

# 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

**PASTORAL LIFE**

Barbara Pope, Coordinator

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Brian Jensen

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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B U L L E T I N

# St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, December 21, 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., 12/22 Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 John McMahon  
 9:00 Leah McGrane  
 7:30 Viola Macri

**Tue., 12/23 St. John of Kanty, Priest**

7:30 Al & Jeanne Peterson  
 9:00 Alphonse Falco

**Wed., 12/24 Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 Charles French  
 9:00 Justin Fusco

**Wed., 12/24 Christmas Eve**

4:00 For the Priests & Deacons of St. Rose  
 6:00 For All Those Serving in the Military and  
 Their Families  
 12:00 am Mass for the People

**Thu., 12/25 The Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 For the Youth of the Parish  
 10:00 For Vocations to the Religious Life  
 12:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas  
 Novena

**Fri., 12/26 St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

7:30 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas  
 Novena  
 9:00 Joe Amoroso (Bari)

**Sat., 12/27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas  
 Novena, Pat Nolan, Bob West,  
 Genevieve Sullivan, Susan S. Hansen,  
 For the Intentions of All the Deacons  
 of St. Rose

**Sat., 12/27 Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

5:15 Mass for the People

**Sun., 12/28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph**

8:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas  
 Novena, Giovanna & Genaro Salamone,  
 JoAnn DiForca, Rita Martinelli-Murphy,  
 John Joseph Davis, Florence Letts  
 10:00 Jenna Jean Tuller  
 12:00 Margaret & Albert Urbanowski  
 5:15 Carole Casazza





## ...from Fr. Gerard

*They shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”*

I am not very good at small talk or cocktail party chit chat. Part of it is that such conversation does not come naturally to me. Secondly, if I am somewhere where I am not dressed in clerical clothing and my profession is not obvious to a stranger, I will get what for me and many priests is a loaded question, “So what do you do?” I say it is a loaded question because once I say I am a priest, I know that there will be a follow-up which can be a very inspiring ministerial moment, a cringeworthy account of corporal punishment from a nun or a mixture of anger and pain as a result of a more serious experience with the church and its ministers. I mention all of this because this quote from today’s gospel reminded me of a recent incognito moment for me.

As I was getting my haircut one afternoon, the woman cutting my hair asked if I was off for the weekend or did I work weekends. “No, I work weekends,” I said. She asked what I did, and I waited to answer until the scissors were not so close to my ear. After I told her I was a priest, she told me she was reading and translating her grandmother’s New Testament written in old Greek. She said that it called Jesus a strange name. When I asked what it was, she said, “Emmanuel.” I wondered how she could not know this. It could not have been her first encounter with the word/name “Emmanuel.” But rather than pass judgment, I explained it was not the proper name of our Lord but rather a statement about who he is — God with us. The conversation did not go much further, but I continued to think about the exchange. And I wondered to myself, how many of us take the name “Emmanuel” for granted - more than the name itself, but the statement of identity that it proclaims, “God is with us.” As we enter these joyful days of Christmas, it is good for us to bring that simple statement to our prayer. God is with us; we are not alone in the extraordinary moments of our lives. God is with us in the sacraments of the church, in sacred scripture and in our brothers and sisters of faith. It was the knowledge that God was with him that allowed Saint Joseph to take Mary into his life, despite his uncertainty. And it is the knowledge that God is with us every day of our lives that helps us to meet the challenges, decisions and mysteries of our lives. **EMMANUEL** — do not be afraid.

**WELCOME HOME** – Family members, friends, college students, and military personnel will travel great distances to be with loved ones this week. In those gatherings, they will feel at home and maybe even recognize the presence of Christ in the “home” they create together. In that same spirit, many will return home to Saint Rose of Lima this week. For the last several weeks, we have been preparing ourselves and our parish community to be a worthy home for the Lord. And so, it is now our opportunity to welcome Him. In a particular way, we welcome him as he comes within the broken-hearted, the estranged, the sorrowful, the poor, the afraid, the tired and the lonely. During these Christmas days, may all be welcomed as Christ.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** – Please see the information in the bulletin, and on our website and social media regarding the Christmas schedule. For a less crowded experience, I encourage you to consider attending a mass other than the one offered on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** – Please consider the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this last week of Advent. Confessions are scheduled to take place Monday to Wednesday after the 9:00 am mass and on Monday, December 22 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 7:00 - 9:00 pm in our parish and every parish throughout Long Island and New York City.

