

# 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](https://www.facebook.com/strosemassapequa)  
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, March 29, 2026

2 BAYVIEW AVENUE MASSAPEQUA NY 11758 • 516-798-4992 • [www.srolchurch.org](http://www.srolchurch.org)

PALM  
SUNDAY

*Rejoice in the Lord*



**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.

**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., 3/30 Monday of Holy Week**

7:30 Gloria Tamborino  
 9:00 Juliana LaGumina  
 7:30 Gene Lanzaro

**Tue., 3/31 Tuesday of Holy Week**

7:30 For the Intention of Sallyann Paladino  
 9:00 Robert Wilcox

**Wed., 4/1 Wednesday of Holy Week**

7:30 Kathleen Mattia  
 9:00 Ralph Gorgone

**Thu., 4/2 Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**

9:00 Morning Prayer  
 7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Fri., 4/3 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

9:00 Morning Prayer  
 3:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Sat., 4/4 Holy Saturday**

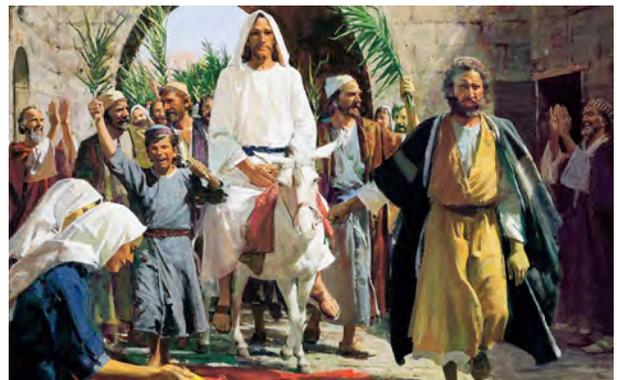
9:00 Morning Prayer

**Sat., 4/4 Easter Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 pm Mass for the People

**Sun., 4/5 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 For the Priests & Deacons of St. Rose  
 9:30 For the Youth of the St. Rose Parish  
 11:00 For Those Serving in the Military & Their Families  
 12:30 For Vocations to the Religious Life





## ...from Fr. Gerard

*When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."*

The itinerate preaching, miracle working, religious figure from the unsophisticated north region of Galilee was known by only a few of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. As Jesus' followers accompanied his arrival into Jerusalem with Hosannas, they were proclaiming his importance to the many who knew nothing of him. As we enter into this Holy Week, we accompany Jesus Christ into his Passion, and we join our voices with all those who know him. This week we will be joined by many who seek to know Christ. This week, many of our family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers will be awakened to this holy mystery which is the foundation of our faith. This week is an extraordinary moment of evangelization.

In these days, we see the service of the master who washes the feet of his disciples. We witness the sacrifice of the innocent for the sins of the guilty. We recognize the institution of the Sacrament which sustains us daily as a memorial of that sacrifice. We find our hope in the empty tomb and the eyewitness accounts of those who observed, with their own eyes, that death has no power over Christ.

This is the week that the question "Who is this?" is answered for us again. It is a week for us to belong more deeply to Him whose love is freely given to us so that we may unite our suffering to His, our sins to the reconciliation He grants and our joy to His resurrection. It is because of this week that you and I together can echo the words of those who first shouted hosannas, "This is the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world." Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb during this Holy Week.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** - The entire schedule can be found elsewhere in the bulletin. I look forward to sharing this week with all of you. May the sanctity of this week bear fruit in our personal faith and the dramatic growth of the church here on Long Island. **PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR EASTER SUNDAY.**

**EASTER WEEK OF ADORATION** - Throughout the first week of Easter, our parish will be participating in a special week of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Beginning Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10 from 8:00 am-8:00 pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Chapel of the Fr. Graham Center. Don't miss the opportunity to stop in to pray and spend time with God. We need many volunteers to be assured that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Please email Tom Griffin to sign up for an hour time slot [ThomasG@srolchurch.org](mailto:ThomasG@srolchurch.org).

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY** - Every parish in the Dioceses of Rockville Centre and Brooklyn, as well as the Archdiocese of New York, will have priests available for confessions this Monday. The goal of providing an extended time for priests to hear confessions on this day is to have as many people as possible celebrate the sacrament, especially those who have been away from Confession for a long time.

Why not take advantage of this opportunity? Especially if you have not been to Confession in 5 or 10 or 20 years (or even longer), this is a great opportunity. We promise you a warm

welcome! We promise you an experience of joy! We promise you that you will have an encounter with Jesus that will leave you feeling the best that you have felt in a long, long time!



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



**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

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

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



*Jaxson Reese Caldarola  
Tatum Anthony Caldarola  
Mason Ryan Doscher  
Benjamin Christopher Lindsley  
Christopher James Morande  
Levi William Shamrock*



***Wedding Banns***

**2nd Time**

***Wilbert Diaz, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary,  
Roosevelt, NY &***

***Juliana Flavoni, St. Rose of Lima***

***Nikolaus Fazzalari, St. Rocco, Glen Cove, NY &***

***Julia DeFelice, St. Rose of Lima***

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

*Br. Ron Davis, TSA  
Dolores Dell'Anno  
Philip Gandolfo  
Baby Benjamin Lobo  
Jeff Zero*

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

*Rose Marie Simon  
James Ernest Bowe*



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

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

**Alanon** - Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

**Centering Prayer** - Thursday, April 16 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).

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

**1st Saturday Devotion** - It will be cancelled for April this year in order to focus on Holy Saturday, April 4. The next Devotion will take place on Saturday, May 2 at 7:15 am.

