

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

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JT Parker, Five Loaves Ministries

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Sr. Carol Radosti, OP, Co-Coordinator

PASTORAL LIFE

Barbara Pope, Coordinator

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Brian Jensen

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B U L L E T I N

St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, May 3, 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) 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) 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) under Sacraments for full details and a fillable Registration Form used to schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon. No date for a wedding will be set by phone. Couples must make arrangements in person at least six months in advance, and only after all consultations are complete. It is recommended that you set your date with the church before you contract with a caterer.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(OCIA): Formerly known as RCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults who are not baptized, baptized in another denomination or those who are not fully initiated, become members of the Roman Catholic Church. For information, call the rectory at 516-798-4992 or email Deacon Tommy Elliott at tommy9.6deacon@gmail.com.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., 5/4 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 Margaret & Costantino Mobilio
- 9:00 Fr. Patrick Boyhan
- 7:30 Dennis J. Molloy

Tue., 5/5 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 Robert Gugliuzza
- 9:00 Ettore Maiorino

Wed., 5/6 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 John Francis Fernandes
- 9:00 Alphonse Falco

Thu., 5/7 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 Michael McKenna
- 9:00 Dennis Diemer

Fri., 5/8 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 Angelo Ferruggia
- 9:00 Jean & Jack Brown

Sat., 5/9 Easter Weekday

- 8:00 Elizabeth Jones, Elaine Cecora,
Robert Inslee, Anselmo Cruz Flores,
Anselmo Cruz Lagunes, John Miro

Sat., 5/9 Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 5:15 Mass for the People

Sun., 5/10 Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 Alice & Joe DeBonis, Justin Fusco,
Rosario Brucculeri, Alma Fiorey,
Koral Karsan, For All Those Enrolled
In the Mother's Day Novena
- 10:00 Julie & Sal LaGumina &
Louis & Maritza Schemali
- 12:00 Rose Simon
- 5:15 Tammy D'Orsi





...from Fr. Gerard

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”

Today's Gospel is one that is frequently proclaimed at funeral masses. In that setting, this passage appears to be oblivious and insensitive to both the historical context of the gospel and the emotions of the mourners. In John's gospel, Jesus speaks these words to his apostles on the night of the Last Supper immediately after three disturbing revelations; the announcement of Judas' betrayal, Jesus' declaration that he will only be with them a little while longer and the prediction of Peter's betrayal. How could their hearts not be troubled? Any one of these statements is troubling enough - all three are devastating.

Why then does Jesus make such a contradictory statement? Furthermore, how could we preach these words to those who have lost a loved one? Jesus does respond to those worries. He tells them he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house with its many dwelling places. He also assures them that they already know the way to where he is going, because in knowing him, they know the way. Finally, Jesus promises that he will gather them to himself. In short, Jesus is asking them to see beyond the sorrow and confusion. Jesus' response is an invitation to envision the bigger picture, beyond the darkness of this moment.

Obviously, we have reasons to have troubled hearts. We worry about people in our lives, economic worries, global and local conflicts. Our hearts are heavy when we mourn loved ones and when marriages are broken. Loss and worry cultivate troubled hearts.

Like the apostles, we hear the response of Jesus calling us to hope in him, to see the big picture beyond this dark moment. While the reassurance of our Lord is helpful and hopeful, our feelings echo the response of Phillip. “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Just take away the mystery, Lord. Give us a sign. Let us know when this will all be over.

Jesus expresses frustration to Phillip because the works of Jesus are the works of God. What are the works of God? As Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God gives and creates life, restores life through reconciliation and healing, and enriches our life's meaning through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and by inviting us to share in the Lord's saving mission.

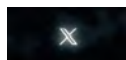
So, amid all of life's worries, we are challenged to engage in life-giving activities rather than death-dealing ones. We are challenged to put meaning into life rather than just stick it out. Out of love for the Lord who saves us and for those whom he has given to us, it is up to us to see where and how we have seen new life during dark days. When and how in our lives have we encountered healing and reconciliation, particularly in our relationships? How have we observed ourselves and others responding with generosity and sacrifice for others? Where have we experienced actions that have helped to alleviate the suffering?

