

# 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

## **ASSOCIATE PASTORS**

Rev. Frank Zero

Rev. Michael Iroh, CM

## **DEACONS**

Dcn. Sean Cotter

Dcn. Thomas Elliott

Dcn. Michael Gambardella

Dcn. Francis B. McGuinness

## **COORDINATOR OF EVANGELIZATION**

Thomas Griffin, Pastoral Associate

## **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES**

JT Parker, Five Loaves Ministries

## **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**

[www.srolchurch.org](http://www.srolchurch.org)

[Facebook.com/strosemassapequa](http://Facebook.com/strosemassapequa)

[YouTube, St.Rose R.C Church](http://YouTube, St.Rose R.C Church)

[www.stroseschool.net](http://www.stroseschool.net)

B U L L E T I N

# St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, February 1, 2026

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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
CY.O.....	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., 2/2 The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 Pearl Monkiewicz  
9:00 Michelle Elizabeth Formato  
7:30 Antonella Ferriolo

Tue., 2/3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

7:30 Kieran McCaffrey  
9:00 Richard Dean Scrima

Wed., 2/4 Weekday

7:30 Richard Rose  
9:00 Lee & Sam Lane

Thu., 2/5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 Julie LaGumina  
9:00 Walter Arnold

Fri., 2/6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:30 For the Intention of Fr. Gerard  
9:00 William Mahlan

Sat., 2/7 Weekday

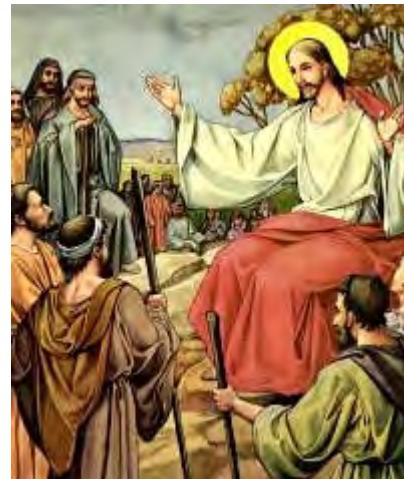
8:00 Suzanne Walsh, Dave Allocchio,  
Inna Jacobs, Peter Gray,  
Elizabeth Pickel, Gary Gabriel

Sat., 2/7 Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 Larry Pernice

Sun., 2/8 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 John Paul Wrobel, Anthony Pisciotta,  
George Wildes, John W. Kavanagh,  
Mary Ellen Madeline Dwyer,  
Andrew Dillon  
10:00 Justin Fusco  
12:00 Mass for the People  
5:15 Selma Rosenblatt





## ...from Fr. Gerard

*Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.*

In Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te* (I Have Loved You), the Holy Father coincidentally begins his third chapter with the above quote from today's second reading. Chapter Three is titled "**A Church for the Poor.**" The chapter emphasizes that the Church's very identity and mission are inseparable from service to the poor. Throughout this section, the Holy Father demonstrates that care for the poor has always characterized the Church's presence in the world. He concludes, therefore, that being a "Church for the poor" is not an optional ministry but a defining expression of what it means to follow Christ and to live out the Gospel.

The Holy Father begins this section by illustrating that the church's earliest ministry was founded in response to the poor.

*Already at the dawn of Christianity, the Apostles laid their hands on seven men chosen from the community. To a certain extent, they integrated them into their own ministry, instituting them for the service — **diakonía in Greek** — of the poorest.*

Among the group of these first deacons was Saint Stephen, who was the first disciple to shed his blood for the faith. In Saint Stephen, Pope Leo says, "*the witness of caring for the poor and of martyrdom are united.*"

Throughout the chapter, Pope Leo traces the Church's tradition of care for those in need, from the earliest Christian communities to the Fathers of the Church, who denounced luxury and called for sharing goods with the needy. He also highlights the witness of saints and Christian heroes whose lives embodied compassionate service, illustrating how love for the poor has been lived concretely through history. He also reflects on the various expressions of care for the poor that have become intrinsic to the church's identity; including care for the sick, hospitality to the stranger, liberation of captives, education for the marginalized, and ministries to those on society's fringes — all showing how service to the poor has shaped the Church's life.

