

# 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

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Rev. Frank Zero

Rev. Michael Iroh, CM

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Dcn. Thomas Elliott

Dcn. Michael Gambardella

Dcn. Francis B. McGuinness

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Thomas Griffin, Pastoral Associate

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B U L L E T I N

# St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, February 15, 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**

<b>Rectory</b> .....	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
<b>Rectory Fax</b> .....	795-7836
<b>Parish Outreach Office</b> .....	798-4954
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<b>Youth Ministry</b> .....	798-4992
<b>CY.O.</b> .....	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., 2/16 Weekday**

7:30 Elvira & Lawrence Baroletti  
9:00 Gloria DeGore

**Tue., 2/17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

7:30 Justin Fusco  
9:00 Margaret Urbanowski

**Wed., 2/18 Ash Wednesday**

7:30 For the Intention of Fr. Michael  
9:00 Alphonse Falco  
7:30 For the Intention of Jessica Kent

**Thu., 2/19 Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

7:30 Albert Urbanowski  
9:00 Vincent Cullinan

**Fri., 2/20 Friday after Ash Wednesday**

7:30 Al & Jeanne Peterson  
9:00 Alfred Nuzio

**Sat., 2/21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 Bob Fox, Warren Chessman,  
Richard Molloy, Lorraine Trapani,  
Rocco Magenta, For the Intention of  
Robert Balzano

**Sat., 2/21 Vigil: First Sunday of Lent**

5:15 Mass for the People

**Sun., 2/22 First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 Jean Main, Tony Verdi, Joseph Clowe,  
Allison Corvi, Ida & Joseph Caiazzo,  
Francesca, Belen & Lucia Cid  
10:00 Jenna Jean Tuller  
12:00 George S. Smith  
5:15 For the Deceased Members of the Gaulrapp  
& Bennett Families





## ...from Fr. Gerard

*"We speak God's wisdom."*

It is the mission of the Church and the Lord's disciples to continue the mandate of St. Paul in today's reading from 1 Corinthians. We know that, especially today, we must not only speak God's wisdom but speak it wisely, well and with charity; so that God's wisdom not be diluted or contradicted.

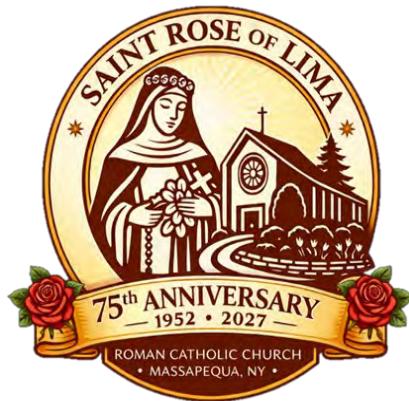
**Speak wisely** - As faithful and missionary disciples, we must be smart. That does not mean that we all need degrees in Theology and Sacred Scripture, but it means we are obligated to be informed. Reading the scriptures in their whole context, praying with them and sharing our reflections with the Lord and others, are important ways that we prepare ourselves to speak God's wisdom wisely. In addition, we should look for opportunities to grow in our faith through adult faith formation courses available in person or online. We can take the time to do spiritual reading, particularly stories of the lives of the saints. Most importantly, we should ask questions. In recent years, the phrase "fake news" entered the lexicon of American discourse, but as church, we have been wrestling with this issue for a long time. Whether it be the secular media misrepresenting or incorrectly interpreting statements from Popes and Bishops or factions within the church spreading falsehoods, we need to inform ourselves of accuracy before perpetuating "untruths."

**Speak well** - It's important to be attentive to a method that doesn't work well; specifically, anonymity. I've been advised to heed the axiom "unsigned = unsent" regarding anonymous communication. As much as I try to keep that in mind, it's not easy. Sometimes I receive a great suggestion or a helpful critique but because of anonymity, I don't have the opportunity to express gratitude. Other times I wish I could answer a genuine question or correct a misconception, but I have no means to do so. Most importantly, in my humanity, I make errors for which I wish to apologize but anonymity deprives me of that chance.

