

# 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

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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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John Buckel, Director of Music

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Barbara Pope, Coordinator

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Brian Jensen

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B U L L E T I N

# St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, December 3, 2023

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



**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](http://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  
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**Office of Faith Formation**.....541-1712  
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**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:tommy9.6deacon@gmail.com).

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon., 12/4 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

7:30 Frank Lagrasta  
 9:00 Tulla & Nicholas Hedgis  
 7:30 Laura Palazzo

**Tue., 12/5 Advent Weekday**

7:30 Dennis P. Caufield  
 9:00 Giuseppa Terranova Chiaramonte

**Wed., 12/6 St. Nicholas, Bishop**

7:30 Jeanne Burns  
 9:00 For the Intention of Nicholas Steven Parada

**Thu., 12/7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:30 Edith Carey  
 9:00 Muriel Baglivi  
 7:30 Daniel Hart

**Fri., 12/8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30 Deceased Members of the Gentleman & Schmitt Families  
 9:00 Mass for the People  
 5:00 For the Intention of Rosanna Francesca Salvia

**Sat., 12/9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

8:00 Zoya Cimbalo, John Fetherston,  
 Joseph & Francesca Salzone, Frank Salzone,  
 Sean Queenan, Raffaella Dempsey

**Sat., 12/9 Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

5:15 Theresa Shea

**Sun., 12/10 Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 Jenna Jean Tuller, Patricia Orzano,  
 Robert Truzzolino, Maria Gianfrancesco,  
 Shannon Stergis, Karen Zaveckas  
 10:00 Justin Fusco  
 12:00 Mass for the People  
 5:15 Anna Marie Byrnes





## ...from Fr. Gerard

*Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,  
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?*

The writings of the Prophet Isaiah conclude approximately 700 years before Jesus, yet they continue to serve as a guide for the anticipation of the Messiah throughout Advent. The Advent season also has a strong penitential tone, and the writings of Isaiah articulate the call to straighten out our crooked ways, tear down our mountains of misdeeds, and fill in the valleys of our bad habits. This is an essential disposition for us in these early days of Advent. Written before, during, and after the exile of the Jewish people in the Babylonian kingdom, the writings of Isaiah speak as a warning against an abandonment of the ways of God, a longing for liberation from captivity, and an awaiting of the Messiah who is still very much needed, even after the Israelites returned to their land. Our first reading for the next three Sundays will come from this last section of Isaiah which focuses us on both the waiting for, and the need of, a Messiah.

One of the challenges for Christians today is understanding why we need a savior. The simple answer is that our humanity is not enough to keep us from our self-destructive ways. In this third section of Isaiah, the audience is a people who have been liberated from captivity and yet have reverted to the sins of the past. Does this sound familiar? How many times in our lives have we gone through a period of renewal and the betterment of ourselves spiritually, emotionally, or physically, only to fall back into bad habits? Why can't God just fix us permanently? The people of Israel were of the same questions, seeing God as responsible for all things, even for allowing his people to wander from him. It is true that God does let us wander, but not for lack of care. Rather, it is so our choice for Him and our desire to be saved is authentic, true, and free. We are free to wander so that we may come to genuinely desire what contemporary Catholic singer and songwriter Matt Maher so beautifully proclaims, "*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need You.*"

I often struggle with *not wanting* to want God. In those times, I find myself wanting God to *make* me desire him. Therefore, the grace I pray for this Advent season is to move from wanting God to make me feel his longing for me and instead, become more aware of my need and *desire for him*.

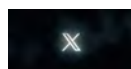
The Advent season is so short, only three weeks and half a day, not leaving much time for us to experience the unique graces of the season. Pressured for time, we can easily go through the motions, the rituals, the religious formalities and even an exclusivism that tempts us to look down on those who will only join us on Christmas Day. Therefore, let us take advantage of what Advent offers us; the opportunity to experience joyful anticipation and a true desire for the Savior who is born to redeem us.