Of particular significance is the focus that Pope Leo gives to the witness and service of religious communities. While monastic communities laid the spiritual foundation for the church's mission to the poor, it was the development of the mendicant orders who, through their itinerant life, "*did not merely serve the poor: they made themselves poor with them.*" Orders like the Franciscans, Dominicans, Augustinians and Carmelites represented an evangelization not simply in word but instead, a life lived "*in which a simple and poor lifestyle became a prophetic sign for mission.*"

A distinction Pope Leo makes in this chapter is that the Church is not simply as an institution that helps the poor, but as a community whose very life and mission are rooted in standing with the marginalized and fostering a more just and compassionate society — drawing on the Church's history, tradition, and lived witness. The church is not simply for the poor, but **with** the poor, **of** the poor, and "*a project which can bring people back together.*" For me, this is one of the most important aspects of this reflection — it is through living our mission as a church for the poor that we can truly unite our broken world.

You can find *Dilexi Ti* on the Vatican website, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

Some reflection questions based on Chapter 3:

**What kind of Church do others experience through us?**

When people in need encounter my parish or ministry, do they feel welcomed, listened to, and treated as part of the community—or primarily as recipients of services?

**What gives credibility to our witness?**

In what concrete ways do our choices—personally and communally—show that love for the poor is central to our faith rather than an "extra" activity?

**LET IT SNOW?** — None of us is singing that seasonal tune anymore because we have been inundated with two weekend storms already, and as I write this column, we are anticipating another round of this unwanted frozen precipitation. As I am sure you may be aware, the weather has had an adverse effect on parish finances. Decreased attendance and snow removal costs place a heavy burden on our operating budget. Last weekend's plowing costs were over \$4,000, and we had to spend an additional \$4,500 to remove snow from the parking lot, as snow piles not only reduced available parking spaces but created driving obstacles. With anticipated snowfall again, these problems would have only worsened. I am, therefore, asking you to "make up" for the offertory contributions you may have missed due to weather, and consider generously supporting this weekend's second collection in support of our winter costs. Thank you, stay safe, stay warm ... and stop praying for snow!



Follow Fr. Gerard at [twitter.com/frgerardinny](https://twitter.com/frgerardinny)



### REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated  
in loving memory of Daniel O'Connell,  
with love from Paul and Phyllis Amalfitano.*

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*The Processional Candles are lit this week  
for Susan Ragusa, lighting the path toward healing and renewed health,  
with love from Paul and Phyllis Amalfitano.*

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

*Serafino Benventano  
Mark Bonilla  
Mike Casey  
William Crawford  
Paula Hults  
Bob Kostanowski  
Padraic McNiff  
William Peo  
Kim Toombs  
Jeff Zero*



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

*Lyndia Rinaldo  
Ignazia Palmeri  
John Lapi  
John S. Lapi  
William Benson  
Joan Poletti*

### **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 &amp; Wine.....</i>	<i>\$ 35.00</i>
<i>WEEKDAY Bread &amp; 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.*

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

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

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

**Anointing Mass** - Saturday, February 7 at 8:00 am

**Centering Prayer** - Thursday, February 5 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Chapel

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

**Contributions Statements** - If you are interested in receiving your statement, please call the rectory at 516-798-4992 or email Linda McMahon at [lindam@srolchurch.org](mailto:lindam@srolchurch.org). Statements will be mailed out by January 31.

**Family Mass Committee** - Wednesday, February 11 at 8:00 pm in the Rectory Board Room

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

**Respect Life Committee** - Tuesday, February 3 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, February 3 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

**Second Collection** - This weekend there is a second collection for St. Rose Winter Maintenance. We appreciate your generosity.