**Respect Life Committee** - Tuesday, April 7 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, April 7 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center

**Sunshine Group for Widows and Widowers** - Thursday, April 9 at 12:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room



St. Rose of Lima School seeks teacher's assistant for an early childhood classroom. Monday to Friday, 8 am to 1 pm Wages \$18-20 per hour. Interested candidates should email the school at [bjensen5641@stroseschool.net](mailto:bjensen5641@stroseschool.net).



**3/22/2026**  
 \$20,237.00  
 5,871.00 Parish Soft  


---

 \$26,108.00

**3/23/2025**  
 \$19,136.00  
 6,687.00 Parish Soft  


---

 \$25,823.00



**JT Parker**

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

FIVE LOAVES



MINISTRIES

- EST. 2025 -

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

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



### St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

*“Let the branches of palm trees be the victory banners of our faith, and let our hearts echo the shouts of ‘Hosanna’ as we welcome Christ into our lives anew.”* —Pope Francis

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

- Juice Bottles & Boxes
- Coffee (10-13oz.)
- Sugar (1-2 lbs.)
- Mayo
- Hot Chocolate
- Jarred Pasta Sauce
- Cannellini Beans
- Tomato Puree
- Spaghetti
- Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
- Whole Cranberry Sauce
- Baked & Vegetarian Beans
- Salt/Flour
- Canned Sweet Potatoes (large & small)
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Chicken Gravy & Chicken Stuffing
- Taco Kits
- Hair Conditioner
- Dish Detergent (11-15 oz.)

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

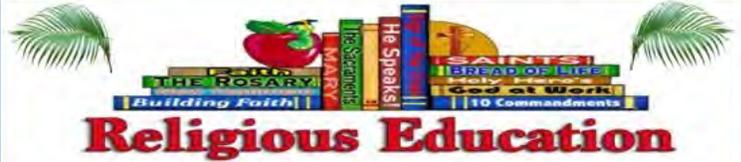
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,  
9am - 2pm

Phone: 516-541-1712

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

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

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



### Palm Sunday

Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of  
the Lord!

Matthew 21:9

### GRADE LEVEL MASSES

<b>APRIL 12</b>	<b>APRIL 26</b>
1ST GRADE AT 10:00 AM	4TH & 5TH GRADE AT 10:00 AM
7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM	8TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM
<b>APRIL 19</b>	<b>MAY 3</b>
2ND GRADE AT 10:00 AM	3RD GRADE AT 10:00 AM
6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM	7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM



### 2026-27 FAITH FORMATION EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 30TH!

ALL FAMILIES CURRENTLY REGISTERED in the PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE an EMAIL LINK to register.

FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1 STUDENT \$195 - 2 STUDENTS \$275 - 3 OR MORE STUDENTS \$315. CATECHIST DISCOUNT \$50.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION WILL END **APRIL 30TH.**

### 7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS

INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 IN THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR ONE OF THE SESSIONS (6:30, 7:00, OR 7:30).

REMINDER EMAILS WITH DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO PARENTS OF REGISTERED STUDENTS.

THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION WILL BE CLOSED FOR EASTER APRIL 2ND - APRIL 10TH  
WE WILL REOPEN MONDAY, APRIL 13TH.



### \*\*CATECHISTS (Teachers) NEEDED!\*\*



WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS FOR OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM ON TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS FOR GRADES 1, 7, 8, AND SPECIAL NEEDS.

PLEASE CONTACT GRACE IN THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AT

[GRACER@SROLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:GRACER@SROLCHURCH.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule****March 29, Passion (Palm) Sunday***5:15 pm, Vigil, Saturday, March 28**Sunday Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 pm & 5:15 pm***March 30, Monday, Diocesan Day of Reconciliation & Holy Week***7:30 & 9:00 am Mass & 7:30 pm Mass (Holy Hour)**9:30 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**and from 2:00 to 4:00 pm & 6:00 to 9:00 pm***March 31, Tuesday***7:30 & 9:00 am, Mass**9:30 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**4:00 pm, Chrism Mass, St. Agnes Cathedral***April 1, Wednesday***7:30 & 9:00 am, Mass**9:30 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**7:30 pm, Seven Last Words of Christ***April 2, Holy Thursday***9:00 am, Morning Prayer**7:30 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper**followed by Solemn Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
in the Auditorium, ending at midnight***April 3, Good Friday***9:00 am, Morning Prayer**3:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion**with Veneration of the Cross and Reception of Holy Communion**6:00 to 7:00 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**7:30 pm, Living Stations of the Cross, St. Rose of Lima School, 7th and 8th Grade Students***April 4, Holy Saturday***9:00 am, Morning Prayer**9:30 am, Blessing of Easter Baskets in Church**1:30 to 3:00 pm, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**There is no 5:15 pm Mass on Holy Saturday.**8:00 pm, Easter Vigil***April 5, Easter Sunday***The Eucharist will be celebrated at**8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am & 12:30 pm in Church.**NOTE: There will be no 5:15 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.*

# UNDERSTANDING THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THE THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The Paschal Triduum is the heart of the Church's liturgical year—the sacred three days that draw us into the very mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. From the evening of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, we do not simply recall events of long ago; we enter into them. These days form one continuous celebration of Christ's saving work, the center of our faith and the summit of our worship.