The admonition to not let our hearts be troubled is not insensitive to sorrow. It is an invitation to faith and observance of the work of God unfolding around us. It is a challenge to respond to our worry by recommitting ourselves to share in the mission to be life-giving, reconciling and empowering.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS – This weekend we celebrate the last of our 10 First Holy Communion liturgies. I congratulate the children and their parents on these blessed celebrations. I also express my thanks to the catechists of these children as well as our Faith Formation Administrator Grace Rozea and the Faith Formation staff for their dedicated efforts.

FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT - Starting in 2027, the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit will let taxpayers redirect up to \$1,700 of their federal income taxes to nonprofit scholarship organizations that provide tuition assistance for students in Catholic schools. Therefore, a taxpayer could direct \$1,700 to scholarships instead of sending it to the federal government, directly helping families afford a Catholic education and even additional services at public schools. But New York families will miss out unless the governor opts in. Governor Hochul's participation would bring new scholarship dollars to Catholic schools, easing financial pressure on families and expanding access to faith-based education.

Tell Governor Hochul to opt in and support Catholic school families (further information in the bulletin).



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REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated
in loving memory of Thomas O’Gara on his Birthday in Heaven,
with love from Eileen, Alison, Arthur, Caitlyn, and Anna.*

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

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*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week
in loving memory of Vincent Creazzo,
with love from Anne Marie and Tom Immerso.*

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*The Altar Candles are lit this week
in loving memory of Robin Sommese—Happy Birthday in Heaven—Love you and miss you always,
with love from Darleen.*

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*The Processional Candles are lit this week
in loving memory of Joseph Immerso,
with love from Anne Marie and Tom Immerso.*

Welcome to the Newly-Baptized



*Ava Caterina Cammarata
Quinn MacKay Carroll
Gerald Daniel Gilrane
Isla Presley Kachmar
Luke Patrick Kildare
Cole Thomas Penkal
Ryan Michael Penkal*



Wedding Banns

1st Time

***Sean Nealis, St. Rose of Lima &
Madison Heft, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bridgewater, NJ***

2nd Time

***Brendan Maloney, St. Rose of Lima &
Bridgette Nixon, St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca, NY***

3rd 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***

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

*Theresa Anderson, Yuet-Kal Chang
Pasquale Esposito, Mary Elizabeth Evans
Evelyn Frasca, Joanne Leone
Jean Romano, Richard Strick, Jr.
Fredrick Weiss, Jr., Lynn Weiss
Jeff Zero*

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

Thomas Griffin



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, May 7 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Chapel
- Charismatic Prayer** - Wednesdays at 3:15 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room
- Family Mass Committee** - Wednesday, May 13 at 8:00 pm in the Rectory Board Room
- Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Thursday, May 7 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center
- Respect Life Committee** - Tuesday, May 5 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, May 5 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room
- Supermarket Gift Cards** - This weekend Supermarket cards will be sold after the 5:15 pm mass on Saturday as well as the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 masses.



4/26/2026

\$18,046.00
6,356.00 ParishSOFT
 \$24,402.00

4/27/2025

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



PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY

The new Prayer Shawl Ministry is off to a great start with over 30 handmade shawls made to date! If you crochet or knit, this ministry is for you! To date, shawls have been donated to people undergoing cancer treatment and those who have lost a loved one. If you know of anyone who could use a reminder of God's warmth and love, please email prayershawlministrySROL@yahoo.com or call Outreach at 516-798-4954 to request a shawl. Each shawl is weaved with prayer and love!

LAST TWO MEETING DATES BEFORE THE FALL: THURSDAY, MAY 7 and THURSDAY, JUNE 4
 Both meetings are from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Father Graham Center Meeting Room in the Outreach Building.

*If anyone can't attend the meeting dates but would like to participate, email prayershawlministrySROL@yahoo.com for a copy of the pattern, prayers and drop off info.

As always, yarn donations always welcome! Thank you for your support!



JT Parker

fiveleavesministries.org

FIVE LOAVES

MINISTRIES

- EST. 2025 -

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

For more information contact: jt@fiveleavesmin.org



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

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

May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, symbolizing the blooming of new life and the spiritual nurturing she provides. Go to Mary, she will always lead us to Jesus.