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

**Supermarket Cards** - Cards will be sold next weekend after the Saturday 5:15 pm mass as well as the 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon masses.



### *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.*



1/25/2026  
\$13,379.00  
6,290.00 Parish Soft  
\$17,639.00

1/26/2025  
\$19,209.00  
5,072.00 Parish Soft  
\$24,281.00



## St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

*In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to counter-cultural ethics focused on love for enemies, humility, compassion, and authenticity. The Beatitudes are our roadmap which call us how we are to "be" for others. The pantry is starting to run low on these items.*

Juice Bottles (apple, cranberry)  
Cannellini Beans  
Mayo  
Ketchup  
Flour  
BBQ Sauce  
Bread Crumbs  
Chicken Broth  
Canned Potatoes  
Canned Pineapple  
Gravy (chicken & beef)  
Instant Rice  
Taco Kits  
Pop Tarts  
Cookies & Crackers  
Canned Tomatoes (crushed, puree)

**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

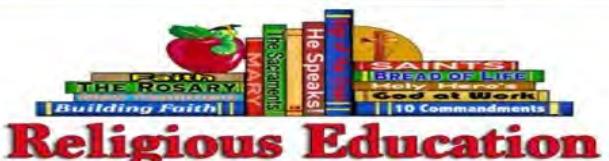
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,  
9am - 2pm

Phone: 516-541-1712

E-mail: [religiouseus@srolchurch.org](mailto:religiouseus@srolchurch.org)

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

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



### TUESDAY CLASSES - 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

FEBRUARY 3RD

**GRADES 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 AND GROUPS A & B 109/111**

### SATURDAY CLASSES - 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

FEBRUARY 7TH

**GRADES 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND \*7**

\*GRADE 7 WILL MEET IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM.  
THE ENTRANCE TO THE RECTORY IS TO THE LEFT OF THE  
4 DOOR GARAGE.

### GRADE LEVEL MASSES

**FEBRUARY 8**

1ST GRADE AT 10:00 AM  
6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

**FEBRUARY 22**

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

**FEBRUARY 15**

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

**MARCH 1**

2ND GRADE AT 10:00 AM  
\*7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

**\*7TH GRADE CHOSEN LESSON AT 4:45**

### 1ST GRADE PARENT MEETING VIA ZOOM!



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD  
AT 10:00 AM AND 6:30 PM.**  
AN EMAIL WAS SENT ON  
JANUARY 27TH WITH A SIGN-UP  
FOR THE **ZOOM** TIME  
OF YOUR CHOICE.

### 7TH GRADE CHOSEN

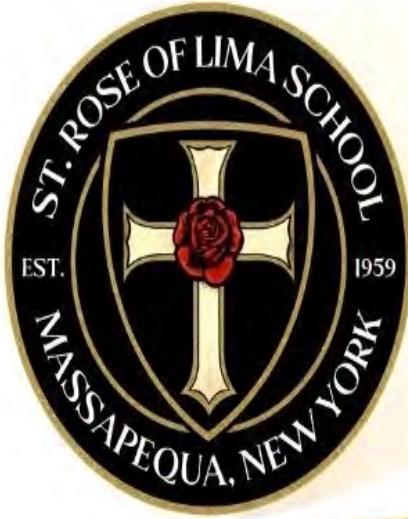
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH AT 6:45 PM IN THE CHURCH**

### MID-WINTER RECESS

THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES STARTING ON **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH** THROUGH **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**.  
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM **FEBRUARY 16TH** THROUGH **FEBRUARY 20TH**. WE WILL RE-OPEN ON  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT 9:00 AM.**

### 3RD GRADE PANTRY TOURS

**FEBRUARY 23RD, 24TH, & 25TH AND MARCH 2ND & 3RD.**  
CATECHISTS WILL INFORM YOU WHEN YOUR  
CHILD IS SCHEDULED.



OPEN HOUSE  
NEW DATE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL:

- Faith Filled Environment
- Rigorous instruction that prepares children for high school and beyond
- Art, Music, Gym, Computer, American Sign Language
- Before Care/After Care Available
- iPads & Chromebooks in All Grade Levels
- Low Student To Teacher Ratio
- Benchmarks in reading and math to measure student growth
- Honors Math Classes for those who qualify starting in 7th Grade
- Extracurricular activities available including middle school sports, STEM Club, Drama Club, Student Council, and MORE!