**COMFORT AND JOY** - I am very excited that Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano are bringing their special Advent tour to Long Island, specifically our parish. In the last two years, both have visited us separately, and we are blessed to have them here together this year for their very popular **Comfort and Joy Advent Concert**. They will be joining us for a special evening that hopes to unite the parish and school community together. On Friday, December 8, they will lead our music at 5:00 pm mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Immediately following mass, the Father's Club of our school will host a Christmas lighting event along with student caroling and snacks. Sarah and Steve will then present their concert beginning at 7:00 pm. *Please join us, and bring guests.* I promise this will be a truly blessed, joyful and uniting event for our parish.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** – This Friday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation. On **Thursday December 7**, the vigil mass for the solemnity **will be celebrated at 7:30 pm**. Following mass, our parish will participate in the **National Night of Prayer for Life**. This holy hour of prayer will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Pro-Life Rosary Celebration, and Solemn Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. On **Friday, December 8**, masses will be at **7:30 am, 9:00 am and 5:00 pm**.

**ADVENT WREATH and JESSE TREE** – These two symbols of the season of Advent help to enhance our focus on the season of preparation. Families and individuals are invited to sign up for the lighting of our Advent Wreath at Masses. The sign-up book can be found on the altar rail in front of the Saint Joseph statue. In addition, the ornaments of the Jesse Tree will be featured at the 10:00 am Family Mass. The Jesse tree is Jesus' family tree, revealing that God's plan was unfolding over time. The book "*The Jesse Tree, An Advent Devotion*" is available for purchase after the 10:00 am mass today and throughout the week in the rectory office. The book offers daily reflections that guide the journey to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Ornaments that match the book can be ordered at [sophiainstitute.com](http://sophiainstitute.com)

**OTHER ADVENT EVENTS** – Please review the bulletin for details on our many other Advent activities.



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### **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

*The Tabernacle Flowers displayed this week were donated  
in loving memory of Taylor and Hudson Ait-yahia,  
with love from Nana.*

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*The Blessed Mother's Evergreens displayed this week were donated  
in loving memory of Tulla & Nicholas Hedgis - Forever in our Hearts -  
with love from the Hedgis Family.*

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*The St. Joseph's Evergreens displayed this week were donated  
in loving memory of William McGovern - Always remembered -  
with love from the Hedgis Family.*

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*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated  
in loving memory of Louise Nuzzi on her Heavenly Anniversary - We miss you everyday -  
with love from Lisa, Don, A.J., Sami and Jaime.*

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*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekday masses was donated  
in loving memory of Muriel Baglivi - Merry Christmas in Heaven -  
with love from the Hedgis Family.*

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*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week  
in loving memory of Maddalena Giambrone - Forever in our Hearts -  
with love from Viola, Louis, Maryann and Louis, Jr.*



### ***Welcome to the Newly-Baptized***



*Olivia Rae Buckshaw  
Emma Anne Fragoletti  
Julian James Saez  
Andie Grace Schecter  
Sydney Jolie Schecter*



### ***Wedding Banns***

#### **1st Time**

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

#### **2nd Time**

***George Rozea, St. Rose of Lima &  
Nicole Palawasta, St. Vincent's Martyr, Madison, NJ***

### ***Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased***

### ***In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...***

*Andrew & Karen  
Arlo Elliott  
Ellen Kiernan*

*Theresa Vigilante  
Rosalie Knowlton  
Vincent Gualtiere  
Kathleen Greaney  
Alfred Giarraputo*



## **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

**Centering Prayer** - Thursday, December 7 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Chapel

**Charismatic Prayer** - Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

**CYO Mass & Tree Lighting** - Sunday, December 3 at 5:15 pm Mass with tree lighting, snack and photo booth following

**Family Mass Committee** - Tuesday, December 12 at 8:00 pm in the Rectory Board Room

**GRASP** (Grief Recovery After Substance Passing) - Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

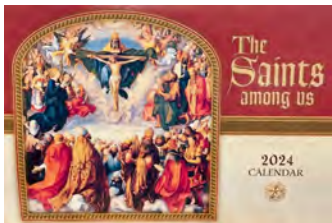
**Men of Solidarity** - Saturday, December 16 after the 8:00 am Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room

**Respect Life Committee** - Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Board Room

**Rosary Society** - Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center

**Second Collection** - Next weekend there will be a second collection for Religious Retirement. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Ushers and Greeters Meeting** - Wednesday, December 13 in Rectory Meeting Room—details to follow next week.