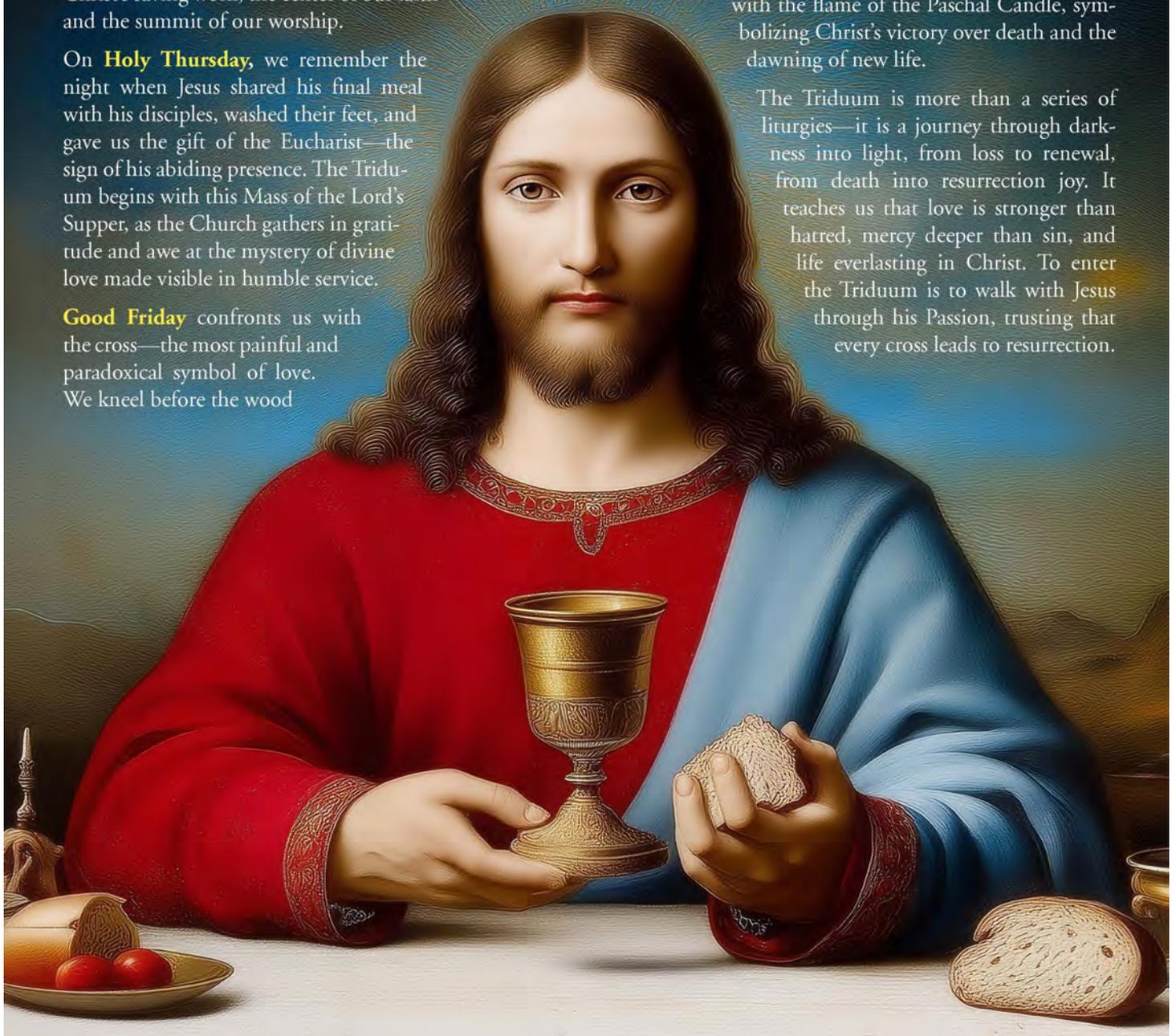
On **Holy Thursday**, we remember the night when Jesus shared his final meal with his disciples, washed their feet, and gave us the gift of the Eucharist—the sign of his abiding presence. The Triduum begins with this Mass of the Lord's Supper, as the Church gathers in gratitude and awe at the mystery of divine love made visible in humble service.

**Good Friday** confronts us with the cross—the most painful and paradoxical symbol of love. We kneel before the wood

that bore our salvation, knowing that through Christ's suffering and death, sin and death themselves are conquered. This is not a day of despair, but of solemn hope.

Then, in the deep silence of **Holy Saturday**, the Church waits in vigil, keeping watch beside the tomb. As night falls, light pierces the darkness. The Easter Vigil begins with the flame of the Paschal Candle, symbolizing Christ's victory over death and the dawning of new life.

The Triduum is more than a series of liturgies—it is a journey through darkness into light, from loss to renewal, from death into resurrection joy. It teaches us that love is stronger than hatred, mercy deeper than sin, and life everlasting in Christ. To enter the Triduum is to walk with Jesus through his Passion, trusting that every cross leads to resurrection.



## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM: MEANING AND SYMBOLS

The *Paschal Triduum*—from the Latin for “three days”—is the summit of the Church’s liturgical year. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and concludes with Easter Sunday. Though it spans parts of four calendar days, it is one continuous celebration of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection—the central mystery of our faith.

Each day reveals a different facet of that mystery. On Holy Thursday, the **washing of feet** and the **Eucharist** express love in humble service. On Good Friday, **the cross** becomes a sign not of defeat but of victory, as Christ’s sacrifice conquers sin and death. On Holy Saturday, the Church waits in silence until the **Easter Vigil**, when light pierces the darkness and the **Paschal Candle**—symbol of the Risen Christ—is lit.

Throughout the Triduum, the Church’s symbols speak deeply: fire and water, bread and wine, darkness and light. Together they proclaim that the journey from death to life is at the heart of Christian faith. The Triduum invites us to walk with Christ through these sacred days and to share in the joy of his Resurrection.

## THE LITURGIES OF THE TRIDUUM

The Triduum is unique in that its liturgies flow seamlessly into one another, forming one great act of worship.



The **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** on Holy Thursday recalls the institution of the Eucharist and the washing of feet, symbols of Christ’s humility and love. The altar is stripped afterward, and the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to a place of repose for silent prayer.



On **Good Friday**, the Church celebrates no Mass. The faithful gather for the **Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**, which includes the reading of the Passion, the solemn intercessions, and veneration of the Cross. Holy Communion, consecrated the evening before, may then be distributed, linking this day to the unity of the Triduum.



**Holy Saturday** is a day of quiet reflection until the **Easter Vigil**, the “mother of all vigils.” The Vigil begins in darkness, then the Paschal Candle is lit, and the Exsultet is sung. Scripture readings recount salvation history, new members are baptized, and the Resurrection is proclaimed in joy.

Together, these liturgies form one act of worship, leading us from the table of the Last Supper to the Cross and the empty tomb—through death into new life, the heart of the Church’s faith and joy.

## THE HISTORY OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Paschal Triduum has ancient roots in the earliest centuries of Christianity. From the beginning, the Church gathered yearly to celebrate the Lord’s Pasch—the mystery of his death and resurrection, the central mystery of faith. By the second century, Christians were observing a solemn remembrance of Christ’s Passion on Friday and rejoicing in his Resurrection on Sunday, often preceded by a night-long vigil of prayer.

By the fourth century, the celebration of these sacred days had developed into a distinct liturgical structure in Jerusalem and spread throughout the Christian world. Pilgrims such as the Spanish nun **Egeria**, who recorded her travels around A.D. 380, described in detail the early Holy Week and Easter observances in Jerusalem—the washing of feet on Thursday, veneration of the Cross on Friday, and the solemn Easter Vigil beginning at nightfall on Saturday.

In the Middle Ages, the Triduum’s rich symbolism deepened, though its structure varied between regions. The modern form took shape after **the liturgical reforms of Pope Pius XII in the 1950s**, which restored the Easter Vigil to its rightful nighttime setting and emphasized the unity of the three days as one continuous celebration.

Today, the Triduum stands as the high point of the Church’s year—the summit of the liturgical calendar and the foundation of all Christian worship. These ancient days, preserved and renewed through centuries, invite us to enter again into the saving mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection.

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join our St. Rose of Lima School 8th and 7th graders as they bring to life the Living Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday, **April 3rd - 7:30 PM**

Come witness the spirit of the Stations of the Cross come alive through this dramatic presentation, with reflective music and prayerful contemplation.

Join us in solidarity with the young people of our school as we journey through this sacred season together.



### *Blessing of the Easter Baskets* *Saturday, April 4* *Following 9:00 am Morning Prayer*

*The Blessing of Easter Baskets is an Eastern European tradition that dates back to the 14th century. On Holy Saturday, people would bring decorated baskets with samples of items from their Easter meal - bread, butter, salt, sweets, colored eggs, and ham - to the church to be blessed. We will celebrate this cherished tradition on Holy Saturday, following the 9:00 am morning prayer.*

*Everyone is invited to place your food basket on the tables in front of the altar rail.*

