

# 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)

## Confessions (Reconciliation):

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

## Weekly Holy Hours:

Monday, 8:00pm - Thursday, 8:00 am

## Weekly Rosary:

Monday, 7:00pm

# Pastoral Team

## PASTOR:

Rev. Gerard Gentleman

## ASSOCIATES

Rev. Allan Arneaud  
Rev. Frank Zero

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

## EVANGELIZATION YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Thomas Griffin, Pastoral Associate

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Gracemarie Rozea, Coordinator

## MUSIC MINISTRY

John Buckel, Director of Music

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Ann Hedgis, Co-Coordinator  
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## PASTORAL LIFE

Barbara Pope, Coordinator

## SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Brian Jensen

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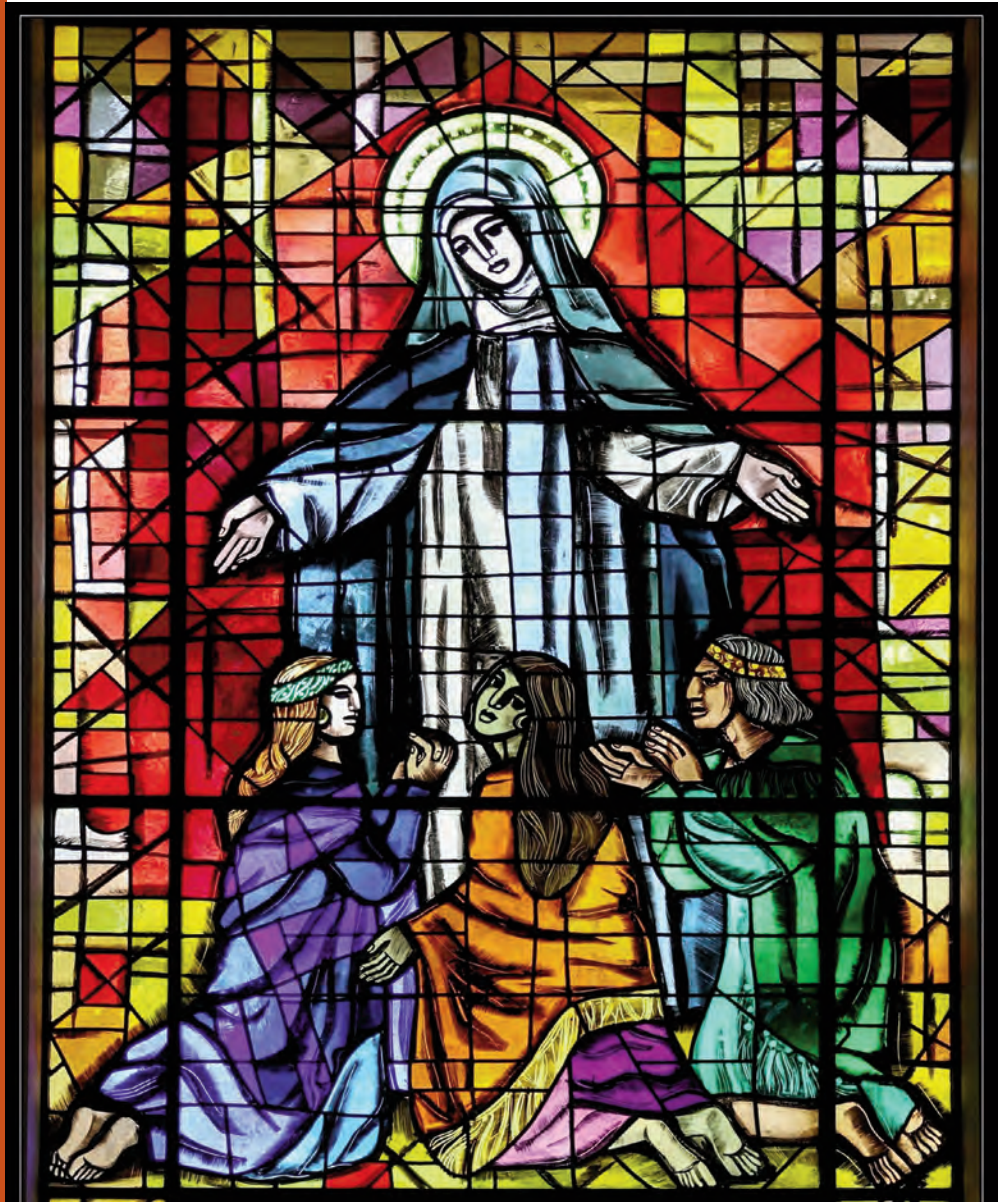