The 2024 wall calendars, compliments of James Funeral Home, and the 2024 pocket calendars, compliments of Chapey Funeral Home, will be available in church on December 10.

## **BLESSING OF THE CHOIR ROBES**



**LAST SPRING, THE PARISH CHOIR  
WAS BLESSED  
TO RECEIVE AN ENDOWMENT  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
NEW PROFESSIONAL CHOIR ALBS.**

**FR. GERARD OFFERED A BLESSING,  
AND THE CHOIR WORE THEM  
FOR THE FIRST TIME  
ON CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY!**



**11/26/23**

\$ 16,243.00

\$ 4,984.00 WeShare

\$ 21,227.00

**11/27/22**

\$ 15,003.00

\$ 4,572.00 WeShare

\$ 19,575.00

Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)	\$117,844
CMA Goal	\$180,500
Percent Towards Goal	65%



## St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."*

- Pope Benedict XVI

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

Juice Bottles	Tissues
Sugar-Free Cookies	Cookies
Cooking Oil	Mayo
Ketchup	Toilet Paper
Shampoo	Conditioner
Salad Dressing	Paper Towels

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

A "BIG THANK YOU" for the filled Blessing Bags, food drives & donations made by you for our guests at the Food Pantry. We are so blessed by your unbelievable generosity.

### Office of Faith Formation

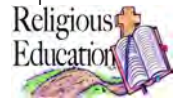
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm

Phone: 541-1712

E-mail: [religious@srlchurch.org](mailto:religious@srlchurch.org)

Website: [www.srlchurch.org](http://www.srlchurch.org)

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



Tuesday Classes – December 5 from 4:15-5:15 PM  
Grades 1B, 2B, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Saturday Classes – December 9 from 8:45-9:45 AM  
Grades 1B, 2B, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Reminder 8th Grade Lesson for home and school groups on  
Tuesday, December 12 at 6:45 PM in the Church.  
Each student must be accompanied by an adult.

### 2nd Grade Faith Formation Parents Meetings

December 4 at 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM on Zoom.

Check your email from November 20 for the sign up links.

### 7th Grade Adoration

Tuesday, December 5 at 6:45 PM in the Church.

Each student must be accompanied by an adult. Don't forget to bring the attendance form that was given by your child's teacher. A copy of the form will be included in the reminder email that you can print if needed.

### Coming Next Week! 1st Grade Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 9 in the Church.

Tuesday & Saturday 'A' session groups at 11:00 AM

Tuesday & Saturday 'B' session groups at 12:15 PM

### Grade Level Masses

#### December 10

2nd Grade at 10:00 AM

6th Grade at 5:15 PM

#### December 17

1st Grade at 10:00 AM

8th Grade at 5:15 PM

#### December 31

4th and 5th Grades at  
10:00 AM

#### January 7

3rd Grade at 10:00 AM

7th Grade at 5:15 PM



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# NEW ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. ROSE



## You are a **BLESSING** to our Parish!

**Tomasso D'Alessandro**

**Edward D'Agostino**

**Theresa D'Agostino**

**Rose Carlucci**

**Luca Giuliano**

**Nick Cordeira**

**Lennon Gastaldi**

**Londen Ferguson**

**Arabella Tizzano**

**JJ Tartamella**

**Anthony Donovan**

**Lilly Garrity**

**Caitly Blye**

**Juliette Sengulen**

**Khalel Elie**

**Sophia Davanzo**

**Olivia Miranda**

**Aidan Devine**

**Robert Douglas Cristiano**

**Payten Ferguson**

**Bella Bajpayi**

A big **THANK YOU** to **MR. ADAM GRAND**, our School Campus Minister and Theology teacher for his precious help in training our new Altar Servers.

If **YOU** are interested in joining our Altar Servers here at St. Rose, please contact **FR. ANTHONY** (tel: 516-798-4992) or **MRS. BARBARA POPE** (tel: 516-798-4992 or [barbarap@srolchurch.org](mailto:barbarap@srolchurch.org)).