- Joseph A.A, Air Force
- Christopher Afetian, Marine Corps
- Ryan Thomas Albergo, Marine Corps
- Anthony C. Amandola, Jr., Navy
- Vincent Gregory Austin, Marine Corps
- Christopher Backe, Army
- Ryan Baranek, Marine Corps
- Jessica Bennett, Navy
- Ian Blaney, US Military Academy
- Paul Brachfeld, Navy
- John Bragoli, Marine Corps
- Daniel Bramson, Army
- Timothy Breen Combes, Army
- Dante Bright, Army
- Stephen Brill, Marine Corps
- Brian Coleman, Marine Corps
- Sean Cousin, Air Force
- Brian J. Cuttler, Marine Corps
- Patrick Devine, Army
- Richard A. Devoti, Marine Corps
- Nicole DiGregorio, Army
- Michael Duffy, Army
- John Dulko, Navy
- Christopher Ernst, Army
- Matthew Fallon, Marine Corps
- Michael Farley, Navy
- Jonathan Fish, Navy
- Michael Flynn-Monaghan, Marine Corps
- Weston Gall, Air Force
- Jake and Max Gauthier, Marine Corps
- Gabriel Gonzalez, Air Force
- Ryan Hayde, Air Force
- Shawn Hoose, Army
- Colin Hughes, Navy
- Sean Ryan Kelly, Air Force
- Lauren Kerl, Army
- Jordan Knoppert, Navy
- Jeffrey Kornbluth, Army
- Matthew Kramer, Army
- Thomas Kramer, Army
- Matthew Mahlmeister, Army
- Mike McKabe, Army
- John Michael McDonald, Marine Corps
- David Meehan, Marine Corps
- Matthew Mosam, Army
- Cassidy E. O'Brien, Navy
- Kelsey M. O'Brien, Navy
- Kevin Occhino, Army
- Grady O'Halleran, Marine Corps
- Alison Palmer, Army
- Timothy Pastor, Marine Corps
- Matthew Paul, Marine Corps
- Olivia Pavone, Marine Corps
- Christopher Peluso, Air Force
- Daniel Ponzo, Marine Corps
- Joseph Ramos, Army
- Alicen Re, Coast Guard
- Thomas Re, Navy
- Jesse Reyes, Air Force
- Christopher Rossi, Marine Corps
- George Russo, Marine Corps
- Sammy Serra, Army
- Robert Shimborski, Jr., Army
- Zachary Small, Army
- Peter Stegemeyer, Army
- Kelly T. Szal, Army
- Robert Van Horn, Air Force
- Philip M. Veltre, Air Force
- Paul Vermillion, Marine Corps
- Roger P. Williams, Army
- Thomas E. Winthrop, Navy
- Daniel Wolf, Air Force
- Joseph Yahner, Army
- William Youssef, Marine Corps
- Philip Zanardi, National Guard



Support  
Our  
Military

Please let us know if any names should be changed or removed.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

A WEEK  
OF  
ADORATION

APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

8:00AM - 8:00PM

FR. GRAHAM CHAPEL

---

WE ARE IN NEED OF MANY VOLUNTEERS TO  
SIT AND PRAY WITH THE EUCHARIST.

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

# SAVE THE DATE!!!!

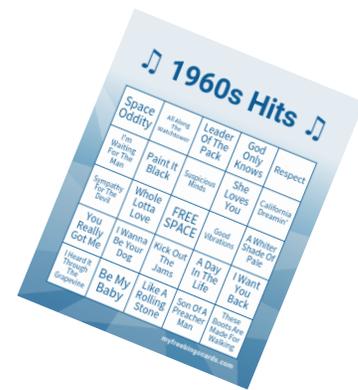
Fundraiser for St. Rose of Lima Outreach

# RADIO BINGO

Friday, May 1- Doors open at 7:00 pm  
\$30 per person

(Bring your own food, snacks and beverages)

Contact: St. Rose Outreach: 516-798-4954



It's an evening of entertainment, prizes, raffles, and fun!

Checks made payable to SROL Outreach  
More information to follow in a future bulletin

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)





# St. Rose of Lima Inaugural Golf Outing

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026  
COLONIAL SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

*For more information on our  
event, golfer package pricing,  
and sponsorship opportunities,  
go to our website at:*

**[www.strosegolf.net](http://www.strosegolf.net)**



*St. Rose of Lima Tree of Life*

*The Perfect Place  
To Remember That Important Time  
Or Special Someone In Your Life*



*The St. Rose of Lima Tree Of Life  
is really the Family Tree of our Parish.  
There's no better way to share an important moment  
with all your family than by placing it on a leaf—  
forever.*

**Follow these simple directions:**

**You can choose up to 20 letters or space on each line, and up to four lines on each leaf.  
Please print, leaving spaces as necessary on the lines below, exactly as you want it to appear.**

---

---

---

---

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Plan (check one)**

\_\_\_ \$2,000 in full \_\_\_ Monthly installments (to be approved by Rectory)

Please make checks to: St. Rose of Lima Church  
Mail to: St. Rose Of Lima, 2 Bayview Avenue, Massapequa, NY 11758



## The Federal Scholarship Tax Credit: Support Students at No Cost to You

Starting **January 1, 2027**, a new federal law provides an historic opportunity to support Catholic education by redirecting a portion of your federal taxes directly to student scholarships.

### What is it and how does it work?

- **Dollar-for-Dollar Credit:** This is a **100% tax credit**, not just a deduction. For every dollar you contribute to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO), your federal tax bill is reduced by that same amount.
- **Credit Limits:** Every individual who pays federal tax can receive a credit of up to **\$1,700** (or **\$3,400 for married couples** filing jointly).
- **No Out-of-Pocket Cost:** Because the contribution reduces your tax liability dollar-for-dollar, you are simply "redirecting" money you already owe the IRS to support local students.
- **Generous Eligibility:** Scholarships serve students from households with an income up to **300% of their county's median income**.

### An Urgent Call to Action: Contact Governor Hochul

For families to benefit from this program, the State of New York must "opt-in". Visit <https://bit.ly/2026FSTC> to contact Governor Hochul and urge her to opt-in to the FSTC.

- **Annual Requirement:** The state's participation is not permanent; the Governor must choose to opt-in on an **annual basis**.
- **Urgent Advocacy:** It is critical that we contact Governor Hochul now to urge her to opt-in for the 2027 tax year.
- **Keeping Dollars in New York:** If New York does not opt-in, donations from New Yorkers can still be made to SGOs in other states, meaning our tax dollars would leave New York to support students elsewhere.

