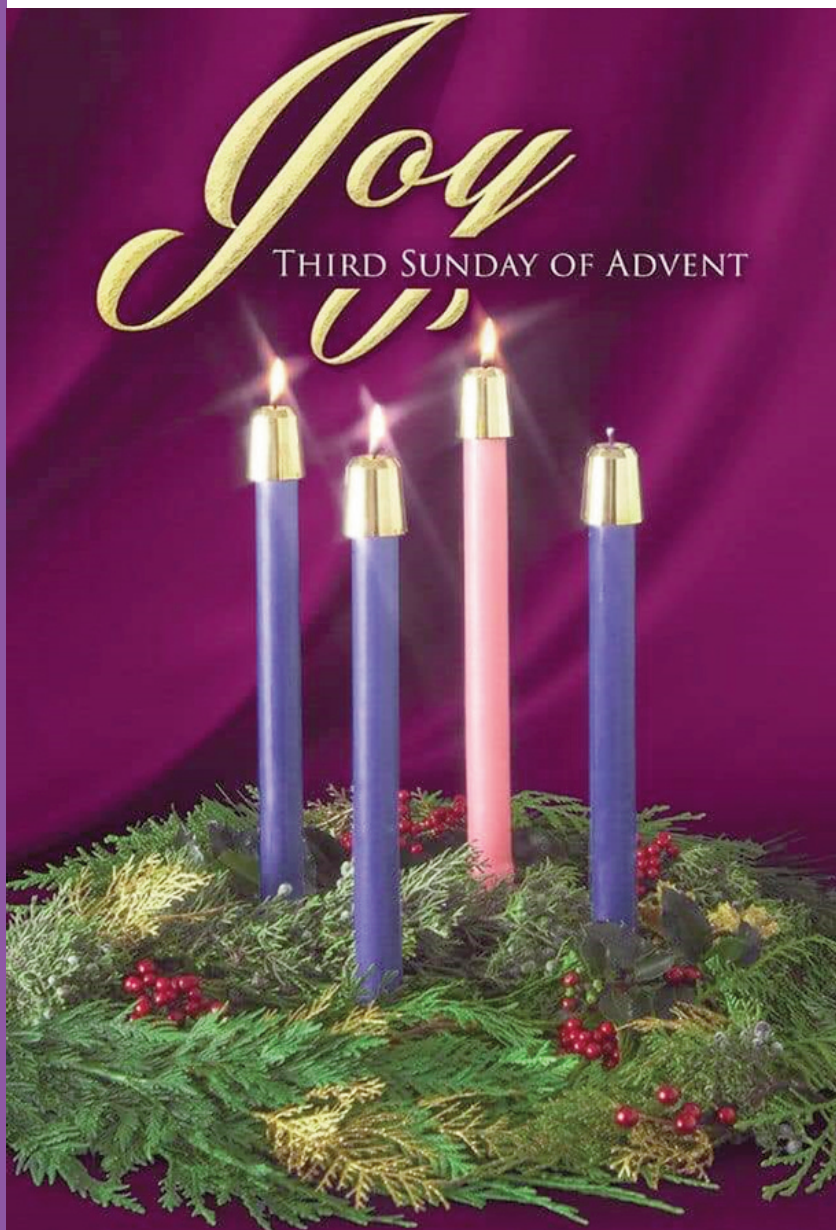
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B U L L E T I N

St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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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

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-2:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Rectory Fax.....795-7836
Parish Outreach Office.....798-4954
School Office.....541-1546
 (4704 Merrick Road, Massapequa)
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.

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., 12/18 Late Advent Weekday

7:30 Daniel J. Hart
 9:00 Yvonne Noon
 7:30 Denise Miles

Tue., 12/19 Late Advent Weekday

7:30 Alfred Peterson
 9:00 Rocco Migliorelli

Wed., 12/20 Late Advent Weekday

7:30 Clement Hudson
 9:00 Thomas & Leah McGrane

Thu., 12/21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 Alison L. Murphy
 9:00 Justin Wallace

Fri., 12/22 Late Advent Weekday

7:30 Donald J. Stecher
 9:00 John McMahon

Sat., 12/23 St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 Katie Salerno, Lorraine Merkle,
 Albert & Hilda Knaus, Rosemary Locher,
 Nancy & Michael Saporito, Maureen Brown

Sat., 12/23 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:15 Mass for the People

Sun., 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Justin Fusco, Joseph & Ida Caiazzo,
 Alice & Joe DeBonis, Jenna Jean Tuller,
 Charles French, George Joseph Fedorisko
 10:00 John & Rose Genco

(See flyer inside for Christmas Mass Schedule)





...from Fr. Gerard

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul.

