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

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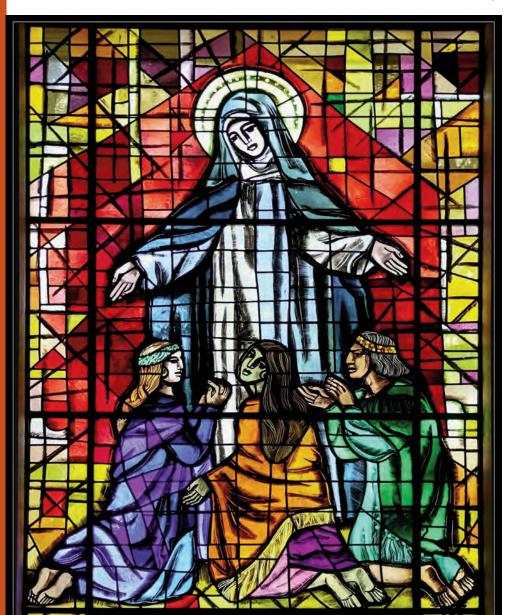


B U L L E T I N

St. Rose Of Jima Catholic Church

Sunday, August 17, 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) for details.

- Fr. Gerard

PHONE NUMBERS Rectory......798-4992

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., 8/18 Weekday

7:30 Nunzio Marzigliano

9:00 Dennis Diemer

7:30 Eddie Bauer

Tue., 8/19 St. John Eudes, Priest

7:30 Arthur Hillman, Jr.

9:00 Antoinette Riccio

Wed., 8/20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

7:30 Gabriella Cappello

9:00 Angelo Amarosa

Thu., 8/21 St. Pius X, Pope

7:30 Al & Jeanne Peterson

9:00 Mae & Tom Kelly

Fri., 8/22 The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

7:30 John McMahon

9:00 John F. & Mary Lou Surlis

Sat., 8/23 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:00 Katie Salerno, For the Intention of Julianne Rose A.L., For the Intention of Karel Nicolas, Joseph LeViness

Sat., 8/23 Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:15 Frances Cotugno

Sun., 8/24 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Justin Fusco, Robert F. Eddy, Joseph P. Hughes, Pete Rondinelli, Michael Masiello, Frances Scotti

10:00 Gabriele D'Orsi

12:00 Mass for the People

5:15 Linda A. Guglielmo





...from Fr. Gerard

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

This passage from the Letter to the Hebrews is one of my favorites. These words follow the author's reflection on the inspiration of Abraham, Moses, prophets and key figures of the Old Testament. This is how we view our relationship with the saints as well - they who have gone before us, inspire and intercede for us. We are, therefore, not alone in our quest for sainthood and eternal life. Like the crowd in the stands cheering on the athletes, the saints seek to inspire us when we place ourselves in their presence.

Significantly important as well are those who are on the playing field with us, our teammates, in the quest for an eternal victory. Like any athlete, even those who participate in individual events, we need coaches, trainers, and peers to assist us to move through this life and help to get us to an eternal reward. Unfortunately, in our time and place, we see a growing number of people living lives of isolation. Often that isolation is compounded by an engagement in the virtual world.

Last week, the Associated Press reported on a study that reviewed more than three hours of interactions between ChatGPT and researchers posing as vulnerable teens. According to the research, ChatGPT will tell 13-year-olds how to get drunk and high, instruct them on how to conceal eating disorders and even compose a heartbreaking suicide letter to their parents if asked. The study showed that the chatbot typically provided warnings against risky activity but went on to deliver startlingly detailed and personalized plans for drug use, calorie-restricted diets or self-injury.

According to the article, in the U.S., more than 70% of teens are turning to AI chatbots for companionship, and half use AI companions regularly. In addition, the report referred to teens who say things like, "I can't make any decision in my life without telling ChatGPT everything that's going on. It knows me. It knows my friends. I'm gonna do whatever it says." A reason for this level of "trust" is that these Chatbots are "fundamentally designed to feel human." Without doing any research on my own, I can affirm this finding. Recently, in a conversation with a teen, the young person said to me that he had never discussed the issue at hand with another person, only ChatGPT.

Pope Leo XIV has made the issue of artificial intelligence one of significance. At a Roman conference on A.I., he stated that we must consider "the well-being of the human person, not only materially, but also intellectually and spiritually. It means safeguarding the inviolable dignity of each human person and respecting the cultural and spiritual riches and diversity of the world's peoples."

We are called, therefore, to pay attention to where technology is cultivating isolation in our lives and the lives of others we care about. Excessive screen time is not just a hazard for the young but a vulnerability we all must be aware of. Now more than ever, we must build bridges and not walls, especially artificial ones. There is no substitute for human interaction.

Think back to the days of quarantine, where baseball games were played in empty stadiums, with cardboard representations of people in the seats and crowd noises played through speakers. That was not an experience of being surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses. Let us strive to use our technology well but avoid the isolation that is not meant for us, created beings made in the image and likeness of God.

