

Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday:

8:00 am, (Livestreamed Multi-Intention Mass),
10:00 am (Family Mass), 12:00 pm (Choir Mass),
5:15 pm (Contemporary Music Mass)

Weekday Mornings:

7:30 am and 9:00 am (Livestreamed)

Weeknight Mass:

Monday, 7:30 pm (No 7:30 pm mass on civil
Holidays)
Monday Vigil before Tuesday Holy Day 4:00 pm Mass

Saturday Mornings:

8:00 am (Livestreamed)

Confessions (Reconciliation):

Weekdays following 9:00 am mass and
Saturdays between 4:00-5:00 pm

Weekly Holy Hours:

Monday, 8:00pm - Thursday, 8:00 am

Weekly Rosary:

Monday, 7:00pm

Pastoral Team

PASTOR:

Rev. Gerard Gentleman

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Rev. Michael Iroh, CM

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Dcn. Thomas Elliott
Dcn. Michael Gambardella
Dcn. Francis B. McGuinness

COORDINATOR OF EVANGELIZATION

Thomas Griffin, Pastoral Associate

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B U L L E T I N

St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, April 12, 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., 4/13 St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

- 7:30 William S. Sielski, Jr.
- 9:00 Kathleen Rail
- 7:30 James Doran

Tue., 4/14 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 Juliana LaGumina
- 9:00 Andrew Monteverde

Wed., 4/15 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 Thomas A. O'Connor
- 9:00 Alphonse Falco

Thu., 4/16 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 9:00 Eileen & Frank Mainieri

Fri., 4/17 Easter Weekday

- 7:30 Denise Weppler
- 9:00 The Mailloux Family

Sat., 4/18 Easter Weekday

- 8:00 Joe Amoroso, Felicia & Francesco Gandolfo,
- Lorraine & Leonard Marciante,
- Rosa Gloria & Archie Gloria,
- William E. Meess, Ellen "Joyce" O'Connor

Sat., 4/18 Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

- 5:15 Mass for the People

Sun., 4/19 Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 Jane Maloney, Anthony "Sonny" Mangone,
- Tom Hall, Lucille Sharp, Alma Fiorey,
- Harold Wissing
- 10:00 Justin Fusco
- 12:00 William Peo
- 5:15 Raymond Nordquist





...from Fr. Gerard

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

In the Jubilee year 2000, at the Mass of canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope Saint John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. In the giving of this designation, Saint John Paul was asking the church to live Easter faith through the essence of mercy. Just one year later, the terrorist attacks of September 11th set in motion a world bent on a violence that we never would have anticipated. Unfortunately, we still live in a world caught up in brutality, war, and terror. How do we cultivate mercy when our natural anger seeks revenge or, at the very least, retribution for pain that has been inflicted?

Pope John Paul II answered that question through his faith in action when he forgave the man who attempted to assassinate him. The now famous picture of the Pope sitting in a prison cell holding the hand of his attempted assassin was not simply an example of human mercy but divine mercy. It is only through prayer and the deepening of one's relationship with Christ that mercy begins to feel right and good.

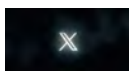
The resurrected Christ enters the upper room in today's gospel, and he bestows the gift of peace on his shaken disciples. Through our prayer, we seek to be in that same upper room with Christ who is mercy himself. We seek Christ's gift of peace so that we can cultivate that kind of mercy in our hearts. No one of us wants to perpetuate pain, yet it is so difficult to dispense mercy without a deepening of our awareness of the divine mercy of God who so loved the world, he gave his only Son.

MORE EASTER THANK YOUS - At the Easter Vigil, I expressed my thanks to the staff and ministries that worked so hard to allow us to celebrate Holy Week so well. It is important to also acknowledge the faithful participation of all of you. The beauty of these liturgies was most evident in the faith professed by those whose prayer and worship unified us. Nearly 5,000 people joined us for Easter Masses. We also had the opportunity to witness nine people entering the church and another two received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. I also thank you for your financial generosity which enables us to continue the good work of our parish.