We hear the word “rejoice” many times throughout mass this weekend. The rose vestments we wear on this “Gaudete” Sunday reinforce the spirit of rejoicing in hope because the celebration of the Lord’s birth is near. However, there are some who come to this third Sunday of Advent and don’t think about rejoicing. Perhaps they are overwhelmed by Christmas preparations yet to be completed. More seriously, joy may be hard to come by if it is a first Christmas without a loved one; there may be job uncertainty, relationship trauma and other anxieties that mute any sense of joy.

The joy of today, however, is not an expression of our readiness or willingness to celebrate Christmas. The joy of this Third Sunday of Advent is joy that comes from recognizing what God has already done in our lives and throughout salvation’s history. Furthermore, it is a joy that also recognizes what God has done through us. We rejoice because we have been found worthy to share the mission.

As we leave mass this week and every week, our mission is to sacrifice and serve in the name of the Lord and, therefore, cultivate joy. In his first encyclical letter, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis wrote the following about our mission as church.

“The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who takes the first step, who is involved and supportive, who bears fruit and rejoices... An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the “smell of the sheep,” and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.”

We have a unique opportunity in the week ahead, particularly as we encounter many who will visit us. Let us rejoice and not complain. Let us find reason for hope and not validate hopelessness. Let us celebrate the good things that God has done for us and through us.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Please consider receiving the gift of the Lord’s mercy in preparation for Christmas. Confessions are scheduled to take place on:

Monday to Friday, immediately after the 9:00 am mass

Tuesday, December 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 23 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Please call the rectory office to schedule.

LESSONS & CAROLS - I am particularly excited to invite you all to join us this Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm for what promises to be a beautifully blessed afternoon as our Adult and Youth Choirs, Bell Ensemble, accompanied by piano, organ and orchestra, present a solemn service of music and scripture in preparation for Christmas.

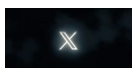
PARISH HOLY HOUR - On Wednesday, December 15, we will host our monthly holy hour of praise, worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 7:30 pm. In a very short Advent, this is a blessed opportunity to find an hour of simple prayer with the Lord.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - Please take note of the Christmas schedule and plan accordingly. Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent are Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Masses for Christmas Eve begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 24 and continue Christmas Day, Monday, December 25.

PLEASE NOTE: ***THERE IS NO NOON MASS NEXT SUNDAY.***

THE FINAL MASS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS 10:00 am.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - With Christmas Eve beginning on Sunday evening, we not only need to personally fulfill our Sunday and Christmas obligations but also need to be of service to all who will be with us. To that end, I ask that all liturgical ministers (lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers and ushers) be sure to fulfill your assignments and make yourselves available where needed throughout the long weekend.



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REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

The Tabernacle Evergreens displayed this week were donated in loving memory of John McMahon - Devoted Husband, Dad and Papi - on your 2nd Anniversary in Heaven - we cherish your love and our memories of you - With love from Linda, Ryan and Christina, Conner and Colleen, Brody, Dylan, Liam and Owen.

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*The Blessed Mother's Altar Evergreens displayed this week were donated
In loving memory of Josie Dauro on her Heavenly Anniversary,
With love from your children.*

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*The St. Joseph's Altar Evergreens displayed this week were donated
In loving memory of Edward J. Fugelsang - Happy Birthday, Dad, We love you and miss you,
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*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated
In loving memory of Alice and Joe DeBonis,
With love from their children and grandchildren.*

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*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekday masses was donated
In loving memory of Bucky. Merry Christmas in Heaven,
With love from Mary Ann, Lisa and Marie.*

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*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week
In loving memory of Jean Vitale,
With love from Tony and your loving family.*

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*The Altar Candles are lit this week in loving memory
of Margaret L. Hessler on her Third Heavenly Birthday - Forever in our hearts -
With love from her family.*

Welcome to the Newly-Baptized



*McKenna Anne Arnold
Jackson Arthur Castellano
Maeve Elizabeth Richter
Skylar Rose Santoro*



Wedding Banns

2nd Time

***Bryan Kolasa, St. Raphael, East Meadow, NY &
Casey Minogue, St. Rose of Lima***

3rd Time

***Luke Thomson, Long Beach, NY &
Kate Carmody, St. Rose of Lima***

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

*Andrew & Karen, Jerry Donofrio
Arlo Elliott, Glenn Hudson
Justin, Margaret Lambert, Maximilian Paul
Janet Pfeffer, Joan Smith*

Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased

*Sandy Abbinanti
Genevieve Grimes
Elizabeth Read
Teresa Elizabeth Breyer
Camille Quadrino
Anne M. Farrell*



Here's What's Happening at St. Rose

A Place for Hope - Wednesday, December 27 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Mtg. Room

AA - Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room (moved to Rectory Mtg. Room 12/14 and 12/21)

Al-Anon - Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room (moved to Rectory Mtg. Room 12/13 and 12/20)

Centering Prayer - Thursday, December 21 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Chapel

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

Sunday Conversations - Join Tom Griffin after the 12:00 pm mass on Sunday, December 17 as he discusses, "What Did The First Christmas Actually Look Like?"

