

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 Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, December 28, 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
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
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Office of Faith Formation.....541-1712
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(located next to Outreach, in Convent)
Youth Ministry.....798-4992
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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., 12/29 Fifth Day within the Octave of
the Nativity of the Lord**

7:30 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas Novena

9:00 Nunzio Marzigliano

7:30 Anthony Russo

**Tue., 12/30 Sixth Day within the Octave of
the Nativity of the Lord**

7:30 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas Novena

9:00 Alfred DeLutio

Wed., 12/31 St. Sylvester I, Pope

7:30 Salvatore LaGumina

9:00 Ronnie Jablonski

**Wed., 12/31 Vigil: The Octave Day of the
Nativity of the Lord**

4:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas Novena

**Thu., 1/1 The Octave Day of the Nativity of
the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

7:30 Mass for the People

9:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas Novena

12:00 Nancy DeTora

**Fri., 1/2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

7:30 For All Those Enrolled in the Christmas Novena

9:00 Stephen Shurley

Sat., 1/3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 Michael Miranda & Frederick Dsouza,
Bob Fox, Joseph Santoro, John P. Sullivan,
William J. Boyd, Edward Benz, Jr.

Sat., 1/3 Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:15 Mass for the People

Sun., 1/4 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Justin Fusco, Patricia Caffrey,
Betty Aiello, Frederick Nuzzi, Frank Falco,
For the Intention of Al Levine

10:00 Jenna Jean Tuller

12:00 William Schirmacher

5:15 Richard Pracanica





...from Fr. Gerard

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt.”

What a dream! Or was it a nightmare? To be commanded to take flight, like refugees in the night, to have a newborn baby and no time to pack or plan - all this must have been frightening to say the least. Joseph was no stranger to life-changing dreams though. He had already been told in a dream to take Mary as his wife, even though she was with child. And now God was asking him to change course again.

Few of us have dreams like Joseph did, but we do share with him the challenge of reconciling our plans with the hard facts of reality. When things don't go our way, we can respond like the Holy Family, recognizing an opportunity to deepen our faith in God's providence. Their faith in God was like a spiritual compass that kept them oriented in the most unfamiliar circumstances.

Being mindful of the family as the most significant societal unit is central to the church's mission. Pope Francis recognized the family as the model for universal fraternity:

*Society benefits when each person and social group feels truly at home. In a family, parents, grandparents and children all feel at home; no one is excluded. If someone has a problem, even a serious one, even if he brought it upon himself, the rest of the family comes to his assistance; they support him. His problems are theirs... In families, everyone contributes to the common purpose; everyone works for the common good, not denying each person's individuality but encouraging and supporting it. They may quarrel, but there is something that does not change: the family bond. Family disputes are always resolved afterwards. The joys and sorrows of each of its members are felt by all. That is what it means to be a family! **If only we could view our political opponents or neighbors in the same way that we view our children or our spouse, mother or father! How good would this be!***

More recently, at the celebration of Holy Mass for the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly, Pope Leo said,

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus who loves us and desires our good, always.

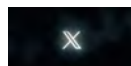
The church gives us this solemn feast day, celebrating the Holy Family in the days after Christmas, so that we might be mindful of the role of the family in the incarnation of the savior. Family life is not easy. It faces many challenges and sometimes painful moments, but it is amid the family that we find Christ. In the pursuit of family holiness, we are modeling for the world the necessary fraternity that we are called to have for all of our brothers and sisters in the human family.

THANK YOU – We have once again witnessed a true generosity of heart throughout the weeks of Advent. Thank you to all who participated in the Outreach Blessing bags as well as the Advent Angels and CYO Christmas Gift Giving programs. The recipients of our own community and beyond are very grateful. In a special way, I thank the Family Mass Committee, CYO coordinator Lucy Weyer, Ann Hedgis, Sister Carol Radosti and all the volunteers whose dedicated efforts made the distribution of your generosity possible.

I also thank all who have helped us to worship well this Christmas. We are blessed with dedicated staff and volunteers who have prepared the church for the Christmas liturgies. Thank you to John Buckel and all the Music Ministry participants who have provided us with beautiful Christmas music and also throughout the Advent Season. We thank the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Altar Servers for their extra efforts, and lastly, I express my gratitude to our pastoral team, administrative staff, and my brother priests and deacons whose faith and leadership cultivate the mission of the church so well.

To all of you, I express gratitude for the kindness you have expressed to me in this celebration of Christmas.

Peace!



