

# 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, April 19, 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
- 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., 4/20 Easter Weekday**  
7:30 Dorothy Dsouza  
9:00 Silvio Bracco  
7:30 Dinorah Dumas
- Tue., 4/21 St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
7:30 Al & Jeanne Peterson  
9:00 Sharon Kelly, RSM
- Wed., 4/22 Easter Weekday**  
7:30 John McMahan  
9:00 Chris Gullo
- Thu., 4/23 St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**  
7:30 Catherine Lombardo  
9:00 Walter Seaman
- Fri., 4/24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**  
7:30 Richard French  
9:00 Juliana LaGumina
- Sat., 4/25 St. Mark, Evangelist**  
8:00 Debra Lynn Walsh, Thomas F. Garland,  
Liam Armstrong, Joseph LaCava,  
For the Intention of Bill & Linda DiBiase,  
For the Intention of Julianne Rose A.L.
- Sat., 4/25 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
5:15 Mass for the People
- Sun., 4/26 Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 Justin Fusco, Michael Fusco,  
Doreen & Vito Tripi, Francesco Amato,  
John M. Miro, Tom Ulmschneider  
10:00 Jenna Jean Tuller  
12:00 Louis Pittelli  
5:15 William Peo





## ...from Fr. Gerard

*And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them.*

This Sunday's Gospel passage from Saint Luke is my favorite account of the risen Jesus. I would like to share a few reasons as to why I think this encounter with the Resurrected Christ can offer post-Easter direction to us.

**Clarity in Chaos** - The account begins with these two unnamed disciples leaving Jerusalem amidst the drama of the death of Jesus and the mysterious reports of his resurrection. Throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus has been journeying toward Jerusalem in anticipation of the climactic moment of his passion. Here we find these two disciples seemingly getting out of the city as quickly as they could.

It is a natural instinct to run away from what we fear, what is painful and what causes anxiety. Yet what is more appropriate and beneficial is to seek companionship and accompaniment. These two disciples walk together, openly discussing their confusion and their fear, and thus they form a community. Through the formation of that community, the unrecognized Jesus becomes present. He listens to them and brings clarity to the chaos. As he reflects on the teachings of Moses and the prophets, they are consoled as the plan of God is revealed to them.

In moments of chaos and crisis, we are strengthened by the companionship and accompaniment of family and friends. We are hopeful because as we share the events of our life with each other, there is Christ in our midst.

**Stay with Us** – Having had this moment of lucidity, the disciples ask the stranger to stay with them. He has brought them some peace, but they are not ready to let go of him. I think of the many times in life I did not want a visit with a friend or a family member to end - not necessarily because of anything that was said or done, but simply because of the joy it was to be in the presence of someone I cared about, who also cared about me. This desire for the presence of one who knows us and loves us for who we are is ultimately a desire for Christ. It is what we are seeking in our moments of prayer and adoration.

**Eyes Were Opened** - Jesus only becomes recognizable to these disciples when he does the familiar act of taking, blessing and breaking the bread in front of them. In a gesture that had perhaps become commonplace for them, they come to recognize who has been with them. This is most certainly a Eucharistic gesture, one that we ourselves can easily recognize. As we engage in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we ought to ask if Holy Mass has become commonplace, routine or even taken for granted in our life.

**From Broken Hearts to Burning Hearts** – As the newly-recognized Jesus Christ is revealed to these disciples, he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, *“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”* With burning hearts, they speedily make their way back to Jerusalem and recount to the apostles what had happened to them and how Christ was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This becomes the apostolic format for the missionary life of the church. Those who were fearful and persecuted do not run away from the pain but face it, head on, with burning and joyful hearts.

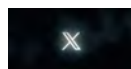
Much has been written about the number of people who came into the church at Easter and how mass attendance has increased overall. My hope is that as a result, we will have many Emmaus moments, and our hearts will be burning with a desire for Christ and the desire to share our hope in the Risen Christ with others.

Accompanying each other and uniting ourselves via our faith experiences, awaken us to the presence of Christ - Christ who not only helps us make sense of the chaos and confusion but enlivens and emboldens us to proclaim the good news to those who long to hear it.

**75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNING** – Please see the two-page questionnaire in today's bulletin. I appreciate you taking the time to offer your input. The questionnaire can also be found here [bit.ly/SROL75-ideas](https://bit.ly/SROL75-ideas).

**LECTOR AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE HOLY EUCHARISTIC TRAINING** – Please see the full-page information sheet in today's bulletin detailing the upcoming training sessions. Our parish is very much in need of new liturgical ministers. Your availability to serve in these ministries will be considered. Please consider assisting our growing parish community and its celebration of Holy Mass.