**HELP WANTED** – Our parish needs a part-time sacristan on Saturday mornings and afternoons. The sacristan assists in the preparation of the church for daily masses, weddings and funerals. Training will be provided. Please email me [frgerard@srolchurch.org](mailto:frgerard@srolchurch.org) to apply or express interest.



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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2025

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas!

Throughout this year, we have marked many significant milestones in the life of the Church leading us to the Lord's Nativity and this holy season of Christmas, most especially the passing of Pope Francis at Easter and the election of Pope Leo XIV in May.

What a gift it has been to walk these months with our new Holy Father, to learn from his teaching, and witness his example.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo released his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexit Te - I Have Loved You*. It is a profound meditation on love for the poor and speaks powerfully to the mystery of the Lord's Birth and the grace of this season.

The Holy Father reminds us: "The Gospel shows us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus' life. From the moment he entered the world, Jesus knew the bitter experience of rejection. The Evangelist Luke tells how Joseph and Mary, who was about to give birth, arrived in Bethlehem, and then adds, poignantly, that 'there was no place for them in the inn' (*Lk* 2:7). Jesus was born in humble surroundings and laid in a manger; then, to save him from being killed, they fled to Egypt (cf. *Mt* 2:13-15). At the dawn of his public ministry, after announcing in the synagogue of Nazareth that the year of grace which would bring joy to the poor was fulfilled in him, he was driven out of town (cf. *Lk* 4:14-30). He died as an outcast, led out of Jerusalem to be crucified (cf. *Mk* 15:22). Indeed, that is how Jesus' poverty is best described: he experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society. Jesus is a manifestation of this *privilegium pauperum*. He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor." (n. 19)

Before these words of Pope Leo, we recall the wonderful truth: Christ became poor so that we who are poor might become rich (cf. 2 Cor. 8:9). This is the good news of Christmas. We are not alone. We are not left to ourselves. A Savior has come - Christ the Lord.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we remember with Pope Leo that "Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity." (n. 76)

How beautifully the followers of Christ have responded to the cry of the poor and looked with love upon the most vulnerable among us. As we rejoice in Christ's Birth, we renew our commitment to love others as he has loved us.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

On Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we will conclude our Jubilee Year of Hope.

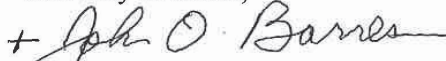
We thank both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV for igniting hope within our families, the global mission of the Church, and the human family, and we contemplate the light and grace that radiates from the refugee Holy Family (73) and that radiates to every family.

Our Catholic biblical and sacramental worship, especially at the Catholic Mass, focuses and ignites both our global mission to the poor (n. 42) and our humble openness to being evangelized by the poor (n. 102), the treasures of our Church (n. 38).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic missionary spirit this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

# POPE LEO XIV

## THE FIRST AMERICAN POPE

On Thursday, May 8th 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., became the first American and the first Augustinian Pope. He was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago to Louis Marius Prevost and Mildred Martínez. He has two older brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph, and is of African, French, Italian, and Spanish descent.

