

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., 4/15 Easter Weekday**
7:30 Salvatore LaGumina
9:00 Andrew Monteverde
7:30 For All Police Officers
- Tue., 4/16 Easter Weekday**
7:30 Marie Franck
9:00 Eileen & Frank Mainieri
- Wed., 4/17 Easter Weekday**
7:30 For the Intention of Helen Murawski
9:00 Rosalie Knowlton
- Thu., 4/18 Easter Weekday**
7:30 Jeanne & Al Peterson
9:00 Joe Amoroso
- Fri., 4/19 Easter Weekday**
7:30 Catherine Darienzo
9:00 James Doran
- Sat., 4/20 Easter Weekday**
8:00 Victor Romain, Gercilia Pierre,
Leone Oriol, Francois Oriol,
Henry Romain, Regine Romain
- Sat., 4/20 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**
5:15 Edward & Juliana Sanchez
- Sun., 4/21 Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 Jenna Jean Tuller, Justin Fusco,
Wilfred Zabala, Regina Ruscillo,
Rose Downey, Thomas E. Daley
10:00 Rosemarie Callan
12:00 Dennis Murphy
5:15 Mass for the People





...from Fr. Gerard

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

Going to sleep at night can be a challenge. While it may be easy to close our eyes, and our body longs for the physical rest, the mind does not willingly turn off. Preoccupation with tasks that need to be done, concerns for the wellbeing of others as well as financial or employment worries, are some of the things that weigh heaviest when our heads hit the pillow. What is often overlooked however, is that the loss of sleep is an indicator of mental health challenges. According to the *Anxiety and Depression Association of America* (ADAA), over 50 percent of adults say their anxiety levels affect their ability to get to sleep at night. According to studies by *National Institutes of Health*, links between sleep and depression are strong. About three quarters of depressed patients have insomnia symptoms, and hypersomnia is present in about 40% of young, depressed adults and 10% of older patients, with a preponderance in females. The symptoms cause huge distress, have a major impact on quality of life, and are a strong risk factor for suicide. In this context, the words that I quoted from today's psalmist are a fleeting reality for many, especially those who are struggling with their mental health.

In 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II addressed an international conference organized by the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care on the theme of "Depression." In that talk he said that the spread of depressive states had become disturbing. He noted the good work that was being done by health care professionals and he acknowledged that these specialists stressed that depression is always a spiritual trial.

"The role of those who care for depressed persons and who do not have a specifically therapeutic task consists above all in helping them to rediscover their self-esteem, confidence in their own abilities, interest in the future, the desire to live. It is therefore important to stretch out a hand to the sick, to make them perceive the tenderness of God, to integrate them into a community of faith and life in which they can feel accepted, understood, supported, respected; in a word, in which they can love and be loved. For them as for everyone else, contemplating Christ means letting oneself be "looked at" by him, an experience that opens one to hope and convinces one to choose life."

Saint John Paul went on to encourage the reading and meditation on the Psalms, in which the sacred author expresses his joys and anxieties in prayer. The recitation of the Rosary and participation in the Eucharist, he said, provide a source of inner peace, because of the presence of our Lord, the Blessed Mother, and the community of the church.

One might read the words of the psalmist and think we are being told to simply pray the pain away. This is not the case. The Church along with the medical and health resources of society, work together to provide people, and especially youth, with examples and experiences that can help them to grow on the human, psychological, moral, and spiritual levels. From this perspective the late pontiff said, *"The role of the family, of school, of youth movements and of parish associations is very important because of the effect that these realities have on the person's formation."*

We all long to peacefully sleep secure in the Lord. Taking advantage of what the Lord provides through medicine, science and the church will help that desire to become a reality. For more information from the **Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers** go to www.catholicmhm.org.

FIAT Pregnancy Support Program Catholic Health, in partnership with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, is a dedicated help line designed to assist callers in accessing the counsel, resources, and encouragement needed to choose life when facing a pregnancy with unexpected or difficult circumstances. It is available 24x7, 365 days of the year to any woman regardless of age, religion, immigration status or ability to pay. The FIAT phone number is **631-476-LOVE (5683)**.