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, IN A  
PRIVATE TOUR PLEASE CALL

516-541-1546

Sign Up Here



# Scout Sunday

St. Rose of Lima invites the youth and adults  
of Scouting America  
Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops,  
Venture Crews and Explorer Posts  
to join us for the annual Scout Sunday Mass

**Sunday, February 8, 2026  
10:00 a.m. Family Mass**

Scouts and leaders are invited to come to mass in uniform  
and join in the mass procession.

Scouts and their leaders are asked to assemble in the Church  
lobby at 9:45 a.m.

Units are invited to bring their unit flag for the procession.

*Cub Scout religious emblems will be presented at the Mass.  
Please contact [frgerard@srolchurch](mailto:frgerard@srolchurch) to arrange for the presentation*



JT Parker

[fiveloadesministries.org](http://fiveloadesministries.org)

**FIVE LOAVES**

MINISTRIES

— EST. 2025 —

A ministry serving High School, College  
and Twenty-something  
St. Rose Parishioners

For more information contact: [jt@fiveloadesmin.org](mailto:jt@fiveloadesmin.org)

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE  
SPIRITUAL GOD-PARENT ADOPTION PROGRAM**



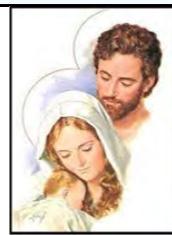
Join us as we:

*Pray for the protection of an unborn child.*

*Share in prayer for parents who are expecting a child.*

*Learn about the development of the preborn child.*

*Provide mothers in need with a "Baby Shower" of donated baby gifts.*



Next weekend, February 7 and 8, 2026, we will kick-off our annual Spiritual God-Parent Adoption Program. We ask that each family 'spiritually adopt' a baby in danger of being aborted, and pray that his/her mother chooses life instead. Throughout the next nine months, we will update the progress of your 'adopted baby's' growth in our parish bulletin, until his/her birth in October. Finally, during the month of October, we will celebrate your 'spiritually adopted baby's' birth with a 'baby shower'; all items donated will be given to the Life Center of Long Island to support mothers and families in need.

Please be sure to pick up a beautiful prayer card on the weekend of February 7 and 8 to help you pray for your 'spiritually adopted baby', or use the coloring page which will be printed in the bulletin; a fun way to get your children involved!

**Respect Life ~ *Prayer and Action***



**Start Your New Year Right — Get Your Estate Plan Done!**

Turning the page on a new year is the perfect time to take *care of what matters most*. Protect your loved ones and ensure your wishes are honored with a complete estate plan — and now you can do it for **free** using the online FreeWill tool.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has partnered with FreeWill to make simple will and estate planning easy and accessible for everyone.



