

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. Michael Iroh
Rev. Frank Zero

DEACONS

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
Sr. Carol Radosti, OP, Co-Coordinator

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Barbara Pope, Coordinator

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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B U L L E T I N

St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, November 30, 2025

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FIRST 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) 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) under Sacraments for full details and a Fillable Form required to get started. The date for your child's baptism can be set once these requirements are met.

RECONCILIATION: Come and experience God's mercy. Saturdays 4:00-5:00 pm; Monday-Friday after the 9:00 am Mass or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations on your engagement! To begin your journey, please go to the Marriage section of our website (www.srolchurch.org) under Sacraments for full details and a fillable Registration Form used to schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon. No date for a wedding will be set by phone. Couples must make arrangements in person at least six months in advance, and only after all consultations are complete. It is recommended that you set your date with the church before you contract with a caterer.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): Formerly known as RCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults who are not baptized, baptized in another denomination or those who are not fully initiated, become members of the Roman Catholic Church. For information, call the rectory at 516-798-4992 or email Deacon Tommy Elliott at tommy9.6deacon@gmail.com.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., 12/1 Advent Weekday

7:30 Robert Erhartic
9:00 Craig Contesini
7:30 Bridget & Patrick Keane

Tue., 12/2 Advent Weekday

7:30 Faustino Gonzalez & Wifrid Vivo
9:00 Vincent Cullinan

Wed., 12/3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30 Francisco Aponte, Sr.
9:00 Helen Kuhn

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

7:30 Lorraine Nerz
9:00 Frank Lagrasta

Fri., 12/5 Advent Weekday

7:30 Patricia Nolan
9:00 Maria Borgatti

Sat., 12/6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 Kathie Mattia, Joan M. Stampfel,
Irma Caso, Edward Denaro,
Priscilla Altamura, For the Intention of
Julianne Rose A.L.

Sat., 12/6 Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

5:15 Robert F. Billing, Sr.

Sun., 12/7 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Justin Fusco, Teresa Elizabeth Breyer,
Madeleine Drugan, Douglas Gering,
Joseph Rusin, Thomas Nash
10:00 John Alvarez
12:00 John F. Gillespie
5:15 Mass for the People





...from Fr. Gerard

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will, in fact, return—this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! If we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

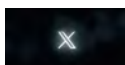
So, our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it's often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and at 'em. It's our task, however, to make sure we don't give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us—the behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop are unique to everyone. But our common goal is the same—to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.

CORRECTION – In consolidating our parish's finances into a one-page report for the bulletin, some revenues and expenses were inadvertently placed in the wrong category. The corrected report is below:

FINANCIAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025			
St. Rose of Lima Church			
REVENUE	2025	2024	2023
Collections: Weekly & Holy Days	\$ 1,570,494	\$ 1,504,932	\$ 1,448,804
Fundraising Income (Includes church doors donations)	\$ 79,134	\$ 11,438	\$ 12,574
Catholic Ministries Appeal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57
Parish Programs	\$ 432,598	\$ 428,756	\$ 407,486
Parish Programs - CYO	\$ 488,602	\$ 586,204	\$ 504,051
Sacrament Offerings, Donations, Votive Shrines, Etc.	\$ 289,335	\$ 244,394	\$ 266,448
Diocesan Collections	\$ 64,103	\$ 58,944	\$ 62,698
Non-Operating Revenue: Interest, Investmt Gain/Loss	\$ 112,672	\$ 131,271	\$ 75,159
Attorney Refunds (extraordinary expense last year) incl insurance assistance	\$ 89,700		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,126,638	\$ 2,965,938	\$ 2,777,277
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries	\$ 640,906	\$ 577,801	\$ 551,520
Medical, Pension and Payroll Expenses	\$ 243,988	\$ 271,917	\$ 259,825
Parish Programs	\$ 323,715	\$ 395,618	\$ 416,524
Parish Programs - CYO	\$ 463,266	\$ 502,703	\$ 438,444
Office Expense	\$ 136,454	\$ 149,291	\$ 119,768
Liturgical Expenses/Assessment	\$ 208,152	\$ 193,889	\$ 200,803
Liability & Property Insurance	\$ 183,493	\$ 168,122	\$ 160,873
Charity	\$ 2,238	\$ 1,140	\$ 2,163
Rectory Household/Operations	\$ 44,120	\$ 35,989	\$ 39,320
Church Support to School	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
Diocesan Collections	\$ 64,103	\$ 58,944	\$ 62,698
Buildings: Maintenance/Utilities	\$ 253,202	\$ 242,679	\$ 294,071
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,803,636	\$ 2,838,093	\$ 2,786,009
Net Revenues Over Operating Expenditures	\$ 323,002	\$ 127,845	\$ (8,733)
Non-Operating Expenses: Capital Outlays (2025 church doors & rectory)	\$ 91,810	\$ 28,820	\$ 31,748
Extraordinary Expense - attorney retainers		\$ 90,000	
Transfer to/from Capital Reserves			\$ (40,000)
Surplus Before Extraordinary Items	\$ 231,192	\$ 9,025	\$ (481)
Extraordinary Financial Activity			
Income: ERC (employee retention credit) for payroll expenses paid during Covid	\$ 652,690		
Expense: Diocesan Settlement Payments	\$ 436,698		
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$ 447,184		