### How to Support Long Island's Catholic Schools

While federal law prevents donors from directing a scholarship to a *specific child*, you have the power to choose which community benefits:

- **Designate Our School:** When you contribute, you can direct the SGO to send your donation to a **specific diocese or even a specific school**.

**Timeline:** The credit becomes claimable for the **2027 tax year** (filed in 2028).

*This is a "win-win" for our families and parish communities. By contacting Governor Hochul and participating in this program, you can ensure your tax dollars stay local to support a child's Catholic education.*





**Did you know?** You can use your IRA to make a meaningful gift to our Church and potentially lower your taxes!

**What is a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD)?**

A direct transfer of funds from your IRA to a qualified charity (like us!). Available to those age 70½ or older.

**Key Benefits:**

Counts Toward RMD: Satisfies your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year.

Reduces Taxable Income: Lowers your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).

No Itemizing Needed: You don't need to itemize deductions to benefit.

Tax-Free: The gift is tax-free for you.

**Quick Facts for 2026:**

Limit: Up to \$111,000 per person.

Deadline: December 31st.

**Must go directly from your IRA custodian to the charity.**

**How to Give via QCD:**

Contact Your IRA Custodian: Ask them to send the funds directly to your parish or Diocese and mention it's for a QCD.

We can help! If you need our EIN or have questions, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org). info.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE...

**Catholic Nurses Conference** - Molloy University is hosting a conference on Friday, April 17 titled *Grace Under Pressure: Faith First in Navigating Modern Catholic Nursing*. There will be a keynote speaker, Sr. Dede Byrne and networking with Catholic Nurse Leaders. To register, visit [nacn-usa.org/conference](http://nacn-usa.org/conference).

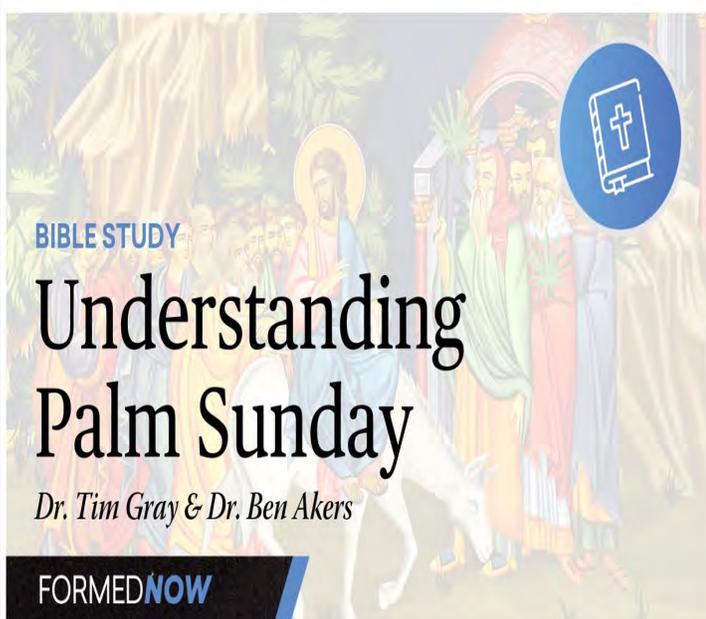
**Dominican Village, Spend the Day With Us** - Experience life at Dominican Village in Amityville, including Assisted Living Residency. Dates include April 9 and May 14. For information, call 631-842-6091.

**Good Friday Pro-Life Public Outreach Event** - The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a Good Friday Silent Vigil on behalf of preborn children on April 3 from 10:30 am to Noon, on the public sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow. Pro-life adults, teens and families are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. For more information, call 631-243-1435 or email [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

**Help Wanted** - Catholic Charities of Long Island is looking for a part-time CDL driver for the Wantagh Senior Center. It would be 6-18 hours per week to drive seniors to and from their homes to the Senior Center including ability to assist individuals in wheel chairs, assist with food service, set up recreational events, etc. To apply, go to [www.catholiccharities.cc/careers](http://www.catholiccharities.cc/careers) and click on the "jobs" tab, review the job flyer and apply or call 516-733-7000.

**Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Married Couples** - The Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington is hosting *Retrouvaille* which is a marriage-saving program. It will be held on the weekend of April 24-26. To register or for more information, call 516-405-0323 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org).

**The Joy of Music** - The Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Huntington is hosting a concert on Sunday, April 19 featuring Christopher Macchio, an international classical-crossover vocalist. For more information, visit [www.icseminary.edu/events](http://www.icseminary.edu/events) or call 631-423-0483 X102.



BIBLE STUDY

# Understanding Palm Sunday

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Ben Akers

FORMEDNOW

**formed**<sup>™</sup>  
Forming Catholics for *Life*.

## Understanding Palm Sunday

Focusing on the Biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers break open the meaning of why Jesus rode on a donkey, the significance of the palm branches and the singing of Hosanna, and how this event launched Holy Week and the redemption of the world.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



Tel: 798-3789 in Parish Since 1969  
**PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
 Raymond N. Cecora, P.T., P.C.  
 5500 Merrick Rd., Massapequa  
 High Quality, Compassionate Care to  
 those suffering from pain/injury/disease  
 Most Insurance Plans Accepted



**TSI The Schwarz Institute**  
 Physical Therapy & Sports Performance

Service your residential and commercial real estate needs!