**Speak with Charity** - In addition to anonymity being an incomplete way to speak God's wisdom well, it can also be hurtful and contradictory to our desire to speak God's wisdom. When disciples use their speech to utter foul or bigoted language or when they spread rumors, gossip, belittle or deliberately hurt others, the ability to speak God's truth and wisdom loses its power and effectiveness.

The Lord has given us "Good News" to proclaim. Let's do it wisely, well and charitably.

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK** – The Ash Wednesday schedule can be found elsewhere in today's bulletin. You can also find a detailed account of parish Lenten activities at <https://tinyurl.com/SROL-LENT26>. This week's bulletin also contains information about our parish Lenten retreat which will be offered by my friend Fr. Roger Lopez, OFM beginning the weekend of February 28 and March 1, and continuing Monday to Wednesday, March 2, 3, 4.



**TIME TO PLAN** – As I have previously mentioned, this Fall we will begin our yearlong celebration leading up to our parish's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November of 2027. Our Silver Jubilee will be a graceful time for us to look back with gratitude, celebrate the good work the Lord is doing within us today, and discern where God is calling us.

I am, therefore, inviting all parishioners, young and old, to join me in a brainstorming meeting to imagine and plan what our jubilee year will look like. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.**

Thank you for saving the date. I look forward to hearing from you that evening.



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DIocese of Rockville Centre  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In this Lenten season 2026, we offer our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the Light of Christ's peace and justice to heal the many troubled parts of our nation and world.

Amid so many global and national crises, it is essential that we be guided and inspired by the Word of God. This Lent, let us rededicate ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics on fire with the Word of God.<sup>1</sup>

In Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (2:8-10), the Apostle writes: "The Word of God is not bound," or as another translation renders it, "The Word of God cannot be chained."

The Church of Santa Maria in Via Lata in Rome, near to both the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, is traditionally taken as the site of Saint Paul's imprisonment in the Eternal City. Beneath this holy church stands an ancient, freestanding granite column that I visited and prayed at on May 17, 2024.

Etched into that ancient column is the Latin phrase for "The Word of God is not bound." The column also has rust marks indicating that a chain – possibly the one discovered archaeologically in an adjacent well – was wrapped around it.

How powerful it was to place my hands on that granite column and to touch with my fingers the words of Saint Paul! In my ecclesial mission as the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, that memorable day I asked Saint Paul for his intercession that each one of us in the Diocese of Rockville Centre could be as bold and as audacious in proclaiming that the Word of God cannot be chained!

The Word of God cannot be chained in our own lives and in the lives of our families!

The Word of God bursts through our sin, paralyses, and resistances to change, and ignites our own Road to Damascus conversions!

The Word of God breaks down the self-imposed prison doors of addiction, ego, pride, selfishness, and narcissism, and refocuses our lives on Christ and his call to rejoice!

The Word of God cannot be chained by sin, war, terrorism, racism, injustice, poverty,<sup>2</sup> or disrespect for the sanctity and dignity of human life!

<sup>1</sup> See Bishop Barres' Pastoral Letter *God's Word is Living and Effective* available at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

<sup>2</sup> See Pope Leo XIV's 2025 Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexit Te (On Love of the Poor)* available at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

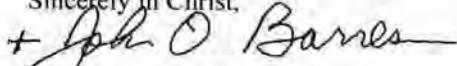
The Word of God cannot be chained by unethical deployments of Artificial Intelligence!<sup>3</sup>

The Word of God cannot be chained in the global mission of the Catholic Church, regardless of the 21st century persecutions and martyrdoms she experiences!<sup>4</sup>

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, and in communion and mission with our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, I thank each of you for the way you “cast fire on the earth” (Luke 12:49) through your daily reading, meditating, praying, contemplating, and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures.

Be assured of my prayers for a blessed Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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<sup>3</sup> See *Antiqua et Nova*, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Culture and Education’s January 14, 2025, *Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence* available at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

<sup>4</sup> See Robert Royal, *The Martyrs of the New Millennium: The Global Persecution of Christians in the Twenty-First Century*, (New York: Sophia Institute Press, 2025).



## REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

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

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

*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*



*Nora James Bombara*



## *Wedding Banns*

### 1st Time

*Dimitri Mourdoukoutas, OL of Grace, Lindenhurst, NY & Kayla Rhodes, OL of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, NY*

### 2nd Time

*Matthew Raynor, St. Isidore, Riverhead, NY & Michele Popowytch, St. Rose of Lima*

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

*Joey Bottiglieri  
William Crawford  
Bob Kostanoski  
Josie Minarczyk  
Jeff Zero*

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

*Peter DeLaurentis  
Francesco Pernice  
Henry J. Dolan*



## 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. There will be no meeting on February 18.

**Centering Prayer** - Thursday, February 19 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Chapel.

**Charismatic Prayer** - Wednesdays at 3:15 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room. There will be no prayer on February 18.

**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).

**My Club** - Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room. For questions, call Diana at 516-799-5154 or Carmela at 914-565-2440.

**Retired Friends** - Thursday, February 19 at 12:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Chapel

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

**7:30 pm Mass** - Due to the holiday, there will be no 7:30 pm Mass on Monday, February 16.



### *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.*



<u>2/8/2026</u>
\$15,423.00
12,399.00
<u>Parish Soft</u>
\$27,822.00

<u>2/9/2025</u>
\$14,558.00
13,155.00
<u>Parish Soft</u>
\$27,713.00



## St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

*"I had always hoped that this land might become a safe & agreeable asylum to the virtuous & persecuted part of mankind, to whatever nation they might belong."*

— George Washington

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

- Juice Bottles & Boxes
- Sugar (1-2 lbs.)
- Broth (Chicken & Beef)
- Strawberry Jelly
- Chicken Stuffing
- Cannellini Beans
- Salad Dressing (Italian/Ranch/French)
- Salt/Flour
- Instant Rice (White & brown)
- Bread Crumbs
- Canned Potatoes
- Canned Pineapple
- Gravy (chicken & beef)
- Taco Kits
- Cookies & Crackers

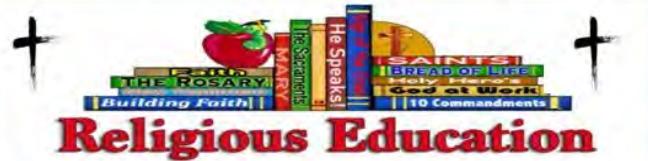
Donations of food store gift cards are  
always welcomed!

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: [religioused@srolchurch.org](mailto:religioused@srolchurch.org)  
Website: [www.srolchurch.org](http://www.srolchurch.org)  
Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



FEBRUARY 17TH  
NO CLASSES - WINTER RECESS  
CLASSES RESUME FEB. 24TH

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

FEBRUARY 21ST  
NO CLASSES - WINTER RECESS  
CLASSES RESUME ON FEB. 28TH



### GRADE LEVEL MASSES

FEBRUARY 22

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

MARCH 8

1ST 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  
\*CHOSEN LESSON AT 4:45 PM

MARCH 15

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.

### 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.



6TH GRADE ADORATION  
**TUESDAY, FEB. 24TH AT 7:00 PM**  
IN THE CHURCH

7TH GRADE CHOSEN - DATE CHANGE!  
PLEASE NOTE!

DATE CHANGE FROM  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD TO**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST**  
4:45 PM IN THE CHURCH



## SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS

# MAKE THIS LENT LIFE CHANGING



*Come and explore the true purpose of Lent and how to instill practices that will bring you closer to God.*

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## SUNDAY, FEB. 15TH

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](mailto:ThomasG@srolchurch.org)

# Understanding Lent

## Walking with Christ Toward Easter

Lent is a sacred season, a time set apart for renewal of heart and soul. Each year, the Church invites us to step away from distractions and walk with Christ in a deeper way. For forty days, we trace his footsteps—entering the desert with him, learning to listen, pray, and trust. This sacred journey mirrors the rhythm of our own lives: seasons of challenge that prepare us for new life in God.

The practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—are not burdens but pathways. **Prayer** deepens our friendship with God, opening our hearts to his voice. **Fasting** teaches us that we are not ruled by our appetites but created for something greater—communion with God himself.

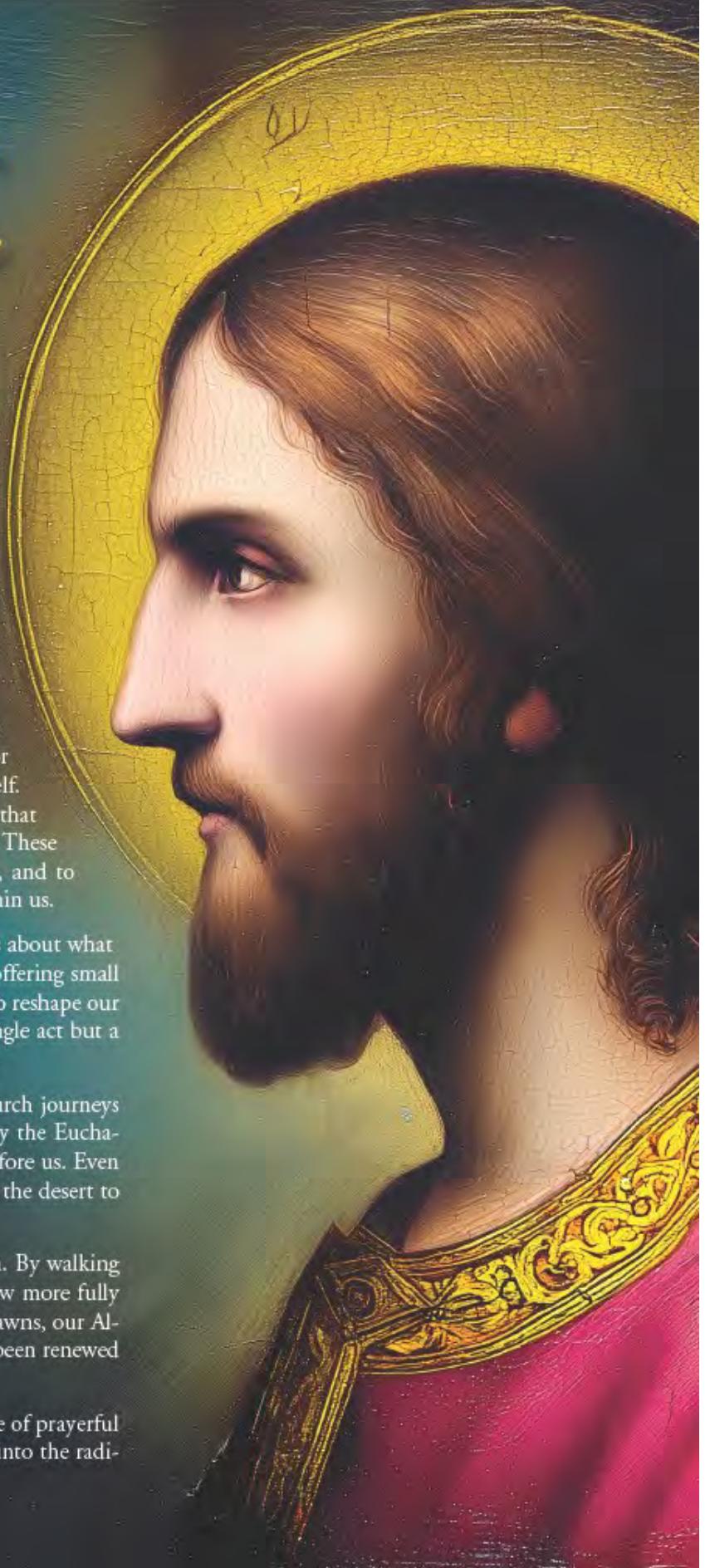
**Almsgiving** lifts our gaze outward, reminding us that love of neighbor is inseparable from love of God. These disciplines work together to form us, to free us, and to awaken us to the life of grace already present within us.