# Immaculate CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that Mary, conceived in the normal way through an act of love by her mother and father (St. Joachim and St. Anne), was born free of original sin and its effects from the first moment of her existence. This special favor was conferred on her because of her role in God's plan for our salvation. Historically, this doctrine has sometimes been misunderstood as the conception of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit in the feast we know as the Annunciation. Instead, the Immaculate Conception celebrates the special gift of God's grace to Mary because she was to be

the mother of Jesus, God's chosen agent to bring about our salvation. We hail Mary in faith and prayer because she is "full of grace" and because "the Lord is with her." In other words, Mary was filled with God's life well before the Messiah was conceived in her womb.

After consulting with the bishops of the Church, Pope Pius IX first solemnly defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 in the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*.

The Immaculate Conception has the distinction of being one of only two formal Church dogmas to be solemnly defined by the full teaching authority of popes rather than general Councils (the other being Mary's Assumption). This means that the Immaculate Conception has been solemnly defined as an infallible teaching to be believed by the whole Church. We not only believe that this is our truth, but we also try to imitate the meaning of this truth. While we honor Mary for the privilege of being without sin, we also try to be like her in becoming faithful bearers of Christ in the world. As we strive for greater integrity in our words and actions we allow God to work in us to help transform our world into one of greater justice and love. Thus we imitate Mary and become the kind of disciples that Jesus praises in the Gospel: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it (Luke 11:28).





## *The Magnificat* (Lk 1:46-55)

And Mary said:  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

## *Mary, Mother of the Church*

Jesus gave Mary to the Church from the cross when he told his beloved disciple, "Behold your mother" (John 19:26-27). Mary was present in the upper room with the other disciples on Pentecost, when the Church was born (Acts 1:13-14). Over the centuries of Christianity, Mary has been sought out by the faithful who find in her support for their own lives of discipleship. As one whose own life of faith was not easy or simple, Mary is a companion who can show us a path in our everyday lives and in our suffering.

Mary is a wonderful example of what happens when one opens oneself to the life and power of God. As at the marriage at Cana, Mary always directs our attention to Jesus, saying "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5). Mary is not a goddess wielding power. Neither is she controlling and domineering nor cold and aloof. Mary is there for us whenever we need her.

## WHY DEFINE THIS DOCTRINE?

The doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception affirms that through God's grace she was never separated from God by sin. Over the centuries Mary's freedom from original sin—the teaching that every human is born in the wrong relationship with God (this is what sin is and does) and so must be freed from this condition through God's grace (this is what salvation is and does)—was disputed by theologians who could not agree.

After consulting with the Bishops of the Church to confirm that almost all Catholics believed this doctrine, Pope Pius IX first solemnly proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 in these words: We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which asserts that the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, was preserved free from every stain of original sin is a doctrine revealed by God and, for this reason, must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful.

## WHY DECEMBER 8?

December 8 is the liturgical celebration of Mary's Immaculate Conception, i.e., her being "adorned from the first moment of her conception with the splendors of an entirely unique holiness" (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #56). This date was chosen because it is 9 months (the time of a child's gestation in the mother's womb) before the traditional celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Mary on September 8.

## *A Prayer for the Immaculate Conception*

We thank you, O Mother, because in showing yourself to us  
You free us of all stain of sin;  
You remind us that what comes first is the grace of God,  
The love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us,  
The strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things.  
Let us not give in to discouragement,  
But, trusting in your constant help,  
Let us engage ourselves fully in renewal of self,  
Of this city and of the entire world.  
Pray for us, Holy Mother of God!

—Pope Francis



# ADVENT

## *God Comes Among Us*

More than just a memory of the past, Advent is a celebration of the seeds of our faith, the gift of God's grace gradually growing to fulfillment in the world. Like the people of ancient Israel, we long for the completion of God's reign on earth. At the same time, we know that our redemption has been won for us and that our sins have been forgiven. As we celebrate Advent in the liturgy of the Church, we experience the longing for Christ in our lives as we wait in a hope that is joyful because we have been redeemed. Just as our world is in desperate need of God's grace, our own lives are in need of reform to live more fully in Christ. The rituals of preparation at home and in church remind us that this special time of the year is more than just a winter holiday. Miraculously born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus continues to come among us through the sacraments, Scripture and the Christian community gathered in prayer. May we experience the presence of Christ, the proclamation of the Kingdom and the call to conversion this Advent season.