**Charles Gambino**  
 Licensed Real Estate Salesperson  
**C: 631.965.6269**  
 216 A Main St. Port Jefferson, NY  
 charlesgambino@frontline-realty.com



**Warren O'Brien**  
 Massapequa Auto Repair, Inc.  
 Complete Auto & Truck Repairs  
 4191 Merrick Road  
 Massapequa, NY 11758  
 (516) 795-9360/795-9362/541-2622

**TSI Massapequa** 5700 Merrick Rd. Massapequa, NY 11758 (516) 798-9605  
**TSI Dix Hills** Loco Motion New York 1740 East Jericho Tpk. Huntington, NY 11743 (516) 798-9605



**THE BRISTAL AT MASSAPEQUA**  
 400 County Line Road | (516) 691.0706  
 thebristal.com



**Dean Poupis Jr.**  
 2090 Hempstead Turnpike East Meadow 516.542.0415 Fax: 516.794.5266 www.masterscollision.com  
 3530 Merrick Rd. Seaford 516.826.2763 Fax: 516.781.8851  
Owned and Operated by lifetime Catholic School Student



**Knights of Columbus**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL  
 Memorare Council 3476  
 2183 Jackson Ave., Seaford, NY 11783  
 (516) 785-3476  
 Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism

**YOU ARE BORN A MAN YOU BECOME A KNIGHT!**

YOU ARE CALLED! JOIN TODAY!  
 Free 12 Month Membership Visit [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)  
(We Pray) (God) BlessedMcGivney



**RAPISARDI CONSTRUCTION CORP.**  
 • Custom Homes • Additions  
 • Renovations • Remodeling  
 • Kitchens • Bathrooms  
**516-797-2136**

**BAY CAMP CHARTERS**  
**Kids' Summer Adventures**  
 Safe • Educational • Fun  
**516.785.7171**



**Joe Davis & Sons**  
 Landscape Contractors Inc.  
 Landscape Designs & Maintenance  
 Landscape Construction & Large Plant Material  
 Joe Davis, Sr. 100 West Shore Dr  
 joedr@joedavisandsons.com Massapequa, NY  
 516-799-0646  
 Parishioner - Landscape Contractor to St. Rose



**PAT DOLAN PLUMBING**  
 4 Brooklyn Avenue  
 Massapequa, NY 11758  
 516-798-8943  
 service@patdolanplumbing.com



**MAGUIRE TEDRICK PLLC**  
 Wills and Trusts • Elder Planning  
 Estate Planning • Senior Fraud Protection  
 Free Consultation for Parishioners  
 Family Owned and Operated  
 Don't Hesitate, Call Kate!



Wantagh, New York (516) 228-8400



**MID-COUNTY COLLISION**  
 Tony Romanelli  
 Joe Confessore  
 INSURANCE ESTIMATES  
 (516) 799-2000  
 • Complete Auto Painting • 24 Hour Towing  
 59 Brooklyn Ave. • Massapequa, NY 11758

**DEADLINE MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**MAIDENBAUM**  
 THE LEADER IN PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION  
[mptrg.com/bulletins](http://mptrg.com/bulletins) 516.715.1223  
 Hablamos Español  
 Maidenbaum Property Tax Reduction Group, LLC



**Steadfast Caregivers**  
 In-Home Senior Care for Long Island & New York City.  
 Call us today! (516) 229-1847  
[steadfastcaregivers.com](http://steadfastcaregivers.com)



**PODIATRIST David G. Robbins**  
 4683 Merrick Rd., Massapequa (Across from St. Rose)  
**516-799-2525**  
[massapequafootcare.com](http://massapequafootcare.com)

**Oral, Maxillofacial and Dental Implant Surgery**  
 Greg J. Panossian, D.D.S. PLLC  
 Board Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon  
 5240 Merrick Road Massapequa NY (516) 541-4767



**Shore Vision**  
 AN OPTICAL BOUTIQUE  
 Most Insurances Accepted  
 Eye Exam, Contact Lenses, DMV Vision Screening, Eyeglasses, Sunglasses, Sport Goggles, Dry Eye Treatment  
 4644 Merrick Rd, Massapequa  
**516-900-1222**



**Jackie Reilly's**  
**Irish Pub & Restaurant**  
 3964 Hempstead Turnpike, Bethpage  
**516-731-7544**  
 Catering & Party Room Available  
 Birthdays • Graduations  
 First Communions • Confirmation



**The care you deserve, in the place you love most—Home**



Learn more at [chsli.org/care-at-home](http://chsli.org/care-at-home) 

**NASSAU SHORES SERVICE STATION**  
 Complete Foreign & Domestic Auto Repairs • Same Day Service  
 5200 Merrick Rd., Massapequa  
 Nick 516-799-8525

**CARING HANDS HOME CARE INC.**  
 Compassionate Skilled Services  

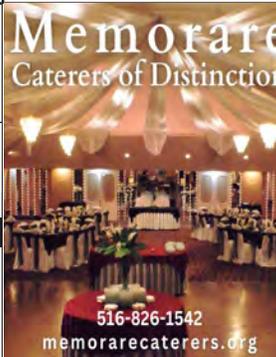

**William E. Law FUNERAL HOME, Inc.**  
 1 JERUSALEM AVENUE  
 MASSAPEQUA, NEW YORK 11758  
 (516) 541-8070  
 William J. Law Catherine Tessitore Nicole Messina