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

- Juice Bottles & Boxes
- Coffee (10-13oz.)
- Sugar (1-2 lbs.)
- Condensed Milk
- Pasta Sides
- Ketchup & Mayo
- Canned Yams
- Canned Potatoes (whole & sliced)
- Canned Tomatoes (puree, crushed, whole)
- Cannellini Beans
- Chili
- Cranberry (whole & jellied)
- Dish Detergent
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Laundry Detergent

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: religioused@srolchurch.org

Website: www.srolchurch.org

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



FAITH FORMATION

GRADE LEVEL MASSES

May 10

2ND GRADE AT 10:00 AM
(May Crowning)
6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

MAY 24 - PENTECOST

4TH & 5TH GRADE AT 10:00 AM
7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

MAY 17

1ST GRADE AT 10:00 AM
8TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM

MAY 31

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

2026-27 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

STANDARD RATE REGISTRATION FEES IN EFFECT!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FORMATION YEAR HAS BEEN EMAILED TO ALL FAMILIES CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM. VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE AND LOOK FOR THE REGISTRATION LINK BY CLICKING 'DONATE ONLINE' IN THE UPPER RIGHTHAND CORNER OF THE HOME PAGE.

STANDARD RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**1 CHILD \$230, 2 CHILDREN \$300, 3 OR MORE CHILDREN \$340
CATECHIST DISCOUNT \$50.**

MAY CROWNING

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH AT THE 10:00 AM FAMILY MASS. ALL FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MASS IN THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OUTFITS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESSION. PLEASE REPLY TO THE EMAIL SENT TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

<u>COMMUNION DATE</u>	<u>REHEARSAL DATE</u>
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

ATTENTION INCOMING FIRST GRADE PARENTS!

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@SROLCHURCH.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Support the Catholic School Difference!



**CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS**
OF LONG ISLAND



Second Collection Weekend 2026



On the weekend of May 2–3, all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre will hold a second collection in support of Catholic elementary schools. Your generosity helps sustain the vital mission of Catholic education on Long Island. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic School Difference* — where faith, academic excellence, and values come together to shape tomorrow's leaders. For parishes with schools, the funds support their own school; for parishes without schools, the funds provide scholarships through the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation.

Experience the Catholic School Difference. Use the QR code to take the next step! Or go to www.stroseschool.net or call 516-541-1546 to book a tour today!



www.drvcschools.org

Baby Bottle Campaign – *Change for Life*

*T*his weekend, **May 2 & 3**, St. Rose of Lima Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser - *Change for Life* - to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide:

- Free pregnancy test kits
- Free Sonogram
- Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- Medical care referrals
- Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- Male advocates available to speak with fathers



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON
JUNE 13 AND 14.**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!

Respect Life ~ *Prayer and Action*



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

- **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 this 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.

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

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

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. Thank you for your interest.

Please contact Cathy Wilcox at cathyw@srolchurch.org **by Tuesday, May 5.**

St. Rose of Lima High School Ministry

FAITH AND SPORTS 2.0

Friday, May 8th

9th - 12th 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*





St. Rose of Lima

May Crowning And Procession

Sunday, May 10, 2026

10:00 am Family Mass

Join us in honoring our Blessed Mother at the Annual Parish May Crowning. St. Rose of Lima Parish First Holy Communion Children, Jr. Rosarians, Rosary Society, and Men of Solidarity, past and present, are invited to come together in the Month of Mary and have a special part in the Celebration of the Mass.

Our First Holy Communion children and their families are a very special part of our parish community. All children receiving First Holy Communion are welcome to join in our parish opening procession in their Communion outfits. The children should arrive in the back of the church by 9:40 am. Please join us for this beautiful parish tradition as we celebrate Mass and honor Our Blessed Mother.