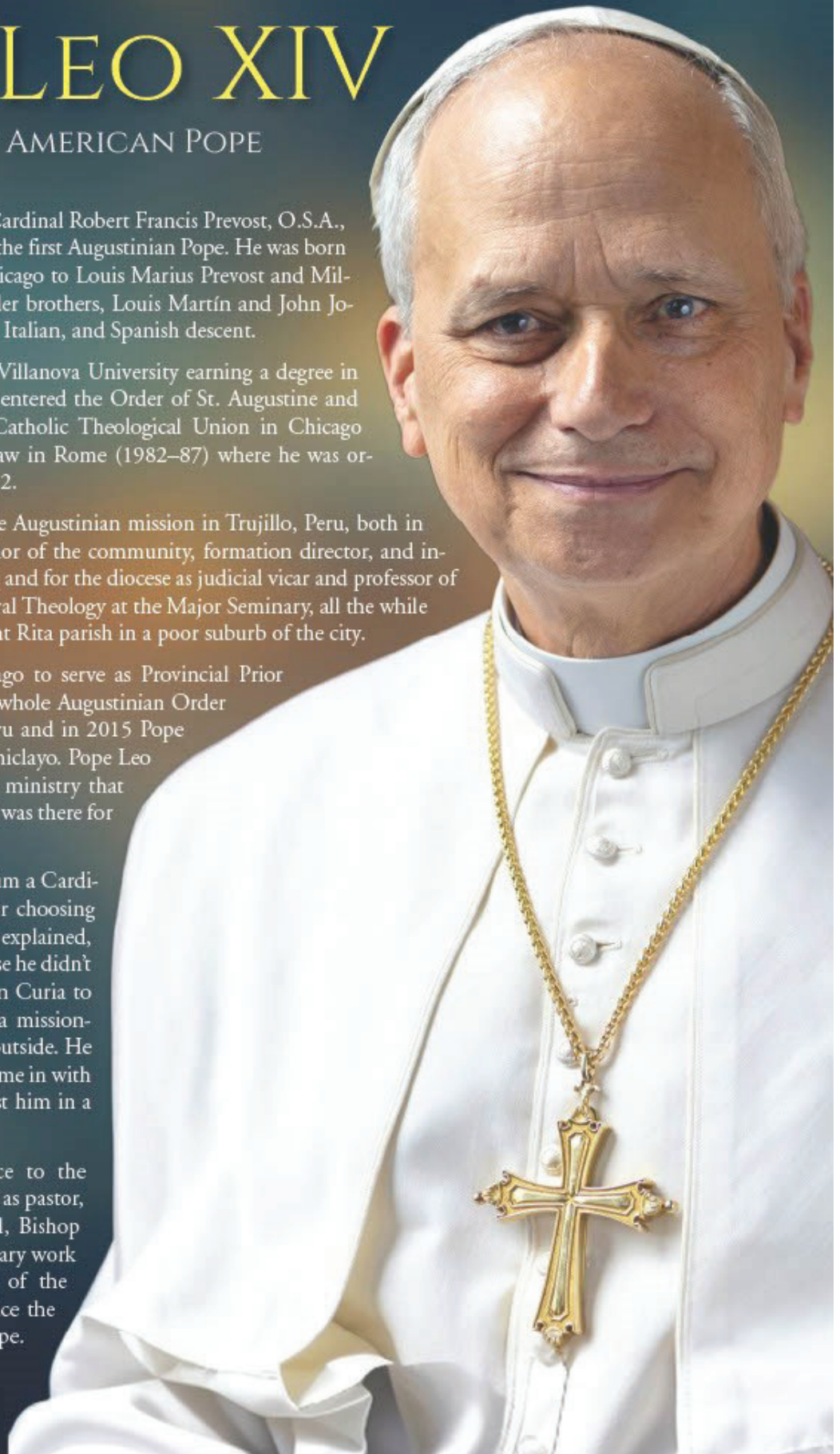
After high school he attended Villanova University earning a degree in Mathematics (1977). He then entered the Order of St. Augustine and studied theology first at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago (1978–82) and then Canon Law in Rome (1982–87) where he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982.

From 1988–99 he served in the Augustinian mission in Trujillo, Peru, both in various Augustinian offices: prior of the community, formation director, and instructor for professed members, and for the diocese as judicial vicar and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary, all the while doing pastoral ministry for Saint Rita parish in a poor suburb of the city.

In 1999 he returned to Chicago to serve as Provincial Prior and then Prior General of the whole Augustinian Order (2001–13). He returned to Peru and in 2015 Pope Francis made him Bishop of Chiclayo. Pope Leo claimed that “The part of my ministry that most shaped my life was Peru. I was there for over 20 years total.”

In 2023 Pope Francis named him a Cardinal to head the Curia office for choosing new bishops. As Pope Leo later explained, “he called me specifically because he didn’t want someone from the Roman Curia to take on this role. He wanted a missionary. He wanted someone from outside. He wanted someone who would come in with a different perspective and assist him in a very specific ministry.”

Leo’s life experience of service to the Church both in administration as pastor, prior, provincial, Prior General, Bishop and Cardinal and in his missionary work as pastor, teacher and friend of the poor, well suits him now to face the challenges of his new role as Pope.