75th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING – Shortly before Holy Week, we had a well-attended meeting of parishioners to discuss our upcoming Jubilee Year celebration. At the meeting, we spent time looking back on our history, offered input on how we see ourselves today, and then began to imagine what our yearlong celebration will look like. The discussion was fruitful, but we want to continue to receive further input from the greater parish. I invite you to go to a questionnaire that is modeled on our discussion. The questionnaire can be found here 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>.





REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated
in loving memory of Alice and Joe DeBonis,
with love from your Children and Grandchildren.*

Wedding Banns



2nd Time

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

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

*Br. Ron Davis, TSA
Philip Gandolfo
Baby Benjamin Lobo
Frank Pidoto
Robert Richartz
Kay Walsh
Jeff Zero*



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

*Rita M. Conforte
Joan Gingo
Adele Nagy*

**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

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Thursday, April 16 at 1:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

Retired Friends - Thursday, April 16 at 12:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room

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

Supermarket Gift Cards - Supermarket cards will be sold this weekend after the Saturday 5:15 mass and the Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 masses. They are also sold daily in the Rectory.



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

FIVE LOAVES



MINISTRIES

- EST. 2025 -

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

For more information contact: jt@fiveloavesmin.org



St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

Doubt is necessary to advance and deepen us. A faith that asks questions is stronger than a faith that never thinks. "Doubting Thomas" was also "Believing Thomas."

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
- Cranberry Sauce (Whole & Jellied)
- Baked & Vegetarian Beans
- Canned Black Beans
- Cannellini Beans
- Canned Yams (large & small)
- Canned Stew
- 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: religoused@srolchurch.org

Website: www.srolchurch.org

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



FAITH FORMATION

GRADE LEVEL MASSES

APRIL 19	MAY 3
2ND GRADE AT 10:00 AM	3RD GRADE AT 10:00 AM
6TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM	7TH GRADE AT 5:15 PM
APRIL 26	May 10
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

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

COMMUNION DATE	REHEARSAL DATE
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

CATECHISTS (Teachers) NEEDED!



WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS FOR OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM ON TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS FOR GRADE 1, AND TUESDAYS FOR GRADE 8 AND SPECIAL NEEDS. PLEASE CONTACT GRACE IN THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AT GRACER@SROLCHURCH.ORG.



DIVINE MERCY Sunday

**Sunday, April 12, 2026
at 3:00 pm**

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a special day when **“all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.”** Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said “I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.” Please take time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy.

**Join us in the Church
for a Holy Hour
Sunday, April 12
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and
Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 - 4:00 pm Livestreamed**

Jesus said to St. Faustina,

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."



"All are called to
give witness
at the side of
the sick
person."

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On this *Feast of Divine Mercy*
Remember to visit the Sick—
one of the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy

St. Rose of Lima: Parish Holy Hour

GIVING GOD EVERYTHING

Wednesday, April 15th

7:30PM in the Church

Reflection by Deacon Tommy
Live Music by Stephanie Muhs

Candlelit Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration: A Powerful Experience



FAITH AND SPORTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT

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Dodgeball | Basketball | Food | Faith

RSVP: ThomasG@srolchurch.org

High School Volunteers Welcome

St. Rose School Gym - 7:00-9:00PM

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.*

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

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.

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.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Amt. Paid _____ Please sit with _____



Living Stations of the Cross 2026



Palm Sunday



Parish Lenten Fish Fry



Parishes Praying for Priests

+ United in Eucharistic Adoration +

2026

Prayer for Priests
on Tuesdays:
April 14, 2026 &
October 27, 2026



*Parishes of the Rockville Centre
 Diocese are answering Our Lady's
 Call to pray for our Shepherds.*

*All are invited to adoration to pray
 for our priests by name at
 a parish listed.
 Come and go as you please.*