B U L L E T I N

# St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, May 4, 2025

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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](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, 1-2:15 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](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., 5/5 Easter Weekday**

7:30 Donna Robitaille  
 9:00 Ettore Maiorino  
 7:30 Robert Gugliuzza

**Tue., 5/6 Easter Weekday**

7:30 Margaret Whalen  
 9:00 John Caruso

**Wed., 5/7 Easter Weekday**

7:30 Paul Cooney, Sr.  
 9:00 Dennis Diemer

**Thu., 5/8 Easter Weekday**

7:30 Jerry Beard  
 9:00 Frances Biele

**Fri., 5/9 Easter Weekday**

7:30 Alphonse Falco  
 9:00 John Fagan

**Sat., 5/10 St. John of Avila, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 Elizabeth Jones, Bob Fox,  
 Marie Tramontana, Helen V. McNulty,  
 Catherine Donnelly, Maureen Giancontieri

**Sat., 5/10 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

5:15 Anthony Ventiera

**Sun., 5/11 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Mother's Day  
 Novena, Justin Fusco, Mary Arceri,  
 Alice & Joe DeBonis, Frank & Joan O'Lear,  
 For the Intention of Nicole Salant & Melissa  
 Moscola  
 10:00 Paul Santore  
 12:00 Mass for the People  
 5:15 Susan J. Tomae







## ...from Fr. Gerard

*"We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name?"*

Throughout this past week, including today, we have proclaimed passages from the fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Throughout this chapter and in other places of the Acts of the Apostles, the apostles and disciples of the early church are admonished and told to stop teaching in the name of Jesus and to stop proclaiming his resurrection. Despite every threat, they did not stop preaching Christ. Despite persecution in its earliest centuries, the church has not stopped proclaiming the resurrection. Despite Nazi, Fascist, and Communist regimes, the faith was not suppressed, and Christ was proclaimed. In the face of atheism, doubt and apathy, belief in the resurrection of Christ empowers the faithful. This week the successors to the Apostles in the College of Cardinals will gather in conclave to discern and elect, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the next Bishop of Rome, the Supreme Pontiff who will shepherd the church in proclaiming Christ Risen despite the challenges, suppressions and disbeliefs of our times.

Who will be the next Pope? That is the question that I have been asked numerous times. I don't feel well-versed in the possibilities to even put forth a guess. But I trust that Cardinal Electors will be guided by the Holy Spirit out of a sincere desire to do God's will. I pray that it will be reflective of the synodality that Pope Francis sought to cultivate in the church. I trust that he who is elected will be the brave and pastoral teacher and shepherd that the church needs.

This week I was privileged to concelebrate mass with Bishop Michael Martin, the bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina. In his homily, he referred to the categorization of people within political discourse.

*"I simply see people, and if they are in need and they are hurting, I want us to try to care for them. I think that is the optic that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, espoused tremendously,"* the bishop said.

*"People who see their faith through the lens of their political affiliation, rather than seeing their political affiliation through the lens of their faith"* give him pause, he said. Then he asked: *"What will be the lens through which you'll see yours?"*

It is my prayer that through the lens of faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the church will receive its new Pope. I also pray that we, the flock of the new shepherd, will venture to see past political categories and see the people of God as brothers and sisters in need of our care.

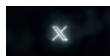
**CONCLAVE PRAYER** – Throughout the days ahead, we are called to pray for the Cardinal Electors and the gift of a new Pope. You may wish to offer this prayer daily, until a new Holy Father is elected.

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness and to us, show watchful care. Amen.