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REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

The Blessed Mother's Altar Flowers displayed this week were donated this week in loving memory of Salvatore LaGumina on his Birthday in Heaven, with love from Frank and Paulette, Mary and Pete, John and Francesca, and Christine and John & Grandchildren.

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The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekday masses was donated in loving memory of Rose Genco on your 3rd Anniversary in Heaven, with love from Roseann, Chris and Family.

Welcome to the Newly-Baptized



*Liana Isabella Forgione
Bodin Thomas Hammerschmitt
Otto Ripp*



Wedding Banns

1st Time

Brian McDonald, St. Rose of Lima &
Haley Joyce, Wantagh, NY
Ryan Littman, St. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park, NY &
Emily Rathmann, St. Rose of Lima

3rd Time

Connor Boland, St. Agnes Cathedral, RVC, NY &
Emily Clark, St. Rose of Lima

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

*Brother Ron Davis
Sophia Mullan
Amy Qualliotine
Baby Lila
Maria Pipia
Anna Zaccaro
Paul Zwilling*

Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased

Mary Zappa



Here's What's Happening at St. Rose

AA - Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center

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

Anointing Mass - Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 am

Centering Prayer - Thursday, December 4 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Chapel

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

1st Saturday Devotion - Saturday, December 6 at 7:15 am. This will be held in church as well as livestreamed on our website and Facebook page.

Respect Life Committee - Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Board Room

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

Rosary Society - Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center

Second Collection - Next week there will be a second collection to benefit our CYO program. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Sunshine Group for Widows and Widowers - Thursday, December 11 at 12:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

Supermarket Cards - They will be sold next weekend after the 5:15 pm mass on Saturday and the 8:00 am, 10:00 am and the 12:00 pm masses on Sunday.

Annual Ushers Meeting

There will be the annual meeting of Ushers on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.



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.

11/23/25

\$20,202.00

6,506.00 Parish Soft

\$26,708.00

11/24/24

\$19,522.00

6,050.00 Parish Soft

\$25,572.00



Advent

LIVING IN CHRIST'S LIGHT

As the nights grow longer and the air turns colder, Advent arrives—not only as a season on the calendar, but as a call to our hearts. In a world where darkness can feel overwhelming—through suffering, division, and uncertainty—Advent reminds us that God has already answered with light.

From the beginning, God's light has pierced the shadows. The prophets saw it from afar, speaking of a coming Messiah who would bring justice, peace, and healing. In Bethlehem, that promised light took flesh. In Jesus Christ, the Light of the World stepped into our night with the warmth of love and the power of truth.

Each Advent candle, each quiet moment of prayer, becomes a step on the path from darkness to light. As the candles grow in number each week—hope, peace, joy, and love—we are invited to let Christ's light grow within us. The flicker of a flame reminds us: He is near. He is coming. He is already here.

But Advent is not just about seeing the light. It is about living in it. Christ doesn't shine so we can remain the same; he shines so we can become radiant with his love. His light transforms our hearts, softens our judgments, strengthens our courage, and sends us out as bearers of that same light.

In this sacred season, we are called to reflect his light—to offer hope to the lonely, peace to the anxious, joy to the weary, and love to the forgotten.