SROL Performing Arts Club Presents:

Disney
**BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST**

Friday, May 15th 7:00pm
Saturday, May 16th 3:00pm
Saturday, May 16th 7:00pm



St. Rose of Lima School Auditorium
\$12 per ticket

General Admission Seating

Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime



**For Tickets:
click or scan**

Handmade Rosary Keychain Sale



A Rosary Society Fundraiser

Supplying 400 Handcrafted Rosaries
 Gifting First Holy Communicants & Pre-Cana Couples

Each bead a prayer 🌹 Each Rosary a blessing
 Each gift handmade with love & devotion

Help us place a Rosary in every young heart & in every new marriage



ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH PRESENTS

FESTIVAL CHOIR CONCERT



Join us for a concert featuring over 120 singers from parishes across the Diocese, joining our choirs, bell ensembles, and brass quartet, with organ. Works include the Vivaldi, GLORIA, Hymn concertatos, Children's Choir anthems, Bell selections, and a special tribute to America's 250th Anniversary.



17
MAY 2026
3:30pm

Conductor, Mr. Terence Purtell
Music Director: Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon
 Organist, Mr. John Buckel
Music Director: St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
 Children's Choir Director, Mrs. Diane Griffin
 Music Associate/Cantor, Mr. Matthew Bayen
Music Director: Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park

Our first Festival Choir collaboration, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of "Our Lady of Grace Choir" in West Babylon!

Our second combined Spring Concert with the St. Rose and Our Lady of Lourdes Choirs of the Massapequas!

2 Bayview Ave, Massapequa, New York 11758

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FIVE LOAVES
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NIGHT AT THE TAP

Wednesday, May
20th

Young Adults

7:30PM Holy Hour
8:45PM Tap Room,
Massapequa Park

Prayer, Beer,
Community

*RSVP Using the QR Code or by
emailing: jt@fiveloavesmin.org*





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CYO

Massapequa, NY



Congratulates Meghann Gill

Role Model Recipient 2026

CYO is blessed to have your time, talent, commitment & passion for the youth in our community. CYO values your positive attitude and encouragement of teamwork.



*“You give but little, when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.” - Kahlil Gibran*



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.



AROUND THE DIOCESE...

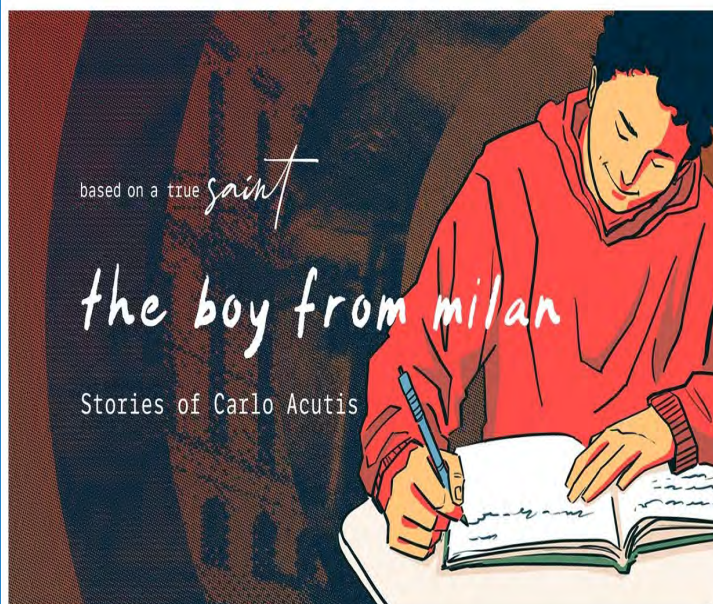
Blood Drive - There will be a Blood Drive at the Memorare Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall in Seaford on Monday, May 4 from 1:00 pm-7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Charles Barr at 516-510-4703.

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.

Dominican Village, Spend the Day With Us - On Thursday, May 14 from 12:00-5:00 pm, experience life at Dominican Village. Participate in daily activities, connect with residents, lunch and dinner in the dining room and entertainment and lectures. For reservations, call 631-842-6091.

Help Wanted - Catholic Charities of Long Island is looking for part-time CDL Drivers for the Wantagh Senior Center, 6-18 hours per week. The drivers will drive seniors to and from their homes, including the ability to assist individuals in wheel chairs. Additional responsibilities include assisting with food service, setting up recreational/social events and picking up or delivering supplies. For more information, call 516-733-7000 or visit www.catholiccharities.cc/carers and click on the "job" tab, review the job flyer and apply.

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 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.



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