**CATHOLIC SCOUTING** – This past weekend I concluded a three-year term as the National Chaplain for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. For the next three years, I will serve the new National Chaplain and the committee as the Immediate Past Chaplain. I was honored to serve in this national role because of the impact that Boy Scouting made in my life and the opportunities it has provided me as a priest. I am grateful for the support that Saint Rose of Lima staff and parishioners provided me during these last three years. I ask for your prayers for the ministry of Catholic Scouting and all the church's outreach to youth.

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** – As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the diocese of Rockville Centre is hosting a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, to be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025, at St. Anthony's High School in Huntington. This Congress is more than a gathering; it is meant to be a spark for a renewed fire of evangelization across Long Island. It will be a day of prayer, catechesis, and communion with Jesus Christ truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. The Congress will feature keynote talks, breakout sessions in multiple languages, Eucharistic Adoration, sacred music, confessions, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

In addition to the congress itself, there will be Eucharistic Pilgrimages taking place across the Diocese in the days leading up to the Congress as well as revival nights to accompany the pilgrimages. All the information about the Eucharistic Congress, the processions and the revival nights can be found at [drvc.org/congress](http://drvc.org/congress). Registration for attending the conference can also be found on the website.





### **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated in loving memory of Thomas O’Gara - Happy Birthday in Heaven - with love from Eileen, Alison, Caitlyn, Anna, Arthur and Pat.*

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*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekday masses was donated in loving memory of Frances Biele on her 1st Anniversary in Heaven, with love from the Dulko, LaGumina and Winthrop Families.*

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*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor of Julianna Oakley on receiving her First Holy Communion, with love from Nonni and Poppy.*

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*The Altar Candles are lit this week in honor of Courtney Caccavo’s 1st Communion, with love from Grandma and Grandpa Caccavo.*

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*The Processional Candles are lit this week in loving memory of Josephine DiStefano Strassel on her Birthday, May 7, in Heaven, with love from her Family.*



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

*Lucy Josephine Famiglietti  
Gemma Rose Gordon  
Bennett Peter Pafundi*

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

*Arlette Gerham  
Lisa Kimmel  
Rocco LaManna  
Gloria McNeilly*



**Here's What's Happening at St. Rose**

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

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

**Centering Prayer** - Thursday, May 8 at 6:45 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Chapel

**Charismatic Prayer** - Wednesdays at 3:15 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

**GRASP (Grief Recovery After Substance Passing)** - Friday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

**Respect Life** - Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Board Room

**Retired Friends** - Thursday, May 15 at 12:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room. New members welcome!

**Rosary** - The rosary will be prayed every Monday evening at 7:00 pm, prior to the 7:30 pm Mass.

**Rosary Society** - Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center

**Sunshine Group for Widows & Widowers** - Thursday, May 8 at 12:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

**Supermarket Cards** - Cards will be sold this weekend, May 3 and 4, after the 5:15 pm mass on Saturday and at the Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and the 12 noon masses.



4/27/25  
 \$17,672.00  
 6,598.00 WeShare  
 \$24,270.00

4/28/24  
 \$15,189.00  
 5,488.00 WeShare  
 \$20,677.00



**St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS**

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

*The risen Jesus not only changes the way they fish; He also changes their hearts, especially Peter's. The Resurrection transforms the old into the new and looks to the future rather than dwell on the past. Once Peter pledges his love to Jesus, he is invited once again to follow Jesus. This is true for all of us.*

**The pantry is starting to run low on these items:**

- Sweet Cereal
- Rice-A-Roni
- Creamed Corn
- Canned Beets
- Taco Kits
- Ketchup
- Chili
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Napkins

**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:** 516-541-1712

**E-mail:** religiouused@srolchurch.org

**Website:** www.srolchurch.org

**Facebook:** St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



**GRADE LEVEL MASSES**

**May 11**

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

**May 25**

4th & 5th Grade at 10:00 AM  
7th Grade at 5:15 PM

**May 18**

1st Grade at 10:00 AM  
8th Grade at 5:15 PM

**June 1**

3rd Grade at 10:00 AM  
6th Grade at 5:15 PM

**2025-26 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Standard Rate Registration Fees in Effect!

Registration information for the 2025-2026 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 righthand corner of the home page. Standard rates are as follows:

1 child \$220, 2 children \$290, 3 or more children \$330  
Catechist discount \$50.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

<u>COMMUNION DATE</u>	<u>REHEARSAL DATE</u>
MAY 10 AT 9:45 AM	MAY 6 AT 4:00 PM
MAY 10 AT 11:45 AM	MAY 6 AT 5:15 PM
MAY 17 AT 9:45 AM	MAY 13 AT 4:00 PM
MAY 17 AT 11:45 AM	MAY 13 AT 5:15 PM
MAY 18 AT 10:00 AM	MAY 14 AT 4:00 PM
JUNE 8 AT 10:00 AM	JUNE 3 AT 4:00 PM

**MAY CROWNING**

Sunday, May 11 at the 10:00 AM Family Mass. All First Holy Communicants are invited to attend this Mass in their First Holy Communion outfits and participate in the procession. Please reply to the email sent to register your child.

**INCOMING 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENT/STUDENT MANDATORY MEETING**

TUES., JUNE 3RD & WED., JUNE 4TH AT 6:30 PM IN THE CHURCH. INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED REGARDING 7TH/8TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS & A PACKET WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH STUDENT.

**Blessings on our May 3  
First Holy Communion Children**

Jordan Amato	Connor Larson
Anthony Appice	Emily Lementowski
James Balducci	Audrey Lesniak
Christopher Beer	Jack Lomonaco
Bria Bergersen	Amelia London
Julian Bethell	Ryan Lutz
Kyle Brancato	Carly Madison
Reese Bula	Jeremie Majano
Jack Bute	Archer Malone
Grayson Cagnard	Angelina Mastroddi
Joseph Campo	Luke Mc Dermott
Emilia Capasso	Andrew Mc Guinness
Nicholas Carbone	Eva Meyer
Erin Carlo	Abigail Mirra
Maren Clugston	Sienna Mobilia
Blake Collura	Patrick Nastro
Corina Courchesne	Valentina Nino
Ariana Curry	Julianna Oakley
Luca D' Agostino	Madison Osolin
Christian De Nicola	Luke Ostrom
Remi DeMarco	Julia Pacchiano
Salvatore Di Bella	Anthony Pappagallo
Bianca Di Chiara	William Paul
Adriana Di Falco	Salma Peralta
Lillianna Di Matteo	Scarlett Peralta
Abigail Dolan	Alessio Pierno
Joseph Donaggio	Franco Pillitteri
Riley Dowling	Gabriella Polito
Stephen Einig	Charlotte Purdy
James Errera	Catherine Ramos
Elena Farley	Joseph Rasulo
Gemma Farrugia	Katherine Reinhart
Dylan Faughnan	Lincoln Rhoads
Ava Franzese	Macenzie Richter
Leila Galicia	Peyton Rothwell
Tatum Gardner	Anthony Sanicola
Benjamin Gessner	Giana Santopietro
Logan Gibson	Avery Scalco
Grace Gill	Aubrey Schrade
Kennedy Giuliani	Joseph Schroeder
Landon Gomes	Nathaniel Sessa
Madison Gonzalez	Olivia Sfoggia
Luciano Hidalgo	Isabella Sgroi
Luke Jones	Logan Sheehan
Hailey Jurgens	Mason Sheehan
Niko Karavis	Malia Tedesco
Theodore Kiernan	Giuliana Tortorella
Charlotte Kurtz	Vincent Trapani
James Kusterer	Zachary Underwood
Adley L' Esperance	John Walls
Ashton L' Esperance	Drake Weiss
Rocco La Bella	Juliet Zeuner
Paisley Larsen	Haley Zinkiewicz
	James Zuniga



# *Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!*

*T*his weekend, **May 3 & 4**, St. Rose of Lima Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- ◇ Free pregnancy test kits
- ◇ Free sonogram
- ◇ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ◇ Medical care referrals
- ◇ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- ◇ Male advocates available to speak with fathers

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.