Whether we light a candle on the wreath or a string of lights on the tree, let each small flame be a prayer:

COME, LORD JESUS, LIGHT THE WAY.
DWELL IN US, SHINE THROUGH US.

This Advent, may we not only watch for Christ's coming but prepare to live as children of the light—joyful, radiant, and ready to welcome him.



FROM CANDLES TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

ILLUMINATING THE MEANING OF ADVENT

Candles have long symbolized Advent, representing the light of Christ coming into a world darkened by sin. The tradition dates back to early Christian customs in Europe, where people lit candles during the darkest days of winter as a sign of hope and expectation. Over time, this merged with Christian liturgical practices—especially in medieval Germany—giving rise to the Advent wreath.

The wreath usually holds four candles—three purple and one pink—lit one by one on each Sunday of Advent. Some include a fifth white candle, the Christ candle, lit on Christmas Day. Each flame represents a theme: hope, peace, joy, and love. As more candles are lit, the growing light reflects the increasing anticipation of Christ's birth.

More than seasonal decoration, candles serve as a visual and spiritual countdown to Christmas. Their soft glow invites stillness, prayer, and reflection in a season often marked by hurry. They help focus our hearts on the mystery and joy of the Incarnation.

Christmas lights continue this tradition in a broader, more public way. Like Advent candles, they symbolize Christ as the Light of the World—a promise kindled in Advent and fulfilled on Christmas Day. The practice of lighting homes and trees began when Christians placed candles in windows as a sign of welcome and hope. With electric lights introduced in the late 19th century, the tradition expanded to homes, trees, and city streets.

Each light we see—whether candle or bulb—echoes the same message: light overcomes darkness. Jesus, the true Light, has come to bring warmth, joy, and peace. As candles call us to quiet reflection, Christmas lights proclaim in celebration that the Light has arrived.



SUNDAY MASS READINGS FOR ADVENT 2025

1st Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

2nd Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

3rd Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

4th Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

"MAY WE BE IN THIS WORLD A RAY OF THAT LIGHT WHICH
SHONE FORTH FROM BETHLEHEM, BRINGING JOY AND PEACE TO
THE HEARTS OF ALL MEN AND WOMEN."

—Pope Francis

WHERE DID ADVENT COME FROM?

Advent originated in the early Church as a season of preparation for baptism, especially for new Christians baptized at Epiphany. Records from 4th-century Gaul and Spain show Christians observing periods of fasting and penance in late autumn. By the 6th century, the focus of Advent shifted in Rome to preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth on December 25. Pope Gregory I (590–604) helped shape the season's liturgical structure, though the number of weeks varied regionally. By the Middle Ages, the Western Church standardized Advent as the four Sundays before Christmas. Its name comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming," and it mirrors the Greek word *parousia*, referring to Christ's return. Over time, Advent became a season marking both Christ's first coming in Bethlehem and his promised return.

ADVENT FACTS

Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." It translates the Greek word *parousia*, which refers to Christ's Second Coming. Advent invites reflection on both Christ's birth and his return in glory.

Liturgical colors used during Advent are primarily purple (or violet), symbolizing penance, prayer, and preparation. On the third Sunday, called *Gaudere* Sunday, (Latin for "rejoice") rose-colored vestments may be used to signify joy and a shift toward celebration.

The '**O Antiphons**' are a set of ancient prayers recited or sung from December 17–23. Each begins with "O" and addresses Christ by a biblical title, such as "O Wisdom" or "O Emmanuel." They are the inspiration for the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

The **Advent season** begins four Sundays before Christmas and lasts between 22 and 28 days, depending on the calendar year.



St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

Hope is Advent's first Sunday theme. Rooted in the promises of God, hope during Advent looks forward to both the celebration of Christ's birth and his eventual return.