FEAST OF SAINT ROSE OF LIMA – We will celebrate our parish's patronal feast next **Saturday**, **August 23.** Following the 5:15 mass, we will enjoy a parking lot party with burgers, hot dogs and family fun. *Camps R' Us* will be on hand with an inflatable for children to enjoy as well as information on enrollment for next summer. During the mass, we will bless a special plaque, acknowledging the generosity of those who contributed to the campaign that provided our new church doors. Lastly, this will also be an opportunity for our parish community to welcome Fr. Michael, our new Associate Pastor, and thank Fr. Joe McCann for his 50 summers here at St. Rose. We hope to see you there!



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated in loving memory of Marie Valente with love from Lynne and Frank.

The Altar Candles are lit this week in loving memory of Joseph Grasso on his 90th Birthday in Heaven, Always in our Hearts, miss you everyday, with love from Josephine and Family.

Welcome to the Newly-Baptized



Emily Grace Aliberti
Emily Pia DeLucia
Hannah Clara Hosford
Maria Rose Huepler
Travis Christopher Kolias
Lia Alessandra Perez

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

Walter Arnold
Jacklyn Callahan
Marisa Fitzgibbon
Barbara Kelnhofer
Marcy
Tony Pace
Paul Roth
Tony
Grace Zontini



Wedding Banns

1st Time

Thomas Sendek, St. Helen, Howard Beach, NY & Nicolette Anzelone, St. Rose of Lima

Daniel Smith, Our Lady of Peace, New Providence, NJ & Catherine Anderson, St. Rose of Lima

2nd Time

Conor Hehir, St. Rose of Lima & Talia Fioretti, St. Gertrude, Bayville
Andrew Weber, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament,
Queens, NY &
Stephanie Modiest, St. Rose of Lima

3rd Time

Matthew Bermudez, St. Rose of Lima & Lauren Miro, Boynton Beach, FL

Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased

Elma Palmisano
Barbara Passadin
Joseph Lagano
Albert Bevilacqua, Jr.
Edward M. Carriere
Vincent D'Alessandro
Geneva Healey



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

Bereavement Group - For those who recently lost a loved one, this group will meet at St. Rose in September. Please call 516-798-4954 to register.

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

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



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Baby at Seven Months' Development





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Thank you, my Spiritual God-Parent, who prays for my young life to be saved from abortion. My hearing is fully developed, and I can react to sound and light.

I spend a lot of time kicking and stretching.

Bless you for answering the call of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, to protect me with your prayers from those who persecute the unborn child.

Respect Life ~ Prayer and Action





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

Thursday 10 am-12 pm **Friday Closed**

Just living is not enough ... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower. Hans Christian Andersen

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

Sweet Cereal **Juice Boxes Snack Size Cookies Snack Size Chips Granola Bars Cream of Chicken Soup Canned Peas Canned Carrots** Corn (kernel & Creamed) **Chef Boyardee Crackers** Coffee (10-13 oz.) Sugar (1-2 lbs.) Mashed Potatoes (bag) Tomatoes (puree/crushed) **Instant Rice** Cake & Brownie Mix

Napkins

pencils scissors marble notebooks 2 pocket folders glue sticks crayons (24 box) highlighters post-it notes (3x3) **Index cards** (3x5) (4x6) colored pencils markers

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

NO BACKPACKS ARE NEEDED!

1" D-ring binders

pencil cases (zippered)

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: religioused@srolchurch.org Website: www.srolchurch.org

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation





THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR SUMMER BREAK ON JUNE 19, AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR IS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AFTER AUGUST 18 FOR ASSISTANCE, 2025-26 CAMPUS PLACEMENT LETTERS WILL BE MAILED MID-SEPTEMBER.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

2025-26 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION LATE RATE REGISTRATION FEES IN EFFECT

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE 2025-26 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.

LATE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1 CHILD \$250, 2 CHILDREN \$320, 3 OR MORE CHILDREN \$360 CATECHIST DISCOUNT \$50.

2025 CONFIRMATION DATES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT 12:30 & 3:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST AT 12:30 PM AN EMAIL WAS SENT WITH ASSIGNED TIMES. PLEASE EMAIL GRACE AT GRACER@SROLCHURCH.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS. CONFIRMATION GOWNS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ON SEPT. 9TH **DURING RECONCILIATIONS.**

6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE CATECHISTS WANTED FOR THE 2025-26 FORMATION YEAR FOR THE TUESDAY PROGRAM. ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SHARE YOUR FAITH? CONSIDER JOINING US! WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO SHARE THEIR FAITH WITH OUR PARISH CHILDREN IN 6TH, 7th & 8th grade in our Tuesday program beginning IN SEPT. AT 4:15 PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT GRACE AT THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AT GRACER@SROLCHURCH.ORG.

SPECIAL NEEDS CATECHISTS NEEDED!

FOR OUR TUESDAY PROGRAM. IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR FAITH, PLEASE CONTACT GRACE AT GRACER@SROLCHURCH.ORG.