## POPE LEO'S COAT OF ARMS

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms reflects his desire to promote love for Jesus, veneration of Mary, and unity within the Church. It embodies both his personal faith and his Augustinian spiritual heritage.

Behind the shield appears the papal silver mitre symbolizing his papal office. It has three gold bands reminiscent of the traditional elaborate bejeweled triple tiara (crown) no longer worn by popes. It also has two fluttering red streamers fringed with gold and adorned with gold crosses. The crossed gold and silver Petrine keys linked by a red cord symbolize his papal authority (Mt 16:19).

The shield is divided diagonally into two sections, the upper blue background recalls the heights of the heavens and displays a lily or fleur-de-lis symbolizing the Blessed Virgin Mary. The lower half has a light background displaying an image familiar to the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow, recalling St. Augustine's personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "You have pierced my heart with your Word." The Latin motto, "*In Illo uno unum*" ("In the one Christ we are one"), is taken from St. Augustine's sermon on the *Exposition on Psalm 127*, explaining that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

## FAST FACTS ABOUT POPE LEO

**First American-Born Pope:** The first pope born in the USA.

**Dual Citizenship:** Holds US and Peruvian citizenship due to extensive missionary work in Peru during the 1980s and 1990s.

**Math Whiz:** Earned a Bachelor's in mathematics from Villanova University in 1977.

**White Sox (and Bears) Fan:** Lifelong supporter of the Chicago White Sox, he attended Game 1 of their 2005 World Series victory.

**Tennis Enthusiast:** An amateur tennis player, he's expressed interest in hitting with professional players.

**Multilingual:** Speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese, German, and reads Latin.

**Wordle Player:** Plays *Wordle* and *Words with Friends* with his brothers.

**Car Enthusiast:** Loves driving long distances and fixing cars, a skill he used as a missionary in Peru.

**First Augustinian Pope:** First pope from the Order of Saint Augustine.

**Canon Law Expert:** Holds a doctorate in canon law from Rome, with a thesis on Augustinian leadership roles.

### Pope Leo's Prayer

God loves us, and evil will not prevail!  
All of us are in God's hands.

So, let us move forward, without fear,  
together, hand in hand with God  
and with one another other!

We are followers of Christ.

Christ goes before us.

The world needs his light.

Humanity needs him as the bridge  
that can lead us to God and his love.  
Help us, one and all, to build bridges  
through dialogue and encounter,  
joining together as one people,  
always at peace.

### Born

**Robert Francis Prevost**  
September 14, 1955  
Chicago, Illinois

### Citizenship

United States  
Peru (since 2015)  
Vatican City (since 2023)

### Education

Villanova University (BS)  
Catholic Theological Union (MDiv)  
Pontifical University of Saint  
Thomas Aquinas (JCL, JCD)

### Holy Orders

Ordination as Deacon:  
September 10, 1981

Ordination as Priest:  
June 19, 1982

Ordination as Bishop:  
December 12, 2014

### Appointed Cardinal

By Pope Francis  
September 30, 2023  
Cardinal deacon (2023–2025)  
Cardinal bishop (2025)

### Previous Posts & Titles

Prior Provincial of Our Mother  
of Good Counsel (1998–2001)  
Prior General of the Order of Saint  
Augustine (2001–2013)  
Titular Bishop of Sufar  
(2014–2015)  
Apostolic Administrator of Chiclayo  
(2014–2015)  
Bishop of Chiclayo (2015–2023)  
Apostolic Administrator of Callao  
(2020–2021)  
Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops  
(2023–2025)  
President of the Pontifical  
Commission for Latin America  
(2023–2025)  
Cardinal Deacon of Santa Monica  
(2023–2025)  
Cardinal Bishop of Albano (2025)



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2025****The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

*Weekdays after the 9:00 am Mass  
Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment*

***Monday, December 22***

*2:00-4:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm*

**Masses for Christmas**

***Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24***

*Family Mass at 4:00 pm (church only)*

*Choir Mass at 6:00 pm*

*Solemn Midnight Mass at 12:00 am (livestreamed)*

**Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25**

*Masses at 8:00 am (livestreamed) and 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm (church only)*