**(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)**

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON  
JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>**



Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

*Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!*



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# MEET THE REAL ST. FRANCIS

*Learn about one of the most famous saints by encountering his writings and life in a way that can open your eyes to the depth of our faith.*

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TUESDAY, MAY 6TH  
TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

7:30PM  
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM

Theology class sessions led by Tom Griffin and based on his book, *Let Us Begin: Saint Francis's Way of Becoming Like Christ and Renewing the World*

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



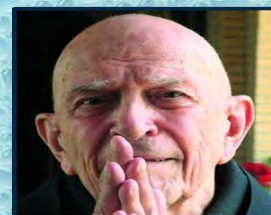
Beginning **May 8, 2025**, the *Centering Prayer* Gathering will take place on the 2nd Thursday evening of each month. This is in addition to the two Thursday afternoon monthly meetings.

- **Time:** 6:45 PM - 7:45 PM (Please arrive promptly; the rectory closes at 8:00 PM.)
- **Location:** St. Rose of Lima Rectory, 2 Bayview Ave., Massapequa, NY
- **Entrance:** Back parking lot, door to the left of the 4 bay garage
- **Rectory Phone:** 516-798-4992

What is Centering Prayer?

As defined by **Fr. Thomas Keating**, Centering Prayer follows these four simple steps:

1. Choose a sacred word as a symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence.
2. Sit comfortably, close your eyes, and silently introduce the sacred word.
3. When distracted by thoughts, gently return to the sacred word.
4. At the end of prayer, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.



All are welcome to join us in this time of silence and contemplation.

For further information regarding this group contact:  
**Marion Madison at marion49@optonline.net**

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
*Revival Nights*

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE  
PRAY WITH JESUS WALK WITH JESUS

<p>Saturday May 31 8:00 pm * Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport</p> <p>Sunday June 1 7:00 pm Maria Regina, Seaford</p> <p>Monday June 2 7:00 pm Holy Family, Hicksville</p> <p>Tuesday June 3 7:00 pm Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead</p> <p>Wednesday, June 4 7:00 pm Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park</p> <p>Thursday, June 5 7:00 pm Notre Dame, New Hyde Park</p> <p>Friday, June 6 7:00 pm St. Patrick, Glen Cove</p>	<p>Saturday May 31 7:00 pm Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, South Hampton</p> <p>Sunday June 1 7:00 pm St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches</p> <p>Monday June 2 7:00 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue</p> <p>Tuesday June 3 7:00 pm St. Patrick, Smithtown</p> <p>Wednesday, June 4 7:00 pm St. Joseph, Babylon</p> <p>Thursday, June 5 7:00 pm St. Anne, Brentwood</p> <p>Friday, June 6 7:00 pm St. Philip Neri, Northport</p>
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Come spend time with Jesus.  
Learn more about our Fourteen Eucharistic Revival Nights leading up to our Eucharistic Congress on Pentecost Sunday. Each Revival Night will have

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Eucharistic Preaching & Catechesis
- Eucharistic Processions
- Nocturnal Adoration

Learn more and see our full schedule at  
[DRVC.ORG/Congress](http://DRVC.ORG/Congress)

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
**BEHOLD 2025**

with Guest Speakers:

Dr. Edward Sri	Father Pierre Toussaint, CFR	Father Jose Diaz	Sister Mary Gabriel, SV	Father Daniel Rivera

**PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8**

**10AM-5:30PM**

Saint Anthony's High School, South Huntington

Admission is free but registration is required.

All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

For registration, schedule, and more details, visit:  
[www.drvc.org/congress](http://www.drvc.org/congress)



# St. Rose of Lima

## *May Crowning And Procession*

### Sunday, May 11, 2025

#### 10:00 am Family Mass

**Our parish community honors our Blessed Mother at the Annual Parish May Crowning. St. Rose of Lima Parish First Holy Communion Children, Jr. Rosarians, Rosary Society, and Men of Solidarity, past and present, are invited to come together in the Month of Mary and have a special part in the Celebration of the Mass.**



**Our First Holy Communion children and their families are a very special part of our parish community. All children receiving First Holy Communion are welcome to join in our parish opening procession in their Communion outfits.**

**The children should arrive in the back of the church by 9:40 am. Please join us for this beautiful parish tradition as we celebrate Mass and honor Our Blessed Mother.**



SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS

THE SCIENTIFIC  
EVIDENCE  
FOR THE  
AFTER LIFE

Learn about new studies that help  
show that life doesn't end at death.