It is a hope that the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program will be the first call a woman makes when facing a difficult situation and does not know where to turn. We need your assistance in promoting the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program in your parish. Every Catholic in our diocese ought to know about this program, how to access it, and when to refer herself, a friend, family member, etc. – that is, to *call (631)476-5683 any time, any day, for any pregnancy-related stress, including pregnancy loss.*



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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 8, 2024
The Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We know that the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy can seem insurmountable. This is especially true when it feels like there is no support for a pregnant woman struggling to appreciate the precious gift of life she carries and may compel her towards a regrettable decision. But genuine empowerment of women comes only through recognizing the dignity of the human person at every stage of life and this is most poignantly illuminated through the blessings of motherhood.

In this, it is with great joy that I announce the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** at Catholic Health. This program, in partnership with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, comprises a dedicated help line designed to assist women access the **counsel, resources, and encouragement needed to choose life** when facing a pregnancy with unexpected or difficult circumstances. **The Pregnancy Support Team is available 24x7, 365 days of the year** to assist callers in accessing the services needed to help them see that every new life is a blessing, even when there are challenges.

Any expectant woman in need of help can call the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program and be confident that, **regardless of age, religion, immigration status or ability to pay**, she will receive compassionate, non-judgmental, and *life-affirming* care. Most of all, she can be assured that she will not be alone through her pregnancy, and she will not be abandoned after she delivers her child. If she is overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy, contemplating abortion pills on her college campus, distressed with an adverse prenatal diagnosis, experiencing a miscarriage, worried about feeding her child, regretting a past abortion or other pregnancy-related distress, FIAT is there to help her sort things out and get the care she needs. It only takes the courage of a phone call to find real hope: **631-476-LOVE (5683)**.

It is my prayer that the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** be recognized across the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the first step a woman takes when facing challenging circumstances during pregnancy. There are promotional materials available at every parish and on-line, but we ask for your help to make this resource known widely through your prayers, your witness, and your word-of-mouth, for every one of us has an important and serious responsibility to spread the Gospel of Life. Let FIAT lead the way.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John O. Barres' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated in honor of Joseph and Joan Gillespie celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary, with love from your family.

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The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekday masses was donated in loving memory of Louis Scorce - Happy Birthday in Heaven - With love from Mary Ann, Lisa and Marie.

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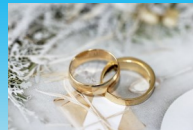
The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in loving memory of Hudson and Taylor, with love from Nana.



Welcome to the Newly-Baptized



*Isla Noelle Anthony
Grayson Daniel Connors
Anthony Robert Miano*



Wedding Banns

1st Time

*Patrick Paretta, St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh, NY &
Tina Finocchiaro, St. Rose of Lima
Christopher Negro, St. Rose of Lima &
Francesca Jelonek, St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset, NY
Christian Castelli, St. Aidan, Williston Park, NY &
Marissa Ulrich, Holy Family, Hicksville, NY
Christopher Romeo, St. Rose of Lima &
Marisa Ottati, Maria Regina, Seaford
Michael LaFace, St. Anthony of Padua, E. Northport, NY &
Emily Maracic, St. Rose of Lima
Nicholas Fetzer, St. Rose of Lima &
Katelyn Donohue, St. John the Baptist, Ottsville, PA*

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

*Robert DiResto
William Grant
Gerard McQuade
Nestor Medina
Maureen Salzano
Anna Sylvester*

Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased

*Dolores M. Erker
Anthony J. Esposito, Sr.
Christine Laurenti*



Here's What's Happening at St. Rose

A Place for Hope - Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

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

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

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

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

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

Men's Club - April 20 after the 8:00 am mass

My Club - Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

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

Rosary Society - Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room



Divine Mercy Sunday, 2024

\$16,622.00
6,144.00 WeShare
\$22,766.00

Divine Mercy Sunday, 2023

\$15,581.00
6,797.00 WeShare
\$22,378.00

- 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
- 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
- Sean Ryan Kelly, Air Force
- Lauren Kerl, Army
- Jordan Knoppert, Navy
- Jeffrey Kornbluth, Army
- Matthew Kramer, Army
- Thomas Kramer, Army
- Matthew Mahlmeister, Army
- Mike McKabe, Army
- John Michael McDonald, Marine Corps
- 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
- Philip M. Veltre, Air Force
- Paul Vermillion, Marine Corps
- Roger P. Williams, Army
- Thomas E. Winthrop, Navy
- William Youssef, Marine Corps



Support
Our
Military

Please inform us of
any names that
should be changed.