**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**

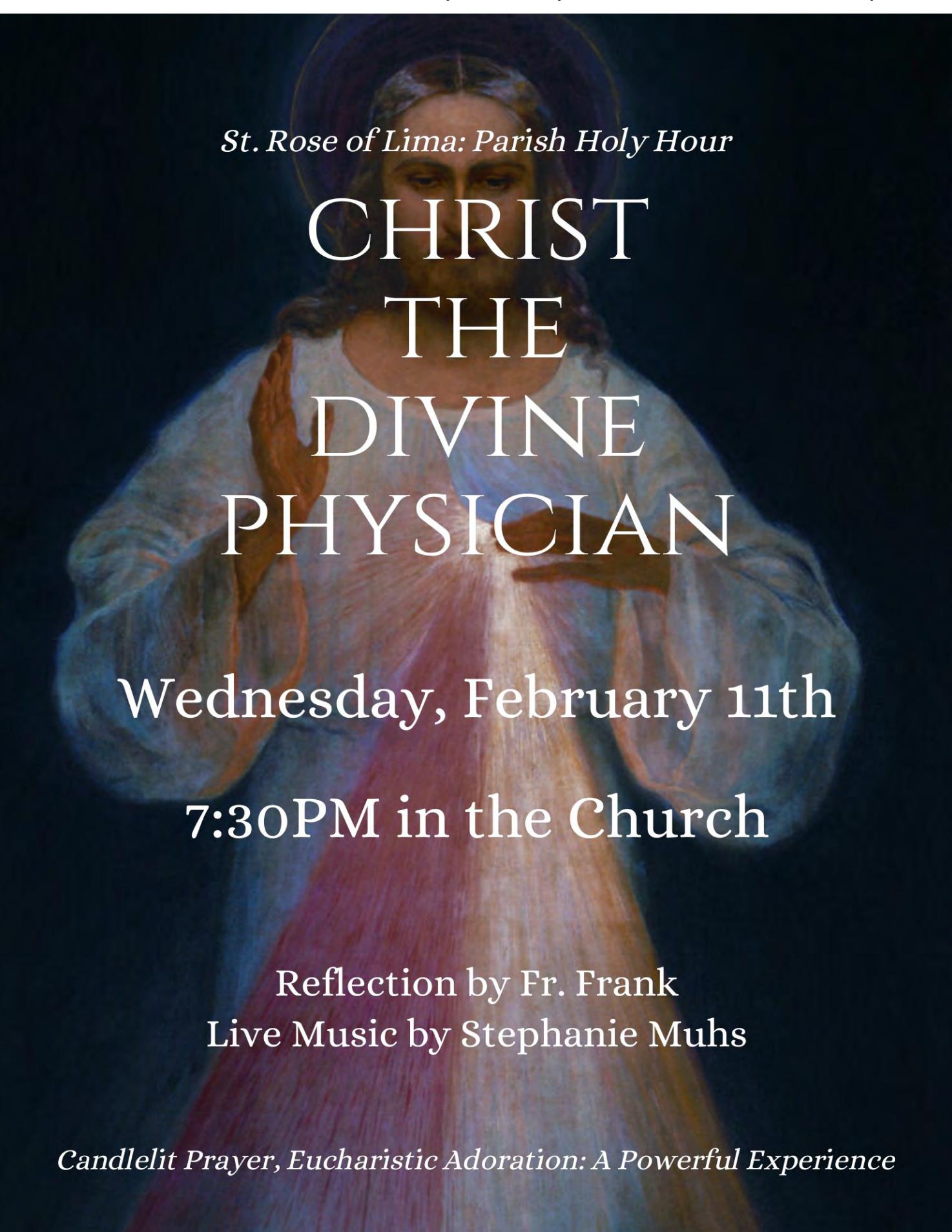
**Don't have a Will or Trust yet?**

We've partnered with FreeWill to make it easy for you to create a Will or Trust at no cost.

- 1. Fill out online
- 2. Print out forms
- 3. Sign & keep safe
- 4. Call us with any questions any time throughout the process!

Go to: [www.freewill.com/drvc](http://www.freewill.com/drvc) to get started

**For more information or to receive a how-to manual on FREEWILL, call Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org)**



*St. Rose of Lima: Parish Holy Hour*

# CHRIST THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN

Wednesday, February 11th

7:30PM in the Church

Reflection by Fr. Frank  
Live Music by Stephanie Muhs

*Candlelit Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration: A Powerful Experience*

ST. ROSE OF LIMA:  
INTO THE DEEP

LENTEN  
PRAYER  
CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY 18TH- APRIL 5TH

- GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THIS LENT
- 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 High School Ministry*

# ENCOUNTER NIGHT

Friday, February 27th

9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

6:30PM - 8:30PM

St. Rose Gym

A Night of: Prayer, Food, Sports

RSVP Using the QR Code or by  
emailing: [jt@fivelovesmin.org](mailto:jt@fivelovesmin.org)



# St. Rose of Lima Parish Lenten Retreat

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.