## *History of Advent*

Advent began after the 4th century as a time of preparation for Epiphany—not in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrated the birth and manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the Magi and the baptism of Jesus. At this time new Christians were baptized and received into the faith, and so the early Church instituted a 40-day period of fasting and repentance.

Later, in the 6th century, Pope St. Gregory the Great was the first to associate this season of Advent with the coming of Christ. Originally it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but rather, the second coming of Christ.

By the Middle Ages the Church had extended the celebration of Advent to the familiar format we know today. The early weeks are rich with the prophecies of Isaiah, reminding us to wait and prepare for the coming Messiah. Later, the pace quickens and we focus more directly on the events leading up to Jesus' birth.





## *Celebrating with the Advent Wreath*

One way to prepare for Christ's coming into our lives is to make an Advent wreath for your daily household worship. This traditional circular wreath reminds us that God, like the circle, has no beginning and no end. Evergreens on the wreath symbolize our everlasting relationship with God, the source of continuous new life.

The wreath has four candles, three purple or violet and one rose. On the First Sunday and Week of Advent, we light the first candle and then an additional candle on each Sunday until Christmas. Purple is a royal color, reflecting the kingship of Christ and also repentance. The rose candle, lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, represents joy. Thus, the colors of the candles illustrate the themes of Advent: kingship, repentance and joy. The candles also remind us that the incarnation has transformed the darkness of hatred and evil into the light of joy and love.

Let your Advent wreath become the center around which your household gathers together each night during this joyous, but sometimes frenzied, season of celebration. And as you celebrate with the Advent wreath, include your favorite Advent hymns and songs, scripture readings and prayers focusing on Christ's threefold Advent—past, present and future.

## *Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath*

Lord God of all creation,  
you came among us as an infant  
in Bethlehem long ago.  
Come to us now  
as we prepare to celebrate your birth  
and look forward to your coming  
in glory at the end of time.  
May the light of this wreath remind us  
of the power of your steadfast love for us  
over the darkness of fear, evil and death.  
May we praise you all the days of our lives.  
Bless our preparation for your coming. *Amen*

## THE "O ANTIPHONS"

The **O Antiphons** refer to the seven verses that are recited (or chanted) preceding the *Magnificat* during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, December 17-23. These antiphons form the basis of the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," put to music in 15th century France.

**December 17**—*O Wisdom*, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

**December 18**—*O Sacred Lord* of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

**December 19**—*O Flower of Jesse's Stem*, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

**December 20**—*O Key of David*, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

**December 21**—*O Radiant Dawn*, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice, come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

**December 22**—*O King* of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of humanity, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

**December 23**—*O Emmanuel*, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

## MASS READINGS FOR ADVENT 2023

<b>1st Sunday</b> .....	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
<b>2nd Sunday</b> .....	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
<b>3rd Sunday</b> .....	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
<b>4th Sunday</b> .....	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Christmas Day</b> .....	Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



# December 2023



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*the glory of the one and only Son,*  
who came from the Father,  
*full of grace and truth.*  
John 3:16



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TO BE ADDED TO THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR EMAIL, PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO VOCATIONS@DRVC.ORG

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We continue our tradition at St. Rose of Lima.

Beginning the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd, families or individuals are invited to light the newest candle on our Advent Wreath at the beginning of Mass.

Please see the sign-up book in front of the St. Joseph altar to select a Mass for you or your family.

At Mass, you will be instructed when to come forward.





## 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 until 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 10 AM 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 10 Am 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 10 Am Mass.

# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY



**December 7, 2023**  
**Vigil of the Solemnity**

**IN CHURCH:**

**7:30 pm - SOLEMN MASS.**

**Followed by the 34th ANNUAL NATIONAL  
 NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE.**

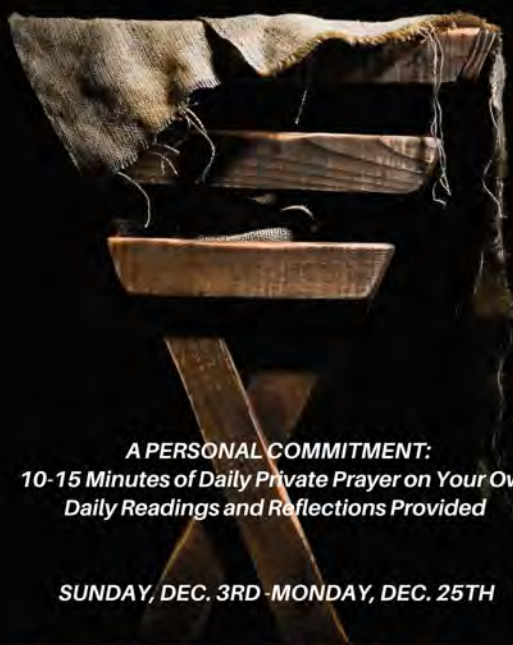
*Come pray with us to restore the protection of LIFE,  
 the FAMILY, and the CHURCH, establish PEACE,  
 and inspire courage in our NATION.*

At the end of the Vigil, we will have **the Blessing of Rosaries,  
 Holy Medals, and other Holy Objects.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Into the Deep*

## Make Advent Count



**A PERSONAL COMMITMENT:**  
**10-15 Minutes of Daily Private Prayer on Your Own**  
*Daily Readings and Reflections Provided*

**SUNDAY, DEC. 3RD - MONDAY, DEC. 25TH**

Email Tom Griffin to Sign Up: [ThomasG@srolchurch.org](mailto:ThomasG@srolchurch.org)



### **Please note change in Mass times:**

**December 7 - The Vigil Mass for the  
 Immaculate Conception Holy Day  
 will be celebrated  
 at 7:30 pm instead of 4:00 pm.**

**December 8 - The 7:30 pm Mass for the  
 Immaculate Conception Holy Day  
 will be celebrated  
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*Advent 2023*

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## THE GEOGRAPHY OF CHRISTMAS

*What was Nazareth like during Jesus' time? How long did it take Mary and Joseph to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem? Why was Bethlehem so significant in the Old Testament?*

*Where is the actual birthplace of Jesus?*

We will discuss this and talk about related works of art from great artists like Esteban Murillo, Guido Reni, Peter Paul Rubens, Leonardo da Vinci, Caravaggio, and others.

**Tuesday, December 12 at 9:45 am & 7:00 pm**  
**in the RECTORY MEETING ROOM**  
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**Coffee will be served during the sessions.**



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**





## **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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Simply fill out your memorial below and either mail or drop off this form with your donation to the Church. Please write your memorial exactly as you want printed.

Many thanks to all "Friends of Music" who have helped in years past, continue to support, and all those contributing for the first time. Your gift to the music ministry becomes a gift to the entire parish community. *Peace & Hope ~ John Buckel*

ALL MEMORIALS MUST BE RECEIVED EARLY, **BY MONDAY, DEC 11.**

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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\*
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify), and
3. 3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.

(\*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.



### WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A QCD



The QCD must come from a Traditional or Inherited IRA.



Beneficiary must be at least 70 ½.



The distribution must go directly to a qualified charity.



You must receive a confirmation letter from the charity that states no goods or services were received in exchange for the contribution.



## ...AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Knights of Columbus, Memorare Council** - Meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00 pm in Seaford; Children's **Christmas Party** on Sunday, December 10 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. For more information, call 516-398-9693. **Help Wanted** - Wait staff, bartenders, dishwashers, call Barry Bree or Alan Malangone at 516-785-3476.

**Miracle of Christmas** - St. Ignatius Loyola in Hicksville is sponsoring a day trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, December 19 to see the *Miracle of Christmas* live on stage. For information, call Barbara at 516-935-5576.



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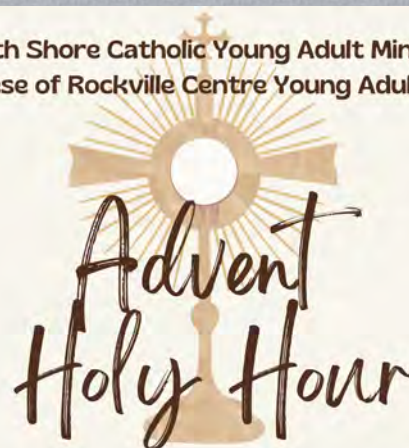
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