**St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach
PANTRY HOURS**
Monday - Wednesday 10 am-2 pm
Thursday 10 am-12 pm
Friday Closed

Jesus is never going to force Himself on us. He is not going to push His way through into our believing. He wants an invitation into our homes and into our hearts. When that invitation happens, He opens our eyes to everything possible through Him, just as He did on that Emmaus road.

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

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| Juice Boxes/Bottles | Rice in Cups |
| Cookies | Sweet Cereal |
| Cut Pasta/Spaghetti | Chef-Boyardee |
| Canned Spinach | Bottled Water |
| Apple Sauce Cups | Dish Detergent |
| Diapers Size 6 | Toilet Paper |
| Paper Towels | Tissues |
| Deodorant | Toothpaste |

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

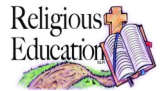
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm

Phone: 541-1712

E-mail: religioused@srolchurch.org

Website: www.srolchurch.org

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



Faith Formation Registration

Registration information for the 2024-2025 formation year has been emailed to all families currently participating in the program. Visit the parish website and look for the registration link by clicking 'donate online' in the upper right-hand corner of the home page.

New to Faith Formation? Incoming 1st Grade Information/Registration Meeting being held on Thursday, May 2 at 5:45 PM in the Church. This meeting is for all parents of children entering 1st grade in 2024.

Catechists Wanted for the 2024 Formation Year

We are seeking volunteers willing to share their faith with our parish children in **Grades 1 through 8 for our Tuesday program, Saturday program, and home program.** Tuesday classes are held in the afternoon at 4:15 PM and Saturday classes are held in the morning at 8:45 AM. Both days are held in the school building. For more information, please contact Grace at the Office of Faith Formation at 541-1712 x241.

Grade Level Masses

April 21	April 28
2nd Grade at 10:00 AM	1st Grade at 10:00 AM
(our 2nd graders will receive a cross from the Family Mass committee today)	6th Grade at 5:15 PM
7th Grade at 5:15 PM	May 5
	4th and 5th Grade at 10:00 AM
	6th Grade at 5:15 PM

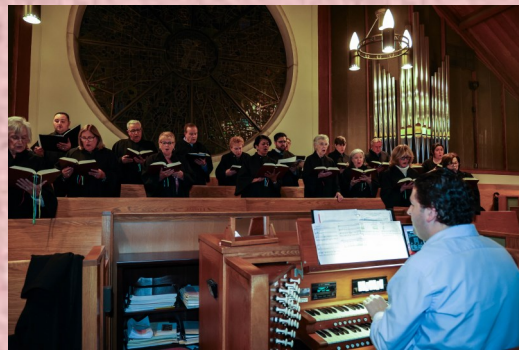
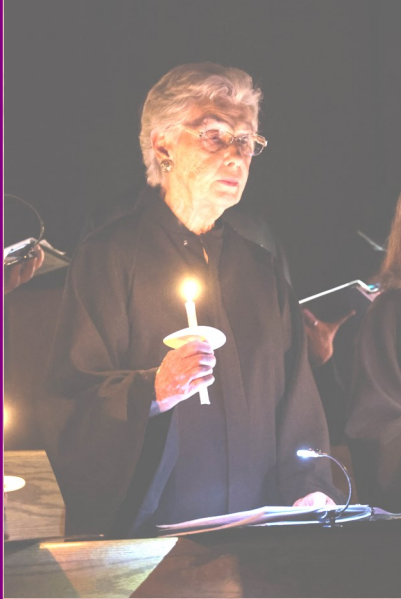
2nd Grade Sanctuary Sessions