## To Thirst-To See-To Live



*Franciscan Friar, Fr. Roger Lopez, OFM  
will lead our parish community as we begin  
our Lenten journey by offering this year's  
Lenten retreat.*

*Through his preaching we will reflect on  
letting Christ search our hearts, heal what  
is wounded, free us from what binds us,  
and lead us into new life.*

Fr. Roger will preach at all masses on the weekend of February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>

The mission talks will take place each evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Monday - Holy Mass

Tuesday - Penance Service with individual confession

Wednesday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*Fr. Roger will also offer his talk within the 9:00 a.m. daily Mass each day for those who can not attend in the evening*



## Congratulations, Ginny Ewen!

It is our privilege to honor Ginny Ewen as a recipient of the Heart of St. Rose Award. Through her many years of dedicated service and steadfast support, Ginny has played an integral role in the success of the Heart-to-Heart Auction and in strengthening the St. Rose of Lima community.

Ginny has served our school in numerous leadership roles, including chairing the Heart-to-Heart Auction, overseeing personnel for the Family Festival, and serving as President of the School Board - just a few of the many ways she has generously given her time, talents, and leadership in support of our community.

The Heart of St. Rose Award pays tribute to individuals who exemplify leadership, generosity, and commitment. We are deeply grateful to Ginny for her years of selfless dedication, generosity, and leadership.

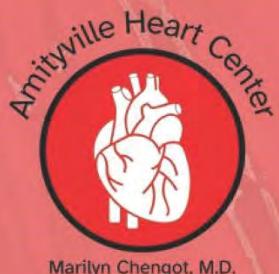
Please join us in celebrating Ginny Ewen at this year's Heart-to-Heart Auction on February 7, 2026 at the Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club, where we will proudly bestow upon her this distinguished award in celebration of her many years of service and the inspiring example she has set for our community.

Tickets and ADS can be purchased at <https://SROL2026.givesmart.com>  
OR you can TEXT SROL2026 to 76278.

***If you can't join us, you can send your congratulations in an ad.***

# TICKETS CLOSE SOON!

## DON'T MISS THE AUCTION EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT



<https://SROL2026.givesmart.com>

OR TEXT SROL2026 to 76278

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SPONSOR \$150

FULL PAGE BUSINESS/ FAMILY  
SPONSOR \$225

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YSL BAG, BLACKSTONE GRIDDLE,  
SUPERBOWL BOXES

2026  
07.FEBRUARY  
UNQUA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

# GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

## Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2026 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**  
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle  
Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 9, 2026

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**  
The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski  
Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2026

**Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)**

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)



# SUNDAYS at the SEMINARY

Sunday  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2026



Seminary  
Crypt Chapel  
1 to 3 pm

## ***“Explore and Adore!”***

### ***Tour of the Crypt Chapels & Benediction***

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Msgr. Charles R. Fink

*Celebrating almost 50 years of priesthood, Msgr. Fink is a former pastor, Seminary spiritual director, and Seminary rector. Currently living in retirement from administrative duties at Notre Dame Parish in New Hyde Park, he is well known throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre for his retreat work and days of recollection. He is a regular contributor to The Catholic Thing.*

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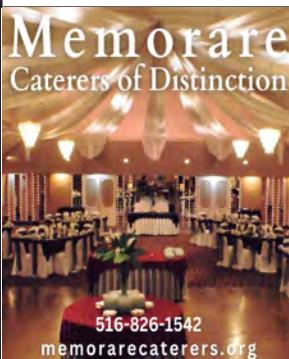
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