**HANDYMAN**  
 516-818-3100  
 25 Years of References  
 Lic. Nassau H0305150000 • Suffolk 47695-H Ins.

**COMPASSIONATE CARE. RIGHT AT HOME.**  
 Licensed • Insured • Trusted • Skilled Nursing • 24/7 Support  
 Serving Long Island & NYC • Specialty & Pediatric Care  
 Call Today for a Free Consultation 1-866-794-1644 www.chhcl.com | info@chhcl.com

**The Financial Insight You Want... The Dedicated Support You Deserve!**  
 Let's start a conversation: 516-260-7392  
 Marguerite.Ryan@Equitable.com  
 Marguerite Ryan Financial Advisor Parishioner since 2005  
 EQUITABLE ADVISORS  
Securities offered through Equitable Advisors, LLC (NY, NY 212-314-4800), Member FINRA, SIPC. AGE: 8662398.1131(25) (Eai-12/20)

**GENERATORS SALES & SERVICE**  
 Mohrmann Electric Company Inc.  
 3581 Bayview St., Seaford, NY  
 516-826-3311

**Memorare Caterers of Distinction**  


**John Pratt's Auto Body, Inc.**  
 We Meet By Accident 24 Hour Towing Service  
 516-799-1369  
 175-A Jerusalem Ave. Massapequa

**Protect Life! Checkout ProlifeED.orgn**

**Memorare Caterers of Distinction**  
 516-826-1542  
 memorarecaterers.org

**Friends for Life Homecare & Medicaid Consultants**  
 Hourly / Daily / Live-In Care  
 Medicaid Consulting / Application Processing  
 Senior Care Planning  
 Trustworthy Service at Affordable Rates  
 Long Term Insurance Accepted  
 1045B Park Blvd. Massapequa Park, NY 11762 (516)900-1818  
 99 Deer Park Ave. Babylon Village, NY 11702 (631)485-5574  
 FriendsForLifeNY.com

**MEMORIES MADE**  
 by WILSON WOODWORKS LONG ISLAND  
 5419 Merrick Rd, Massapequa  
 John & Barbara Wilson (516) 315-3730 / (631) 553-6508  
 www.wilsonwoodworksli.com

**Final Touch Auto Collision**  
 Collision Specialist - 24 Hour Towing  
 All Insurance Accepted  
 3586 Merrick Rd., Seaford 516.221.7611  
 169 Herricks Rd., Garden City Park 516.741-7950  
 info@finaltouchli.com www.finaltouchli.com

**Three Generations of Our Family Serving Your Family**  
  
 20 HICKSVILLE ROAD BETHPAGE, NY 11714 (516) 731-5600  
 200 EAST MAIN STREET EAST ISLIP, NY 11730 (631) 581-5600  
 1225 MONTAUK HIGHWAY WEST ISLIP, NY 11795 (631) 661-5644  
 Founder- Fredrick J. Chapey Douglas J. Chapey Derek D. Chapey Kenneth M. Chapey  
 WWW.CHAPEYFAMILY.COM

**Daniel G. Mazzola, CFA, CPA**  
 "Looking For More Than Drop-Off/Pick-up From Your Tax Professional Year- Round Tax Planning & Strategies In Addition To Tax Prep & Filing"  
 91 Bayview Ave. Massapequa office # 516-783-9540 cell# 516 526-7494 www.danmazzola.com  
 Active Parishioner  
 Investment Advisory Services through American Portfolios Financial Services Inc. An SEC Registered Investment Adviser

**Gregorio's Pizzeria & Restaurant**  
 FREE DELIVERY CATERING  
 516 799-7900 Dine-In Take-Out  
 4656 Merrick Road Massapequa, NY 11758  
 www.GregoriosPizzeria.com  
 \$1 off any large pizza w/ad \*No Fridays

**Charles G. SCHMITT FUNERAL HOME**  
 3863 Merrick Road, Seaford, NY  
 Conveniently located 1 mile west of church  
 (516) 785-3380  
 www.schmittfuneralhome.com  
 PREPLAN A Funeral Home Tradition  
 A Service You Can Trust!

**CHRIS GAVIN**  
 Lic. Real Estate Salesperson  
 516.524.6554  
 CENTURY 21 AA Realty • Seaford, NY  
 Call for a Free Market Analysis of your Home  
 chrisg@century21aa.com  
 Active Parishioner for Over 30 Years  


**Capri BAKERY**  
 3434 Merrick Rd. Seaford  
 516-785-6854  
 Pastries, cookies & breads • Cakes & Trays for All Occasions

**SARRE CONTRACTING CO.**  
 Charles Baldassarre 516-783-1189  
 Cell 516-729-3781  
 Masonry • Sidewalks • Patios • Driveway  
 All Repairs big & small • Waterproofing  
 Clean outs -yard, basements, attic  
 Inc. & Ins. • 40 Years in Business

**TLC COMPANIONS HOME CARE**  
 HOURLY / LIVE-IN Specialists  
 Care BEYOND COMPARE 516-719-0909  


**James Funeral Home**  
 540 Broadway • Massapequa • New York 11758 516.541.4000  
 \* Newly Renovated Chapel  
 \* Preplanning - Personal Planning Guide Available \* Monuments & Inscriptions \* Lavish Parking  
 \* Accessible Location \* Handicapped Accessible