**JOB POSTING** – Our parish is seeking to hire a Business Manager for the parish and school. Candidates with a College degree or appropriate certifications and experience in accounting, bookkeeping and payroll management or equivalent experience are preferred. The full posting and application information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/SROL-JOBS>.



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



# 75th Anniversary Brainstorming Questionnaire

## Looking Back with Gratitude

- Where have we most clearly seen God at work in the life of St. Rose of Lima Parish over these 75 years?
- What moments, ministries, or milestones are essential to tell in our parish story?
- Who are the people—clergy, religious, parishioners—whose faith built this parish and should be remembered?

## Who Are We Today?

- What are our strongest ministries and where is the parish most alive?
- Where do we feel stretched thin or challenged?
- What do people in Massapequa know—or not know—about our parish?

## Imagining the Jubilee Year

- What kinds of events should mark the year—liturgical, social, service-oriented, educational?

*Imagining the Jubilee Year continued*

- What roles can ministries, schools, and organizations play in the anniversary year?
- Should we consider a pilgrimage? If so where? (*Rome and Assisi, Fatima and Lourdes, Lima*)

**Participation and Planning**

Areas where you would be interested in being involved.

- Steering Committee** - assisting in the coordination of subcommittees
- History Committee** - Collection of historical materials, stories and means of sharing our story
- Liturgy Committee** - Identify and plan special liturgical celebrations throughout the year
- Pilgrimage Committee** - Discern the interest in pilgrimage, recommend location, coordinate with pilgrimage company
- Social Events** - Develop a plan to create or include already established events in the Jubilee Calendar

**Contact information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered volunteer at St. Rose of Lima?

Yes

No

Drop off the form at the rectory or to link or QR code  
<https://bit.ly/SROL75-ideas>





**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekday masses was donated  
in loving memory of Donald Keating,  
with love from your wife, Pat.*



***Wedding Banns***

**1st Time**

***Adam Napolitano & Lauren Brzezinski,***  
*both of St. Rose of Lima*  
***Michael Mollura, St. Rose of Lima &***  
***Molly Nielsen, St. James, Setauket, NY***  
***Ian Miranda, St. Rose of Lima &***  
***Katherine Mathews, White Plains, NY***  
***James Collins & Angela Graci,***  
***both of Sacred Heart, Island Park, NY***

**3rd Time**

***John Doht, North Babylon, NY &***  
***Kathleen Trotta, Maria Regina, N. Massapequa, NY***

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

*Pasquale Esposito*  
*Frank Pidoto*  
*Jean Romano*  
*Kay Walsh*  
*Jeff Zero*

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

*Michael Osorno*  
*Michael Bryne*  
*Thomas McCarthy*  
*Jasmine Raniolo*  
*Deborah Byrne*  
*Joseph LoGiudice*



**Easter 2026**

\$85,796.00

**Easter 2025**

\$75,751.00

**4/12/2026**

\$18,217.00  
8,846.00 ParishSOFT  
\$27,063.00

**4/27/2025**

(weekend after Easter '25)

\$17,672.00  
6,598.00 ParishSOFT  
\$24,270.00

**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

**Anointing Mass** - Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 am

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

**1st Saturday Devotion** - Saturday, May 2 at 7:15 am. This will be held in church as well as livestreamed on our website and Facebook page.

**My Club** - Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center. For questions, call Diane at 516-799-5154 or Carmela at 914-565-2440.

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



ST. ROSE OF LIMA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SELL SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS ONE WEEKEND EVERY THREE MONTHS AFTER THE FOLLOWING MASSES: SATURDAY, 5:15 PM AND SUNDAY, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM AND 12:00 PM.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN ELLIOTT AT [KARENE@SROLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:karene@srolchurch.org).



**Baskets Needed**

The Food Pantry/Outreach is collecting baskets in preparation for the upcoming "Radio Bingo Night" on May 1.

If you have any to offer, please bring them to the Food Pantry or leave them in the church lobby food bins located at the parking lot side doors.



**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

*Jesus wants to be present to us on our journey of life, to bring us into his joy and happiness. We will often find Him when we least expect Him, and we may not even recognize Him.*

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

- Juice Bottles
- Coffee (10-13oz.)
- Mayo
- Chicken Broth/Stuffing
- Jarred Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tomatoes (Puree, Whole, Paste)
- Spaghetti/Linguini
- Pasta Sides
- Cranberry Sauce (Whole & Jellied)
- Baked & Vegetarian Beans
- Canned Black Beans
- Cannellini Beans
- Canned Yams (large & small)
- Canned Spinach
- Corn Bread Mix
- Deodorant
- Napkins

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: [religiously@strosolchurch.org](mailto:religiously@strosolchurch.org)