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Remembering Loved Ones

Items available weekly in memory of or in honor of a loved one:

<i>Tabernacle Flowers (2 arrangements)</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
<i>Blessed Mother Flowers</i>	<i>\$ 65.00</i>
<i>St. Joseph Flowers</i>	<i>\$ 65.00</i>
<i>WEEKEND Bread & Wine</i>	<i>\$ 35.00</i>
<i>WEEKDAY Bread & Wine</i>	<i>\$ 35.00</i>
<i>Sanctuary Lamp</i>	<i>\$ 30.00</i>
<i>Altar Candles</i>	<i>\$ 30.00</i>
<i>Processional Candles</i>	<i>\$ 30.00</i>

Please stop into the rectory to purchase these items. An acknowledgement of your offering will appear in the bulletin and an attractive certificate will be prepared for you to give as a keepsake if requested.

Welcome to the Newly-Baptized



Sebastian Pietro Arora
Caden James Baker
Nathanial Aaron Baker II
Avery Rose Hendrickson
Christopher Joseph Sherlock



Wedding Banns

2nd 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
Charles Liska
Ryan Scarry
Ava Scotti
Jeff Zero

Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased

Joseph Zaffuto
Dominick Murello
Warren Cheesman



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.

Respect Life Committee - Tuesday, January 6 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

Sunshine Group for Widows and Widowers - Thursday, January 8 at 12:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

Supermarket Gift Cards - They will be sold next weekend, January 3 after the 5:15 pm mass, and on Sunday, January 4 after the 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.

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.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXHIBITED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL!

Sarah Aissa	Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Donovan	Summa Cum Laude
Jack O'Connor	Magna Cum Laude
Thomas Lozada	Cum Laude
Jacquelyn Doyle	Magna Cum Laude
James Conway	Magna Cum Laude
MacKenzie Jantz	Summa Cum Laude
Gabriella Dantes	Magna Cum Laude
Payten Ferguson	Cum Laude
Kayla Knapp	Summa Cum Laude
Luke DeMeo	Summa Cum Laude
Jodi DeMeo	Summa Cum Laude



St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

This feast of the Holy Family reminds us to nurture love and compassion in our own homes and to see families as sacred spaces where God's grace can transform hardship into hope. May our families always be a place of belonging and support, as we navigate modern challenges.

In this Christmas season and new year,
may you rediscover Christ's love for you
in all your fondest memories.
Seek His peace in all your hopes and dreams.
Hear His voice in the laughter of loved ones
and the greetings of strangers.
For each new day is His gift to you
and those whose lives you touch.

We think St. Paul best expresses our sentiments in his letter to the Thessalonians when he says: *"We give thanks to God always for all of you...calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love..."* Your outstanding generosity this Christmas season to our Outreach families has been a true gift and blessing. Thank you for being a true family to our over 60 families who turn to our parish for assistance.

Thank you for sharing in this outreach ministry with us, not only at Christmas but also during the entire year. We are both humbled and grateful to call you "family!" Truly, that is who you are for our many and our grateful Outreach families whose lives you touch with your generosity.

Most Gratefully,
Ann & Sister Carol

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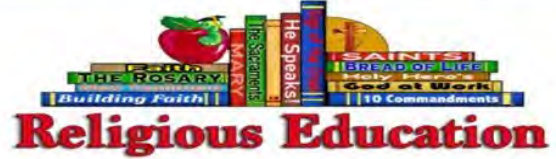
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Happy New Year to our Parish Families!



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, 6 AND 8

GRADE LEVEL MASSES

JANUARY 4

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

JANUARY 18

4TH & 5TH 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

JANUARY 25

3RD GRADE AT 10:00 AM
7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

*CHOSEN LESSON AT 4:45 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

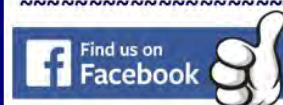
SESSION 5 JAN. 14 AT 7:00 PM

SESSION 6 JAN. 20 AT 7:00 PM

SESSION 7 JAN. 24 AT 11:00 AM

SESSION 8 JAN. 24 AT 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATIONS ARE HELD IN THE CHURCH. PLEASE
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CONFIRMATION CARD.



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How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year?



Art. Gerard van Honthorst, Adoration of the Shepherds, 1622.

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Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to *pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24*. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more.

Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com!

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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.

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).

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.



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Name: _____ Contact Person: _____









Address: _____ Donation: _____

Phone #: _____ Approx. Value: _____

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