Christmas Mass Novena



Beginning at the 8:00 am mass on Christmas Day, we will offer a Christmas Mass Novena where nine masses will be offered during the Christmas Season for the intention of your loved ones. If you would like someone to be remembered, please fill out the Christmas Mass Novena envelope in your packets and return it to the rectory by December 21. The intentions will be remembered as a group, and the envelopes will be displayed on the altar during these masses.



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St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday 10 am-2 pm

Thursday 10 am-12 pm

Friday Closed

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The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

Juice Bottles	Tissues
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Pasta Sauce	Toilet Paper
Shampoo	Conditioner
Taco Kits	Paper Towels
Dish Detergent	Bar Soap
Canned Peaches	Canned Pineapple
Coffee (10-13oz) Reg. & Decaf	Mixed Fruit

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

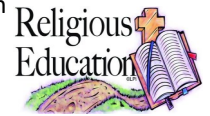
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 2pm

Phone: 541-1712

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Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



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 your peace at Christmas and always.

God Bless you and Merry Christmas!

Grace, Kathy, Nancy, and Karen

The Office of Faith Formation will be closed beginning December 22 and will reopen on January 2

There are no Faith Formation classes the week of December 18

Tuesday classes resume - January 2 from 4:15-5:15PM

Grades 1B, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Saturday Classes resume - January 6 from 8:45-9:45AM

Grades 1B, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Grade Level Masses

December 31

4th and 5th Grades at 10:00AM

January 7

3rd Grade at 10:00AM
7th Grade at 5:15 PM

January 14

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

January 21

1st Grade at 10:00AM
7th Grade - Chosen Lesson

Reconciliation Schedule

Session 1

January 2 at 7:00PM

Session 2

January 6 at 11:00AM

Session 3

January 6 at 12:30PM

Session 4

January 9 at 7:00PM

Session 5

January 16 at 7:00PM

Session 6

January 20 at 11:00AM

Session 7

January 20 at 12:30PM

Session 8

January 23 at 7:00PM

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



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 17, 3:00-4:00 pm

Choirs, Bell Ensembles with String Orchestra, Trumpet, Piano and Organ

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Weekdays after the 9:00 am Mass

Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment

Tuesday, December 19

Additional confession times from 7:00-9:00 pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23

Vigil at 5:15 pm for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24

Sunday morning Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am only (no 12:00 pm Mass)

(Catholics are obligated to attend mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and a Christmas Mass.

The obligations may be met if you attend a Christmas Eve Mass and a Christmas Day Mass.)

Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

Family Mass at 4:00 pm (church only)

Choir Mass at 6:00 pm

Solemn Midnight Mass at 12:00 am (livestreamed)

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

Masses at 8:00 am (livestreamed) and 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm (church only)

*There is **no** 5:15 pm Mass on December 25.*

Holy Family

Saturday, December 30

Vigil at 5:15 pm for Holy Family

Sunday, December 31

Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 5:15 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am (livestreamed) and 12:00 pm

No 7:30 pm Mass that evening



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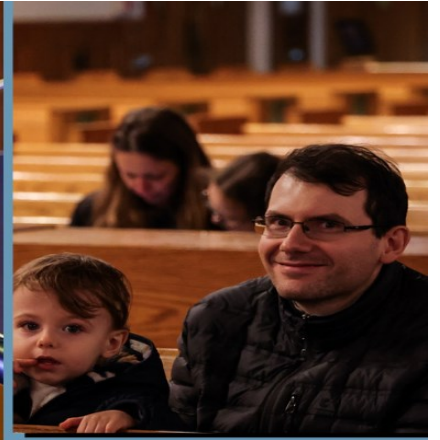
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1. On the date you make the gift, you are at least 70 ½ years old*
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(*A Qualified Charitable Distribution can be made after 70½ even if you are not subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) yet. Speak with your tax specialist about new IRS rules on when you must take your RMD.)

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.



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LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
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Wednesday, December 27, 2023
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verses

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The Annunciation to Joseph

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