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

Juice Bottles
Sugar (1-2 lbs.)
Bread Crumbs
Salt
Taco Kits
Pop Tarts
Cookies
Crackers
Liquid Dish Detergent
Hair Conditioner
Women's Deodorant
Tissues
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

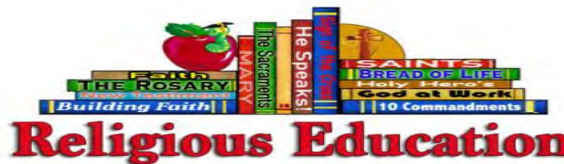
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,
9am - 2pm

Phone: 516-541-1712

E-mail: religioused@srolchurch.org

Website: www.srolchurch.org

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



TUESDAY CLASSES

DECEMBER 2 - 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

GRADES 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6 AND GROUPS A & B 109/111
*5TH GRADE STUDENTS DROPPED OFF AT CHURCH FOR RECONCILIATION & PICKED UP AT CLASS

SATURDAY CLASSES

DECEMBER 6 - 8:45 AM - *9:30 AM

(*EARLY DISMISSAL DUE TO HOLIDAY FAIR)
6TH GRADE STUDENTS DROPPED OFF AT CHURCH FOR RECONCILIATION & PICKED UP AT CLASS

GRADE LEVEL MASSES

DECEMBER 7

2ND GRADE AT 10:00 AM
6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

DECEMBER 21

1ST GRADE AT 10:00 AM
7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

DECEMBER 14

4TH & 5TH GRADE AT 10:00 AM
8TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

DECEMBER 28

3RD GRADE AT 10:00 AM
6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

7TH GRADE ADORATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

8TH GRADE CHOSEN LESSON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 6:45 PM IN THE CHURCH

1ST GRADE LESSONS & CAROLS

SATURDAY, DEC. 13TH AT 11:00 AM

AND 12:15 PM. TUESDAY AND SATURDAY SESSION A CLASSES ARE AT 11:00 AM AND SATURDAY B CLASSES ARE AT 12:15 PM.



1st Sunday
of Advent



ST. ROSE OF LIMA:
INTO THE DEEP

ADVENT PRAYER CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER 30TH- DECEMBER 25TH

- GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
GOD THIS ADVENT
- SIGN UP FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PRAYER
COMMITMENT OF 15 MINUTES A DAY
- READ THE DAILY REFLECTIONS
PROVIDED.

EMAIL TOM GRIFFIN TO SIGN UP: THOMASG@SROLCHURCH.ORG

St. Rose of Lima

A Week of Adoration

SPEND TIME
PREPARING FOR THE
BIRTH OF CHRIST

FR. GRAHAM
CHAPEL

DEC. 1 – DEC. 5
8:00AM – 8:00PM

ADVENT 2025



WE ARE IN NEED OF MANY
VOLUNTEERS TO SIT WITH THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT IN PRAYER.

EMAIL TOM GRIFFIN
TO SIGN UP FOR AN
HOUR TIME SLOT.

THOMASG@SROLCHURCH.ORG



**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF MARY,
OUR HEAVENLY MOTHER**

Monday, December 8

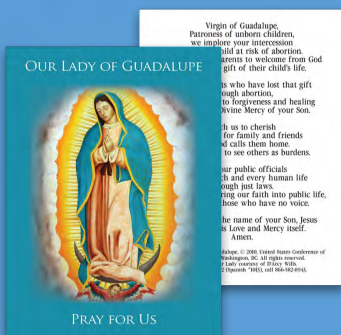
7:30 am, 9:00 am and 7:30 pm

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

- 7:30 pm** Solemn Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
- 8:00 pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament including the recitation of the Rosary celebration with pro-life meditations

We unite in prayer with other parishes across our country as we offer profound honor and glory to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and His Blessed Mother, seeking an end to the merciless killing of all the unborn and for sins committed against ALL life.

Your presence and prayers are needed. Come and offer the Most Holy Rosary with special intentions at this Pro-Life Eucharistic and Marian celebration.



Prayer cards to Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of unborn children,
will be available on the altar rail by the Blessed Mother,
while supplies last.

St. Rose of Lima: Parish Holy Hour

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

Wednesday, December 10th

7:30PM in the Church

Reflection by Fr. Lachlan Cameron

Live Music by Stephanie Muhs

Candlelit Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration: A Powerful Experience

LESSONS & CAROLS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025
3:00PM

Come sing and listen to many Advent and Christmas Carols
featuring our Parish Choir, Children's Choir (new) and
Bell Ensembles, with Orchestra, Organ, and Piano.