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

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



**FAITH FORMATION**

GRADE LEVEL MASSES

<b>APRIL 26</b>	<b>May 10</b>
4TH & 5TH GRADE AT 10:00 AM	2ND GRADE AT 10:00 AM
8TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM	(MAY CROWNING)
	6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM
<b>MAY 3</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>
3RD GRADE AT 10:00 AM	1ST GRADE AT 10:00 AM
7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM	8TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

2026-27 FAITH FORMATION EARLY BIRD  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

ALL FAMILIES CURRENTLY REGISTERED IN THE PROGRAM RECEIVED 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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28** 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

<u>COMMUNION DATE</u>	<u>REHEARSAL DATE</u>
MAY 2 AT 9:45 AM	APRIL 27 AT 4:00 PM
MAY 2 AT 11:45 AM	APRIL 27 AT 5:15 PM
MAY 2 AT 1:45 PM	APRIL 28 AT 4:00 PM
MAY 9 AT 9:45 AM	MAY 4 AT 4:00 PM
MAY 9 AT 11:45 AM	MAY 5 AT 4:00 PM
MAY 16 AT 9:45 AM	MAY 11 AT 4:00 PM
MAY 16 AT 11:45 AM	MAY 11 AT 5:15 PM
MAY 16 AT 1:45 PM	MAY 12 AT 4:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

INCOMING 1ST GRADE PARENT MEETING

**THURSDAY, MAY 7TH** AT 5:45 PM IN THE CHURCH

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

WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS FOR OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM ON TUESDAYS FOR GRADE 1, GRADE 8 AND SPECIAL NEEDS. PLEASE CONTACT GRACE IN THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AT [GRACER@STROSLCHURCH.ORG](mailto:GRACER@STROSLCHURCH.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance, with a letter from their pastor.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

### Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**

**Tuesday, April 21** – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

**Monday, April 27** – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may ask your pastor to register you for EITHER the Lector Workshop OR Extraordinary Minister training at these sessions.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**

**Saturday, May 30** – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach – Parish Center; 9:00 am – 12 noon. There is NO Lector Workshop offered at his session.

You may only be registered with your Pastor’s nomination. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time. End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health.

**These sessions will run from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.**

**Monday, May 4** - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center

**Tuesday, May 26** – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall pm

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS

# THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

*How should and how has the Catholic  
Church responded to AI?  
Learn and discover ways to navigate  
rising technologies and faith.*

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

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)

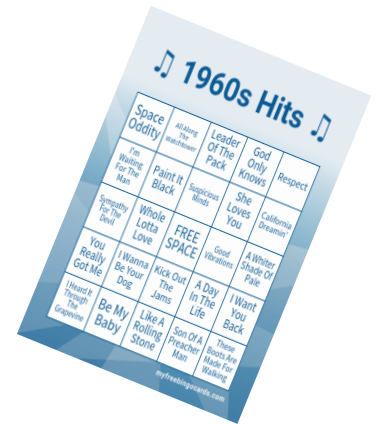
Fundraiser for St. Rose of Lima Outreach

# RADIO BINGO

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

Dessert and coffee will be served  
(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  
Please bring payments with the form below to  
the rectory by Friday, April 24.

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

Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Please sit with \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 High School Ministry*

# FAITH AND SPORTS 2.0

Friday, May 8th

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@fiveloavesmin.org](mailto:jt@fiveloavesmin.org)*





# *Holy Thursday and Good Friday* **2026**

*Photos by Jim Rapp*





# *Easter Vigil*

*Photos courtesy of  
Jim Rapp*

*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.**

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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



**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...

**Blood Drive** - There will be a Blood Drive at the Memorare Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall in Seaford on Monday, May 4 from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Charles Barr at 516-510-4703.

**Celebrate Marriage** - Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be presenting a program on Saturday, May 16 to help you renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate the Sacrament of your marriage. It will be held at St. Francis of Assisi in Greenlawn. For information, call Chuck and Maria Reiss at 631-766-9929.

**Marian Morning of Prayer and Reflection** - Chaminade High School is hosting a Marian Morning of Prayer and Reflection on Monday, May 4 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Brother Joseph Bellizzi is the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Suzannah at sbreglio@gmail.com or Amy at okeefe74@gmail.com. Register by May 1.

**Preparing for the High School Journey: DEN Talks** - St. John the Baptist H.S. invites current 7th grade and prospective families for a special four-part virtual series designed to guide parents and students through the transition to high school. They include "Understanding the High School Search Process" on April 16, "Finding the Right High School Fit" on April 23, "Understanding the TACHS Exam and Admissions Process" on May 12, and "Inside the St. John the Baptist Experience" on May 19. For more information, call 631-587-8000 or email neary@sjbdhs.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.



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### Saint Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

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