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SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

Join us following the Noon Mass  
in the back of the church for  
coffee, refreshments and a  
reflection.

*St. Rose of Lima Music Ministry  
presents our annual*

# Spring Concert



Sunday, May 18, 2025

3:00 pm

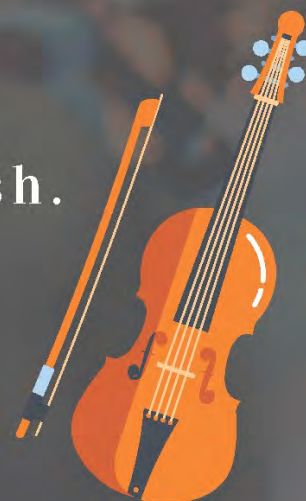
joined by the Choir of  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Featuring the combined choirs with  
organ, piano, bells, brass quartet,  
and string orchestra.

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Co-Conductors

Matthew Bayen & John Buckel



Reception to follow. Freewill offering  
St. Rose of Lima Church - 2 Bayview Ave, Massapequa NY 11758



*St. Rose of Lima: Parish Holy Hour*

“REJOICE IN THE  
LORD ALWAYS.  
I SHALL SAY IT  
AGAIN: REJOICE!”

Wednesday, May 21st

7:30PM in the Church

Reflection by Father Allan

Live Music by Stephanie Muhs

*Candlelit Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration: A Powerful Experience*



# A Quick STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE to How a Pope Is Elected



Upon the death of a pope, the world turns its attention to the Vatican. The Church enters a period of mourning before the process of choosing a successor begins (no sooner than 15 days and no later than 20 days after the pope's passing). Cardinals from around the world gather in Rome to prayerfully discern and elect the next leader of the Catholic Church—a process that is rich in history, tradition, and faith. But how does this election take place? Who is involved in the decision, and what are the key steps in selecting the next pope?

## Prayer for the New Pope

*O God, Eternal Shepherd,  
who governs your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness  
and toward us show watchful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*



**Step 1:****The Cardinals Gather**

It all starts when the pope's seat becomes vacant. The cardinals from all over the world meet in the Vatican for what is called "General Congregations." This is the time to pray, discuss, and prepare for the election, which is known as the conclave.

**Step 2:****The Cardinals Celebrate Mass and Pray for the Holy Spirit's Guidance**

Before the process begins, the cardinals celebrate Mass together in St. Peter's Basilica, asking the Holy Spirit to guide them.

**Step 3:****The Cardinals Enter the Conclave and Secrecy Begins**

The voting cardinals—those under 80 years of age—now process into the Sistine Chapel while chanting *Veni Creator Spiritus*, calling the Holy Spirit. They take an oath of secrecy, and then comes a dramatic moment: The Master of Papal Liturgical Celebrations announces "*Extra omnes*"—which means "All out!" Only the voting cardinals remain.

**Step 4:****The Cardinal Electors Discuss Potential Candidates**

Technically, any baptized male Catholic is eligible to be elected as pope. You don't have to be a cardinal! However, the pope is almost always chosen from among the College of Cardinals. The cardinals weigh all the important qualities carefully, keeping in mind the Church's needs. This process involves both prayerful discernment and practical considerations to select a leader who will guide the Church effectively in the years to come.

**Step 5:****The Voting Begins**

When it is time to vote, each cardinal writes the name of his choice on a ballot, folds it, and places it in a large chalice. Then, they count the votes. A pope must receive two thirds of the votes from the electors present to be chosen.

**Step 6:****Black Smoke Means No Pope**

If no candidate reaches the required two-thirds majority, the votes—and any notes the cardinals took during that round—are burned. If no pope is elected, a special mixture is added to make the smoke black.

**Step 7:****A Cardinal Receives Two-Thirds Majority**

Rounds of voting continue (four rounds each day) until a candidate finally reaches a two-thirds majority.

When this happens, he is asked if he accepts. He can say no. If this were to happen, the voting would resume—but if he were to accept, he chooses a papal name and dresses in white for the first time.