*There is **no** 5:15 pm Mass on December 25.*

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

***Wednesday, December 31***

*Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm*

***Thursday, January 1, 2026***

*Masses at 7:30 am (no music)*

*9:00 am (livestreamed) and 12:00 pm*

*No 7:30 pm Mass that evening*





## St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

*The fourth Advent candle, symbolizing love, reflects on how Jesus calls us to love one another as he has loved us. This season encourages us to embody God's love through acts of kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, extending that love to family, friends, and those in need.*

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

Juice Bottles  
Canned Pineapple  
Coffee (10-13 oz.)  
Spaghetti & Linguini  
Tomatoes (Puree & peeled)  
Sugar (1-2 lbs.)  
Taco Kits  
Cookies  
Crackers  
Mayo  
Chef-Boyardee  
Dish Detergent  
Tissues  
Paper Towels

**Donations of food store gift cards are always welcomed!**

Outreach assists those living within the St. Rose of Lima parish boundaries who are experiencing difficulties. Please call Outreach at 516-798-4954. All calls are confidential.

**Thank you for loving your Neighbor.**

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

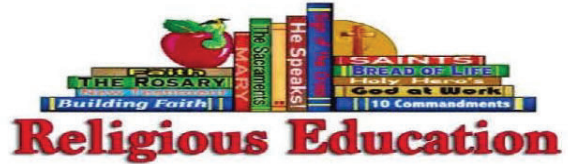
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,  
9am - 2pm

Phone: 516-541-1712

E-mail: [religiously@stolchurch.org](mailto:religiously@stolchurch.org)

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

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



### *Christmas Wishes to our Parish Families*

We pray your spirit is light with hope, your heart is filled with joy, and your Advent season is blessed with the Glory of God. May His love bring you peace at Christmas and always.



*God Bless You and Merry Christmas!*

*Grace, Kathy, Stephanie, Mike, Melissa and Laurie*

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED 12/23-1/4 AND RE-OPEN 1/5  
THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES  
12/23, 12/27, 12/30 AND 1/3

TUESDAY CLASSES WILL RESUME 1/6  
GRADES 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 8 & GROUPS A & B 109, 111  
SATURDAY CLASSES WILL RESUME 1/10  
GRADES 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 8

### GRADE LEVEL MASSES

**DECEMBER 28**  
3RD GRADE AT 10:00 AM  
6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

**JANUARY 11**  
1ST GRADE AT 10:00 AM  
7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM  
\*CHOSEN LESSON AT 4:45 PM

**JANUARY 4**  
2ND GRADE AT 10:00 AM  
8TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

**JANUARY 18**  
4TH & 5TH GRADE AT 10:00 AM  
6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

**\*THESE SESSIONS CONCLUDE AFTER MASS. EACH STUDENT MUST BE SEATED WITH A PARENT/ADULT.**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

SESSION 1 JAN. 6 AT 7:00 PM  
SESSION 2 JAN. 10 AT 11:00 AM  
SESSION 3 JAN. 10 AT 12:15 PM  
SESSION 4 JAN. 13 AT 7:00 PM

SESSION 5 JAN. 14 AT 7:00 PM  
SESSION 6 JAN. 20 AT 7:00 PM  
SESSION 7 JAN. 24 AT 11:00 AM  
SESSION 8 JAN. 24 AT 12:15 PM





### **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

*The Tabernacle Evergreen Arrangements displayed this week were donated in loving memory of John McMahon - devoted Husband, cherished Dad and Papi - on your 4th Anniversary in Heaven—we miss you so much,  
With love from Linda, Ryan, Christina, Conner, Colleen, Brody, Dylan, Liam, Owen and John.*

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*The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Evergreen Arrangements displayed this week were donated in loving memory of Alphonse Falco - cherished Grandpa and amazing Pop Pop.  
To the world, you were only one person but to us, you are “Our World.”  
love your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.*

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*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated in loving memory of Alice and Joe DeBonis - Merry Christmas in Heaven -  
with love from your Children and Grandchildren.*

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



*Brooks Walter Rivera*



### ***Wedding Banns***

#### **1st Time**

***Joseph Antoninio, St. Ann Church,  
West Palm Beach, FL &  
Alexandra Polidoro, St. Rose of Lima***

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

*Baby Cash  
Daniel and Ben Gjodesen  
Katherine Hillger  
Grace Iroh  
Ryan Scarry  
Ava Scotti  
Jeff Zero*



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

*Carlos Mercado  
Louise Bender  
Julianna LaGumina  
Christian Chiaramonte  
James V. Mauro, Jr.*



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

**AA** - Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center, next meeting January 8.

**Alanon** - Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center, next meeting January 7.

**Anointing Mass** - Saturday, January 3 at 8:00 am

**Centering Prayer** - Thursday, January 15 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Chapel

**Charismatic Prayer** - Wednesday, January 7 at 3:15 pm in the Fr. Graham Center

**1st Saturday Devotion** - Saturday, January 3 at 7:15 am. This will be held in church as well as livestreamed on our website and Facebook page.