Lent is not simply about what we “give up.” It is about what we receive: mercy, forgiveness, and renewal. By offering small sacrifices and acts of love, we allow God’s Spirit to reshape our hearts. In this way, conversion becomes not a single act but a daily turning—away from sin and toward Christ.

We do not walk this road alone. The entire Church journeys together, nourished by Scripture, strengthened by the Eucharist, and inspired by the saints who have gone before us. Even in our struggles, God is near, leading us through the desert to the joy of Easter morning.

Ultimately, Lent prepares us for the Resurrection. By walking the way of the cross with Jesus, we come to know more fully the life that only he can give. And when Easter dawns, our Alleluia rings out with deeper joy because we have been renewed in heart and spirit.

May this Lent be a season of grace for you, a time of prayerful return to the Lord, and a journey that leads you into the radiant light of Easter.



## SYMBOLS AND PRACTICES OF LENT

Lent is rich with symbols that help us live out this season of renewal. The most visible sign is the **ash cross** traced on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. It reminds us of our mortality—"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"—and of our call to repentance.

The **liturgical color purple** is used in churches throughout Lent, symbolizing penance, humility, and preparation. In some parishes, crucifixes and statues may be veiled in the final weeks, creating a sense of longing and anticipation for Easter's joy.

Another central devotion is the **Stations of the Cross**, traditionally prayed on Fridays during Lent. By reflecting on Christ's Passion step by step, we learn to unite our own sufferings with his and to see the depth of his love.

Many Catholics also embrace **simplicity and silence** during Lent—reducing entertainment, quieting daily noise, and creating space for God's voice. Acts of service and charity flow naturally from this spirit, reminding us that Lent is not just about discipline but love of neighbor. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** holds special importance, offering grace and renewal as we return to God's mercy.

The Church teaches that Catholics in **good health** are to observe the following rules for **fasting** and **abstinence**. From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

"Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is required from age 18 until age 59. It permits one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat binds Catholics from age 14 and older."

Together, these symbols and practices point us toward the heart of Lent: a season of turning back to God and preparing to celebrate the Resurrection with renewed faith.

## THE MEANING OF LENT

The word *Lent* comes from the Old English *lencten*, meaning "springtime." In the Church, Lent refers to the forty-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that prepares us for Easter. The number forty has biblical significance: Moses fasted forty days before receiving the Ten Commandments, Elijah journeyed forty days to Mount Horeb, and Jesus fasted forty days in the desert.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** and concludes at the start of the **Paschal Triduum**—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Sundays are not counted in the forty days, as each Sunday is a "little Easter," a celebration of the Resurrection.

The focus of Lent is conversion of heart. The Church encourages us to pray more faithfully, fast from food or distractions, and give generously to the poor. These practices are not ends in themselves but signs that we are turning away from sin and toward God. Lent invites us to renew our baptismal commitment and prepare joyfully for the Resurrection of Jesus.

## HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

The final days of Lent lead into **Holy Week**, the most sacred time of the Church year. Holy Week begins with **Palms Sunday**, when we remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The palms we carry remind us both of his kingship and the Passion that follows.



On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, recalling the institution of the Eucharist and Jesus washing the disciples' feet. After Mass, the Eucharist is placed in a place of repose, inviting quiet adoration.



**Good Friday** commemorates the Passion and Death of Jesus. The liturgy includes the reading of the Passion, solemn intercessions, veneration of the Cross, and for some, Holy Communion, but no Mass. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, uniting us to Christ's sacrifice.



**Holy Saturday** is a day of waiting and reflection. That night, the **Easter Vigil** begins in darkness with the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle. We hear salvation history proclaimed, celebrate baptisms and confirmations, and rejoice in the Resurrection.

These three days form the **Paschal Triduum**. They are the heart of the Christian faith, leading us from the cross to the joy of Easter morning.