**Step 8:****White Smoke Means We Have a New Pope**

Now the world gets the big news. We have a new pope! They add a special mixture to the papers and ballots used during that round of voting to produce white smoke. As the smoke rises from the chimney, bells can be heard ringing across Rome.

**Step 9:*****Habemus Papam!*—"We Have a Pope!"**

The senior cardinal deacon—called the cardinal Protodeacon—steps out onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica and announces, "*Habemus Papam!*" ("We have a new pope!"). The newly elected pope is presented to the world for the first time from the balcony.

**Step 10:****The *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing**

What is the first thing the new pope does? He blesses the city of Rome and the whole world with the *Urbi et Orbi* blessing.

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## St. Rose of Lima Rosary Society

During one of the St. Rose of Lima Rosary Society meetings in 2024, the Rosarians met and discussed making Rosary beads for the children who were going to make their First Holy Communion in 2025. Since that meeting, the Rosarians had a chocolate candy sale to raise the funds to purchase the materials and received several donations towards the effort.

Ann Hedgis, Co-Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry, was instrumental in sourcing the materials and teaching the Rosarians how to make the Rosary Beads. The Rosarians met on several Thursday nights for the Rosary-making sessions in the Rectory Meeting Room led by Ann. She was confident that the Rosarians would be able to learn and make the Rosary beads before the First Holy Communion Masses celebrated in 2025.

The Rosarians were focused and determined in finishing all of the 300 Rosary beads for the children. In April 2025, Father Allan blessed the completed 300 Rosary beads, and the Rosarians wrapped the Rosaries, including instructions on how to pray the Rosary.

The Rosarians felt blessed and guided by the Blessed Mother through this journey and experienced such joy.

We would like to thank all of the Rosarians and Ann Hedgis for their hard work and dedication in this ministry of making the Rosary beads for our First Holy Communion children of our Parish.



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Our parish receives numerous prayer requests from parishioners and non-parishioners, for a variety of needs, but mostly for those who are experiencing an illness. Following is a list of opportunities for prayer in our parish:

**Prayers for the sick from the pulpit and in our weekly bulletin:** Please call the rectory during regular business hours (516-798-4992) to add your name to this list. Names are mentioned from the pulpit during all Masses for one week, and are then transferred to the bulletin for a period of three weeks. *(Please note: 1) For privacy reasons, if you are requesting prayers for someone other than yourself, you must have the permission of the person being prayed for to add their name to this list. 2) If a name is not announced, please know that they are not forgotten, as we pray for all those who are ill and convalescing at every Mass.)*

**Parish Prayer Intention Book:** A book is located in the church narthex by the statue of St. Rose of Lima, where you can write your prayer request. These prayers can be for any reason, including for those serving in the military, and will be included collectively in our Sunday and weekday Mass intentions.

**Charismatic Prayer Group prayer box:** There is a box located on the shelf in the church vestibule - the entrance from the parking lot by the sacristy door - where you can place your request for prayers. Each week, the members of the Charismatic Prayer Group check the box, and the prayer requests are divided amongst the members. They will pray for your needs during their meeting on Wednesday afternoons, and continue at their homes. Paper and pencil are available by the prayer box for your convenience.

**Prayer Line Ministry:** Call or email ([mariap@srolchurch.org](mailto:mariap@srolchurch.org)) the rectory to request prayers. Members of this ministry receive a weekly list of names of people in need of prayer and pray for them in the privacy of their own home. Only first names are used to protect the privacy of the individual being prayed for.

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**Divorced, Separated, Widowed and Single Catholics of Long Island** - New member orientation will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm at the Hibernian Hall on Grand Avenue in Massapequa. For questions, Call Terry at 516-650-5528.

**Marian Morning of Prayer and Reflection** - The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception is hosting a Marian Morning of Prayer and Reflection on Monday, May 5. The keynote speaker will be Bro. Joseph Bellizzi, former Principal of Chaminade H.S. For more information, contact Mary at marynuzz@aol.com or Marta at miwaters88@gmail.com.

**Engaged Encounter** - This is an effective PreCan program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. The next two-day weekend is June 21-22. Visit [longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://longisland.engagedencounter.com) for information

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