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

**2026 Calendars** - As it was last year, we will not have 2026 calendars available in the rectory. They had been donated by one of our advertisers, and that practice has been discontinued. We wanted to let you know ahead of time.



**12/14/25**

\$10,988.00

7,297.00 Parish Soft

\$18,285.00

**12/15/24**

\$19,592.00

5,626.00 Parish Soft

\$25,218.00



### *Bereavement Group*

*For those who recently lost a loved one, a Bereavement Support Group may help you.*

*The group will meet at St. Rose beginning in February 2026. Registration is required. Please call Outreach at 516-798-4954 for more information.*

## **THANK YOU!**

*A Special Note of Thanks from GRASP  
(Grief Recovery  
After Substance Passing)*

*A Sincere Thank You to St. Rose of Lima for  
hosting our monthly meetings for the past  
12 years!*

*Together we have provided a valuable  
resource to our community. I, as well as the  
many people who have found solace,  
will always be forever grateful.*

*- Debbie Garceau*

Thanks to all St. Rose *Friends of Music* who offered donations  
in support of our liturgical music program this Christmas!

*In loving memory of the Gardini and Bonomo deceased family members.*

*In memory of our beloved aunt Linnie B. Brown,  
with much love, MaryBeth & Nick Petraco.*

*In memory of Dominik Pinzone, 20 years in heaven.  
Missing you and loving you always, Mom, Dad, and Anthony.*

*In memory of Celeste & Domenick DeSilvio and  
Adele & Joseph Immerso.*

*In memory of Louis & Maritza Schemali and Salvatore LaGumina.*

*In honor of Juliana LaGumina, from your children and grandchildren.*

*In memory of Anthony Joseph Contorno. We love you. Mom, Dad and Mike.*

*In memory of the deceased members of the Parish Choir.*

*In memory of Regina Conti WBG and Joseph "Rocky" Colavito.*

*In memory of our parents.*

*In memory of Alex Berardi, with love, from wife Erika, and daughter Christine.*

*In memory of Frank, Francis & Eileen Mainieri.  
Forever with us, Eileen, Tom and Children.*

*In memory of Bob Dearborn.  
Remembering Bob's love for Christmas! Joan.*

*In memory of Clifford K. Meindel and Ethel White.*

*In honor of John, Amanda, Matt and all the Choirs – Thank You!*

*In memory of Patricia Brennan and Patrick Morrissey.*

*In memory of Robert Golemme and Gladys Figueroa.*

*In memory of Gerard Burnhardt and Maryann Thompson.*

*In memory of Ray Russo. With love, Lenore and Rich Carbone, and family.*

*In memory of Filomena Iannucci. Beloved mom, every day in our hearts.*

*In honor of Rocco Iannucci. We are blessed to share every day with you.*

*In memory of our loving parents. We miss you.  
Love your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

*In memory of Denis Molloy.*

*In memory of all those who have passed away but are forever in our hearts.*

*In memory of Yvonne Noon, forever in our hearts.*

*In memory of Mary and Salvatore Maniace.*

*In honor of Skylar and William Kleemann.*

*In memory of Ann, Ned, and Sheila Murray.*

*In memory of Joseph R. Bavoso, Jr.*

*In honor of our granddaughters. Love Grandma and Grandpa Caccavo.*

*In memory of Albert and Josephine Rapuano and Ted Krohn. Love, Cheryl.*

*In memory of the DiGerardo and Murawski Family. Rest in Peace.*

*In memory of Patricia Reid and Fr. R. Michael Reid.*

*In memory of Romeo and Amatulli family. We miss and love you.*

*In memory of James and Anne Farrell.*

*In memory of Elsie & Ted Witterbolt, Alice Witterbolt, and Pia & Fred Parham.*

*In memory of Angelo Capozzoli and Sandra Baroletti.*

*In memory of Rose Papella.*

*In memory of Donald H. Coleman.*



*In memory of Billy and Brian Garceau.  
Anchored with Love, The Garceau Family.*