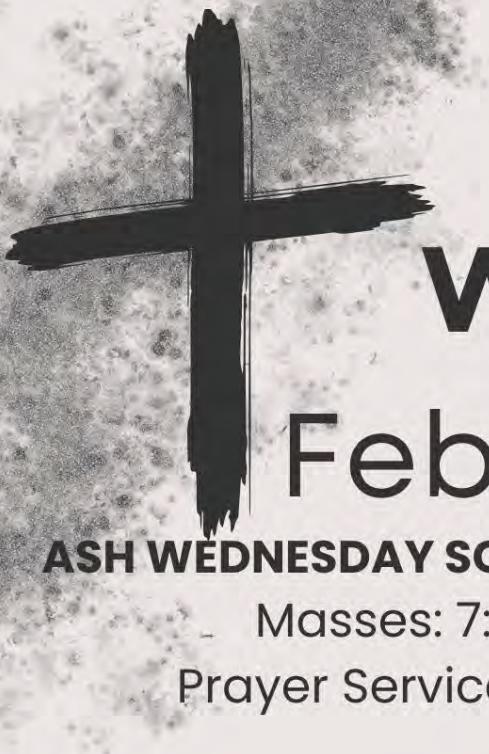
ST. ROSE OF LIMA:  
INTO THE DEEP

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



# ASH WEDNESDAY

## February 18, 2026

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

- Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am\* & 7:30 pm
- Prayer Services: 12 noon, 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

\*Livestream Mass

### **The Meaning of Ashes**

Lent begins with ashes on our heads, reminding us of some fundamental truths about ourselves. The dust of the ashes recalls to us that death is inevitable for every human person. The ashes speak of repentance and our need to convert our hearts. We seek to rise from the ashes of our sinfulness to full life with Christ. But before we can embrace the new life of the resurrection, we must embrace the cross. Before coming to the font of life-giving water, we must travel through the desert.

The dying of self to which we are called is the only way to fullness of life, and thus it is a profoundly positive step in our spiritual life - a step that begins with receiving ashes on our heads.

### **Lenten Requirements**

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



Check out our QR Code  
and Social Media  
for a list of our Lenten opportunities

## St. Rose of Lima Respect Life Committee Lent 2026



The Lent 40 Days for Life National Campaign is scheduled to run from Ash Wednesday, February 18 through March 29. Members of the Respect Life Committee will meet two mornings a week, Mondays and Fridays at 11:30 am, in front of the Massapequa Planned Parenthood facility located on Carmans Road, where we will publicly recite the Rosary and hold signs.

Join us for as many of the days as you are able, or sign up to participate at another time by contacting Paul Arena at [Paul.Arena29@yahoo.com](mailto:Paul.Arena29@yahoo.com).

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.



### Respect Life ~ *Prayer and Action*

For more information regarding the Respect Life Committee, please contact Phil Veltre at (516)732-5366.

**Join us in church  
for the PRO-LIFE  
STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS FOR LIFE  
FRIDAY, 3/27/26,  
7:30pm**



# ST. ROSE OF LIMA LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026  
6:00 PM  
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT:  
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**A NEW MINISTRY IS FORMING AT ST. ROSE!**

Do you knit or crochet? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is beginning this March on **THURSDAY, 3/12** from 1:00-2:30 pm! We will meet monthly in the Father Graham Center Meeting Room in the Outreach building to create beautiful handmade shawls for those in our community who could use a warm "hug." This is a prayerful ministry as we weave our prayers of love and healing into our stitches.

The completed shawls are never sold; they are freely given. If anyone wishes to donate to the ministry, funds will go toward yarn supplies. Yarn donations are welcome, too! Please place your donation in an envelope labeled "Prayer Shawl Ministry," and it can be dropped off at the Rectory or Outreach.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

**WHO:** Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting and joining a new ministry

**WHAT:** Please bring a skein of soft yarn and your favorite hook or needles; patterns will be provided. Yarn donations always welcome!

**WHERE:** Father Graham Center Meeting Room, in the Outreach building

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 12 from 1:00-2:30 pm (we will meet once a month until June and resume again in September)

\*If anyone would like to participate in the ministry but can't make the meeting, please email at the address below, and you will receive a copy of the pattern and prayers. Completed shawls can be dropped off at Outreach Mon.-Wed., 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Questions? Email: [prayershawlministrySROL@yahoo.com](mailto:prayershawlministrySROL@yahoo.com) or call Outreach for more information: 516-798-4954. Anyone interested in shawl recipient info, please email.