4/15 - 4:15 PM	4/17 - 4:15 PM
4/15 - 5:15 PM	4/17 - 5:15 PM
4/16 - 4:15 PM	4/17 - 6:15 PM
4/16 - 5:15 PM	4/18 - 4:15 PM
4/16 - 6:15 PM	4/18 - 5:15 PM



Scheduled sessions are held in Church

Coming Soon, 7th Grade Confirmation Interviews Interviews will be held on Tuesday, April 23 in the school auditorium. Students must be registered for one of the sessions (6:30, 7:00, or 7:30 pm). Reminder emails with details will be emailed to parents of registered students.



Easter Vigil

Photos Courtesy of Jim Rapp

St. Rose of Lima: Parish Holy Hour

LIFE IS EMPTY WITHOUT GOD

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Wednesday | 7:30PM | In the Church
Live Music by Stephanie Muhs
Reflection by Tom Griffin

Candlelit Church, Powerful Message, Profound Prayer

Made For **GREATNESS**

8-12th Grade

TOPIC

April 21

Is Jesus a liar, a lunatic, or LORD?

GAME

Gaga Ball

RSVP!



SCAN ME

Sunday Evenings in the Rectory Meeting Room
6:30-7:45pm (after 5:15pm Mass)
Cookies. Games. Faith Conversations.

QUESTIONS: ADAMG@SROLCHURCH.ORG



The Diocese of Rockville Centre
**GOLDEN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drcv-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drcv.org





SEAN COTTY

CONCERT ORGANIST

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

3:30pm

Saint Rose of Lima Parish welcomes organist Sean Cotty, who will perform a brilliant concert featuring the music of J. S. Bach. As a pianist and organist, he has performed across the United States and Europe. Sean is the Music Director at both Church on the Hill in Flushing, and Temple B'nai Torah in Wantagh, New York. Recently, he studied with Juilliard professor, Paul Jacobs at the Oregon Bach Festival's Organ Institute.



ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday,
April 28, 2024
3:30pm

Free-will offering.

Wine & Cheese
Reception

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

2 Bayview Ave
Massapequa NY 11758
516 798 4992 x 240

Director of Music
John Buckel

Pastor

Rev. Gerard Gentleman
www.srolchurch.org

ST. ROSE INSTITUTE

The Mass and the Eucharist



APRIL 30TH

“The Most Important Hour”

7 - 8 PM

Fr. Graham Center

MAY 14TH

“The Key To the Mass”

7 - 8 PM

Fr. Graham Center

MAY 28TH

“A Eucharistic Life”

7 - 8 PM

Fr. Graham Center

DISCUSSIONS & TOPICS LED BY TOM GRIFFIN

- Learn about and encounter God in a theology class setting.
- Learn about the roots and power of the Mass as sacrifice.
- Read critical texts on the Eucharist and learn why to never miss Sunday Mass.
- Prove the Eucharist is Jesus with the Eucharistic Miracles.

Registration:

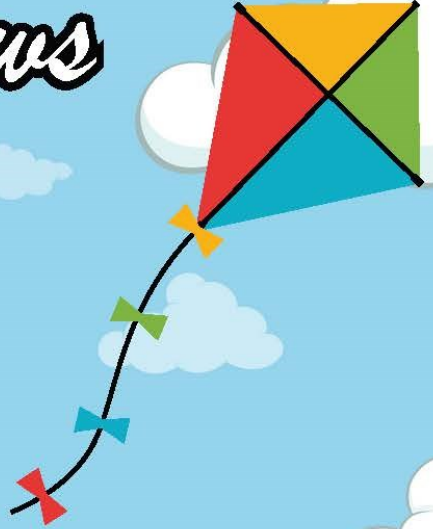
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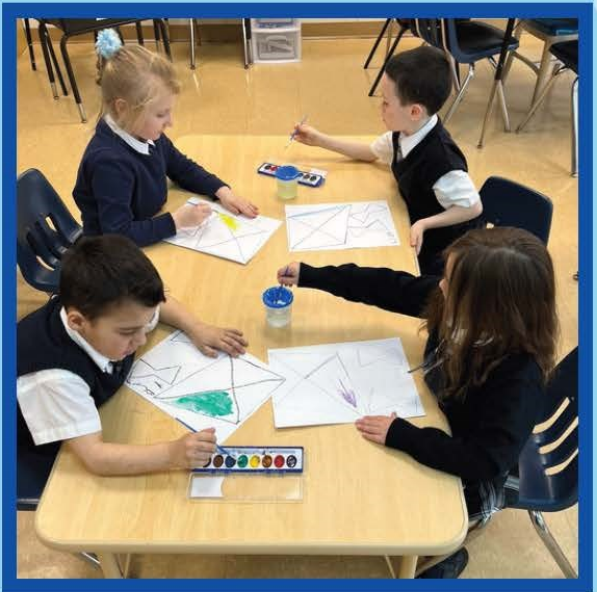
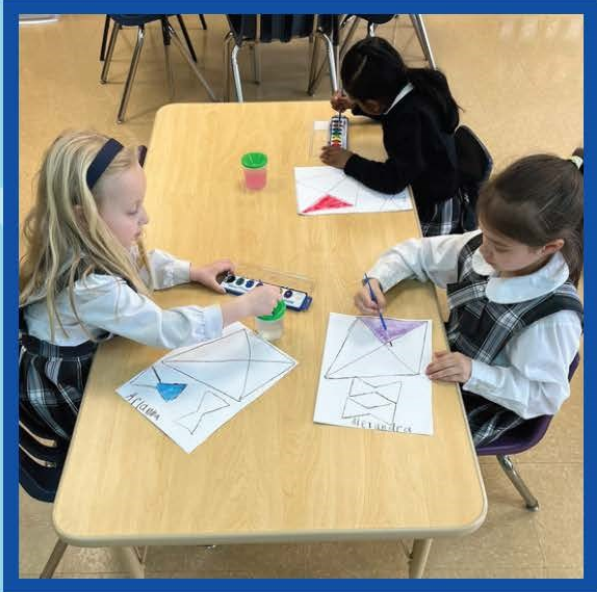
LEARN. ENCOUNTER. BE TRANSFORMED.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

School News



Kindergarten believes that the April winds are perfect for flying kites, if it isn't raining...



**CONSIDERING CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD?
CALL THE OFFICE NUMBER BELOW TO BOOK A PRIVATE TOUR!**

**CONTACT US:
PHONE: 516-541-1546**

...AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

Divorced, Separated Widowed and Single Catholics - There will be a New Member Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm at St. Frances Club at 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. For more information, call Terry at 516-650-5528.

Dominican Village Open House - Dominican Village, founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, New York, is a not-for-profit Independent and Assisted Living Community. They are hosting an Open House on Thursday, April 11 from 1:00-3:00 pm at 565 Albany Avenue, Amityville. For more information, call 631-532-2300.

Help Wanted - Memorare Caterers in Seaford has part-time positions available as wait staff, bartenders, and dish washers. Call Barry Bree or Alan Malangone at 516-785-3476.

Holy Trinity HS - is hosting a Reverse Raffle on Saturday, April 27th at 6:30 pm. Contact htalumni@holytrinityhs.org or call 516-433-2900 x177 for more information.

2024 Memory Walk and Spring Festival - On Saturday, May 4, the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center is hosting an outdoor event which will bring a galaxy of community resources and organizations together to support all Long Island families impacted by cognitive decline. It will be held at Marjorie Post Park and will begin at 8:30 am with registration and grab-and-go breakfast. The walk will begin at 10:00 am. For more information, call 631-580-5100.

Yarn Wanted - Massapequa Park Lions Club is seeking donations of yarn for the Senior Center at Brady Park. Let's help these wonderful volunteers continue their good deeds of knitting blankets for the patients at St. Joseph's Hospital. For more information, call Sharon at 516-779-4037 or Mary Ellen at 516-857-5533.



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