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MR. JOHN BUCKEL

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR
MRS. DIANE GRIFFIN

MUSIC ASSOCIATE
MR. MATTHEW BAYEN

PASTOR
REV. GERARD GENTLEMAN

SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS

AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Gather with us to break open the readings for Christmas Mass in order to prepare for our celebration of the birth of Christ in a powerful way.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH

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

Contact Tom Griffin with any questions:
ThomasG@srolchurch.org



FRIENDS
OF
MUSIC

Christmas Music
Memorial
Donations
Brass



Dear Parishioners & Friends of Music,
Would you consider a donation towards the music ministry this Christmas? We have a wonderful tradition of outstanding music during this season and so much is thanks to your generosity. Simply fill out your memorial below and either mail, or bring this form with your donation to the Church before Dec. 8th. Memorials will be printed in the Christmas Bulletin. My sincere thanks as always! Peace & Joy, Mr. Buckel

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

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2025 St. Rose of Lima Advent Angels: Wishes & Warmth



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 ourselves by giving with our hearts, with love and generosity. The collection will benefit the Outreach efforts here in the Massapequas at St. Rose of Lima and also support the Church of the Resurrection in Farmingville.

**There are two focuses for this year's Advent Angels:
Gift Cards & Winter Clothing! Toys will not be collected this year.***

GIFT CARDS to fulfill Wishes!

The main focus for this year is GIFT CARDS. The reason for this direction centers around compassion for the struggling families assisted at SROL Parish Outreach. Our hope is that Gift Cards allow supported 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. **The St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach team is asking for gift cards in \$25 increments for these stores: Amazon, Walmart, Target, & Kohls.**

There are two (2) ways you can support the Gift Card effort:

1. Order gift cards directly via the Holiday Gift Card Order Form found on the next page. Cards ordered will be forwarded directly to Outreach, and as a bonus, provide financial support to the parish through the rebate we receive.
2. Buy gift cards on your own and return them with a tag attached or in an envelope by **December 7** to allow families enough time to shop with the Gift Cards before Christmas.

WINTER CLOTHING to provide Warmth!

In our support of the Church of the Resurrection in Farmingville, we are collecting winter clothing apparel instead of toys to support their requested need! Items of need include Sweaters, Winter Shirts, Jeans, Coats, Snow Pants, Winter Hats, Gloves, Snow Boots, Socks, Shoes, Pajamas, and Slippers across various ages and both genders. To make sure we have the proper mix to fulfill the needs, we will distribute angel gift tags listing different winter apparel for various ages and both genders.



We will distribute angel gift tags for gift cards and winter clothing 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.



Gift Cards and unwrapped winter clothing with their tag should be returned to the 10AM Family Mass or to the Rectory by December 7. **December 7 is the last day for the collection. The Winter Clothing will be delivered immediately following the 10 AM Family Mass on December 7 so it is imperative all Winter Clothing be received by this time.**



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 our collection at the 10 AM Mass.



* Due to the needs of the communities this year, we will NOT be collecting toys this year! If you are strongly motivated to give toys this Christmas, we recommend you look at the Toys for Tots program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve (<https://www.toysfortots.org/>) or another worthy charitable program.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARD ORDER FORM (INCLUDING ADVENT ANGELS)

HOLIDAY CARDS WILL BE ON SALE FOR 4 WEEKS

Fundraise for St. Rose while you shop for Christmas gifts or for yourself.

Please bring your orders to the rectory by 11 am on Monday, Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1 & 8.

Please drop off order and payment at the Rectory.

We will give you a call when your cards are ready/probably FRIDAY of the week you order.



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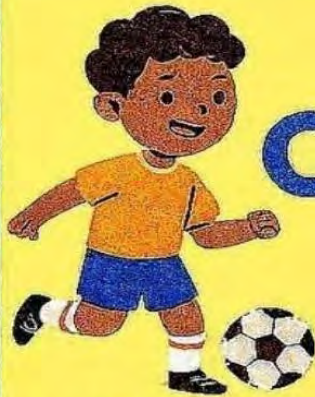
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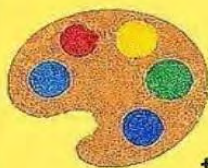
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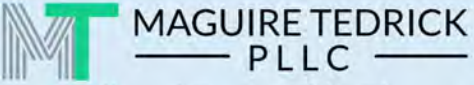
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