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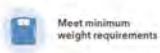
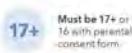
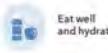
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**Thursday February 26, 2026**

**1:00pm – 7:00pm**

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*The Office of Faith Formation is collecting new and gently-used First Holy Communion outfits.*

*Donations may be delivered to the Office of Faith Formation located in the convent building*

*February 23 - March 5  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM*



*To make other arrangements, please call Kathy Paulis at 541-1712x239.*



*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**

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# 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*



# Re-Scheduled: Bagels 'N Bingo



**Sunday, March 1, 2026 after the  
SROL Family Mass in the Auditorium**

*Discounted Advance Tickets*

*on Sale Feb. 15 & 22*

*after the 10 AM Family Mass;*

*Tickets also available at the*

*Door on March 1*



**Join the Fun this Year!**

Admission: \$4 per person or 2 for \$7 when purchased in advance or \$5 per person at the door



*The Family Mass Team is organizing the Bagels 'N Bingo event to build the sense of community we enjoy here at St. Rose of Lima and at the Family Mass.*





# SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026  
COLONIAL SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

*We are excited to announce...  
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Inaugural Golf Outing*



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Jodi DeMeo  
Jacquelyn Doyle  
Kayla Knapp

Magna Cum Laude  
Summa Cum Laude  
Summa Cum Laude  
Summa Cum Laude

**Sophomore**

Thomas Lozada

Cum Laude

**Juniors**

Sarah Aissa  
Alexa Cicio  
Luke DeMeo  
Jack O'Connor  
Haylee Parolisi

Magna Cum Laude  
Cum Laude  
Summa Cum Laude  
Cum Laude  
Cum Laude

**Seniors**

James Conway  
Joseph Donovan  
Mackenzie Jantz  
Jayden Nappi

Magna Cum Laude  
Summa Cum Laude  
Summa Cum Laude  
Cum Laude



# Scout Sunday



## AROUND THE DIOCESE...

**Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island Including Widows, Widowers and Singles** - New member orientation will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm in the Hibernian Hall at 85 Grand Avenue in Massapequa. Non-denomination, all are welcome.

**Help Wanted** - Maria Regina School in North Massapequa is currently looking for Teaching Assistant substitutes (8:15 am -2:15 pm) and Aftercare Assistants (2:15-up to 6:00 pm). Both positions pay \$17 per hour. If interested, please call the Main Office at 516-541-1229 for more information.

**Irish Vendor Fair** - The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is hosting an Irish Vendor Fair at the Hibernian Hall at 85 Grand Avenue in Massapequa on Saturday, February 28 from 12:00-4:00 pm. Free admission.

**Jesus Christ Superstar** - *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be presented at Maria Regina Pontieri Hall in Seaford on February 19-February 22. This is a benefit for children with cancer. For more information, call 516-882-9183 or visit [lukeneuhedelfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lukeneuhedelfoundation@gmail.com).

**YoungHearts of St. Francis Hospital** - YoungHearts is a new program at St. Francis Hospital and Heart Center that provides community, support and friendship to pediatric cardiology patients and their families. If you would like to get involved or become a member, please call the BraveHearts office at 516-562-6785 or email the YoungHearts chair at [Christina.dunleavy@aol.com](mailto:Christina.dunleavy@aol.com).



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM and continue through Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 AM**. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting [www.CFNTv.org](http://www.CFNTv.org) or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.



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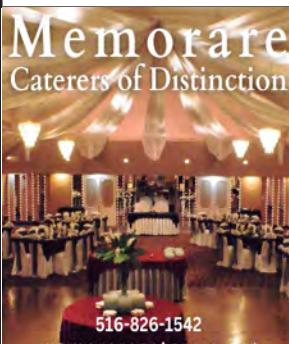
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