*In memory of William McGovern.  
We miss you very much and you are always in our hearts.  
Our love, The Hedgis Family.*

*In memory of Brian E. McMahon, from Eileen T. McMahon, his sister.*

*In memory of Frank and Rose Falco.*

*In memory of Dan and Sue Weis.*

*In memory of Michael Rail.*

*In memory of Michael H. Keir.*

*In memory of Peggy Devenish.*

*In memory of The Fugelsang Family.  
You are all so missed all the time but especially  
at this time of year – Love, your Family.*

*In memory of Theresa Amarosa.*

*In memory of Brian Lavallee.*

*In memory of Patrick J. Sullivan.  
With love, from your wife and children.*

*In memory of Don Buckley,  
Director of CYO Basketball program from 1986-1998. St. Rose Role Model 1996.*

*In memory of all those who have passed away but remain forever in our hearts.*

*In memory of Eddie Bauer and the deceased members  
Of the Nardone and Robilotto families.*



## *Happenings at the Family Mass!*



St. Rose of Lima celebrates its Family Mass each Sunday at 10:00 am. The Family Mass Committee aims to provide our Family Mass with an environment where faith can be shared, developed, and renewed for all family members. Through our efforts, we hope to develop a true sense of community here in our parish.

### **Thank You for Supporting the Advent Angels Gift Collection!!!**

The Family Mass Team would like to thank our fellow parishioners for their generous and thoughtful support of this year's Advent Angels Gift Collection program. The response of our parish providing gift cards and winter clothing of was OUSTANDING!!! In a time when the need is great, your plentiful response indeed makes a big difference.

#### **SPECIAL THANKS go out to:**



- Sal Cassero for his annual support in delivering the presents to Farmingville. **THANKS, Sal!**
- Wayne Torgersen for his help collecting gifts during and outside of the 10:00 am Mass and his coordination efforts with Outreach and the Rectory.
- Joanne O'Brien for her help with the tag distribution and gift collection at the Family Mass year after year.
- All the volunteers that helped with the distribution of tags, the collection of the presents, and the packing of the van, especially the Sondey Family, Mary Broere, and Theresa Alvarez.

### **Upcoming Family Liturgy Events**

Here's what's coming up for the St. Rose of Lima Family Mass:  
January 4, 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity – Join us at the Family Mass for the "Procession of the Three Kings."



If you have any questions about the Family Mass Committee,  
 e-mail Matt and Kelly Baroletti ([mbaroletti@verizon.net](mailto:mbaroletti@verizon.net)).



COR AD COR  
CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS  
*Christmas Party*

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00 PM-9:00 PM

DISCUSSION TOPIC: A KING IS BORN

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## IRA Charitable Rollover Qualified Charitable Distribution

This is a unique opportunity to make a charitable contribution through a direct IRA transfer while reducing your adjusted gross income, even under the new July 2025 tax rules.

If you would like to make a gift to St. Rose of Lima using your IRA:





- It must be a direct transfer.
- The IRA owner must be age 70½ or older at the time of the distribution.
- The donor must keep the QCD within the annual aggregate limit.
- **The QCD must be processed by December 31** to qualify for tax benefits in that tax year. (Donors should start the process in early December to ensure ample time.)

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a “qualified charitable distribution.” In most cases, you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Your gift must go directly from your IRA to our Parish. If you receive the money first, you will be taxed on it like any other distribution.



### WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A QCD

-  The QCD must come from a Traditional or Inherited IRA.
-  Beneficiary must be at least 70 ½.
-  The distribution must go directly to a qualified charity.
-  You must receive a confirmation letter from the charity that states no goods or services were received in exchange for the contribution.





SROL 2nd Week of Advent



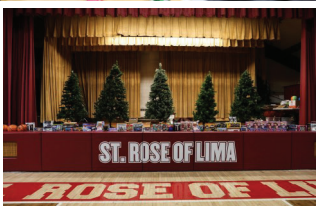
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Christmas Fair



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## Third Weekend of Advent 2025



### 1st Grade Lessons and Carols



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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