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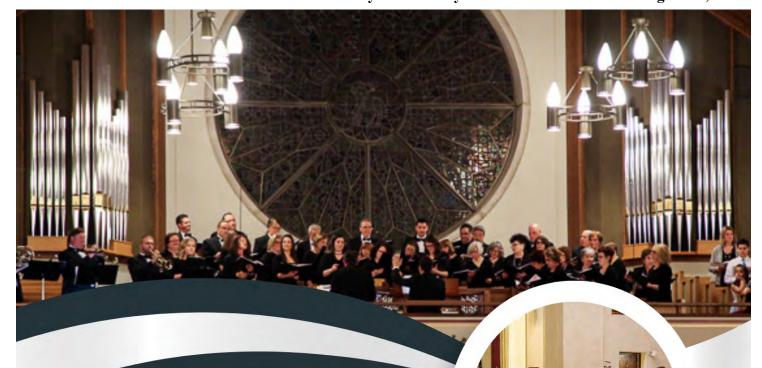
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Would you consider sharing your musical talent with your Church Music Ministry?
Contact Mr. John Buckel, (Music Director) or Mrs. Griffin, if interested in volunteering.
We would love to hear from you!

St. Rose of Lima Parish

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ANOINTING OF/VISITING THE SICK

In our parish, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month following the 8:00 am Mass. Anyone who has a need for the Sacrament, however, should ask for it at any time. Call the Rectory (516.798.4992) to schedule a priest to visit.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring communion to the homebound; call Outreach at 516.798.4954 to schedule a visit or for more information.



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For those of you interested in joining the program, please visit our website at www.srolchurch.org and click on "Ways to Give" in the middle of the page. It will bring you to "Donate Online."

If you have any questions, please call Linda McMahon in the rectory at 516-798-4992, ext. 266.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXHIBITED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT KELLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL!

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Carter Ivory

Ellie Jew

Christian Joachim Hailey Larmann Kaitlyn Larmann Emma LaRocca Valerio LaRocca

Ava LoFrumento Julia Lomonaco Kaitlyn Maloney Brianna Mascia Mason Meisenholde

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OPENS AUGUST 4, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

TRACK
INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL GRADES K-12
ADULT BASKETBALL
TRAVEL BASKETBALL GRADES 9-12

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT ST. ROSE CYO



office@strosecyo.org



516-709-0260



OPENS SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

TRAVEL SWIMMING !



OPENS OCTOBER 6, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

TRAVEL VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS GRADES 5-12 4

! TRAVEL SPORTS ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be traveleligible based on CYO Long Island (CYOLI) rules.

Before registering, please confirm eligibility by visiting the St. Rose CYO homepage or contacting St. Rose CYO directly.



OPENS JANUARY 5, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

INTRAMURAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GRADES 4-8

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How Do I Request Prayer for myself or someone I love at St. Rose of Lima?

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:

<u>Prayers for the sick from the pulpit and in our weekly bulletin</u>: 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.)

<u>Parish Prayer Intention Book:</u> 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.

<u>Charismatic Prayer Group prayer box</u>: 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.

<u>Prayer Line Ministry</u>: Call or email (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.

For the Military: Call the rectory to request prayers for those serving in the military, and we will print the person's name and the branch they serve in, in the bulletin on a recurring basis.



...AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bowling League - Maria Regina Early Birds Ladies' Bowling League has openings for individuals or full teams of four starting on September 9 at AMF Bolero Lanes in Wantagh. For information, cann Janet at 631-842-8865 or Joan at 516-783-6541.

Cardinal Simoni Presentation - Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport is hosting a Prayer Service and presentation on Monday, August 25 at 7:00 pm. Cardinal Simoni was born in Albania and at the age of 35, was jailed in solitary confinement as an "enemy of the people" and sentenced to 25 years of hard labor. After liberation, he was forced to work in the sewers but continued to serve as a humble priest. All are welcome.

Fr. Mychal Judge 9/11 Walk of Remembrance -On September 7, we honor the memory of those lost on 9/11 and trace the footsteps of Fr. Mychal Judge. It will begin at 9:00 am with the rosary at St. Francis of Assisi Church on 31st St and the walk will begin at 9:30 am down 7th Avenue. For more information, visit www.911WalkofRemembrance.com.

Senior Living - Dominican Village in Amityville offers Independent and Assisted Living Residency. Call for a tour at 631-842-6091.

Wanted, EM's and Volunteers - Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home in Bayside is looking for volunteers and EM's to help serve their residents. For information, call 718-971-2020 or email godonovan@ozanamhall.org.



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Barbara Chrobak

I am beginning my fourth year on mission as the Team Director at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. I grew up in Brooklyn in a Polish-Catholic Family and joined FOCUS in 2022 after graduating from Columbia University.



If you are interested in making a gift to the mission, you may scan the QR Code here or go to ocus.org/missionaries/barbara-chrobak.

If you'd like to hear more about what we do please do not hesitate to reach out! I love sharing stories from mission! barbara.chrobak@focus.org



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19





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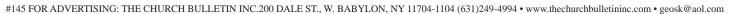
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