Eucharistic Adoration Open Hours at these Parishes

Curé of Ars, <i>Merrick</i>	10:00am-1:00pm	St Elizabeth of Hungary, <i>Melville.</i>	6 – 9 pm
Holy Name of Jesus, <i>Woodbury</i>	6 – 9 pm	St Frances de Chantal, <i>Wantagh</i>	12 – 2 pm
Holy Name of Mary, <i>Valley Stream</i>	2 – 4 pm	St Isidore, <i>Riverhead</i>	6 – 8 pm
Maria Regina, <i>Seaford</i> (<i>Maria Regina Chapel</i>)	4 – 8 pm	St Joachim, <i>Cedarhurst</i>	3 – 5 pm
Our Holy Redeemer, <i>Freeport</i> (<i>Bilingual</i>)	6 – 9 pm	St John Nepomucene, <i>Bohemia</i>	6 – 8 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes, <i>Massapequa Park</i> (<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel</i>)	5 – 9 pm	St John the Evangelist, <i>Center Moriches</i>	3 – 7 pm
Our Lady of Mercy, <i>Hicksville</i>	7 – 8:30 pm	St Joseph, <i>Babylon</i> (<i>Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel</i>)	4 – 8 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, <i>Lindenhurst</i>	6:30 – 10 pm	St Joseph/Church of, <i>Garden City</i> (<i>The Convent Chapel</i>)	5 – 7 pm
Our Lady of Poland, <i>Southampton</i>	5 – 7 pm	St. Joseph Prayer Center, <i>Patchogue</i>	4 - 6 pm
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, <i>Centerport</i>	9:30 am–12 pm	St Mary of the Isle, <i>Long Beach</i>	10 – 1 pm
Our Lady of Victory, <i>Floral Park</i>	6 – 9 pm	St Peter of Alcantara, <i>Port Washington (IHM Chapel)</i>	6 – 8 pm
St Agnes Cathedral, <i>RVC</i> (<i>Holy Cross Chapel</i>)	5 – 9 pm	St. Raphael, <i>East Meadow</i>	6 – 8 pm
St Aidan, <i>Williston Park</i>	6:15 – 8:15 pm	St Rosalie, <i>Hampton Bays</i>	6 – 8 pm
St Barnabas the Apostle, <i>Bellmore</i>	5 – 7 pm	St Rose of Lima, <i>Massapequa</i> (<i>Father Graham Chapel</i>)	5 – 9 pm
St Brigid, <i>Westbury</i>	1 – 5 pm	St Thérèse of Lisieux, <i>Montauk</i>	5 – 7 pm
St Christopher, <i>Baldwin</i>	5 – 9 pm	St Thomas the Apostle, <i>West Hempstead (Lower Church)</i>	4 – 6 pm
St Dominic, <i>Oyster Bay</i>	7 – 9 pm		

To lead this prayer evening in your parish, Call 516.458.0004 or email PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com



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





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.



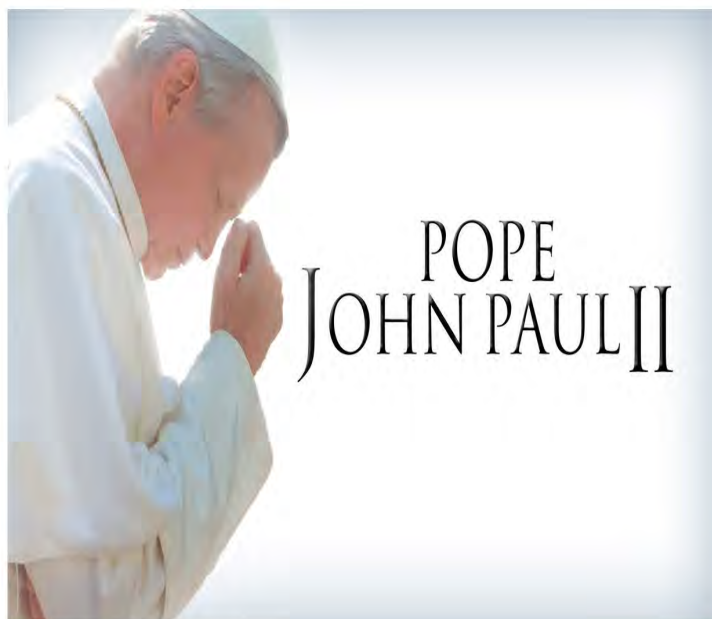
AROUND THE DIOCESE...

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.

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.

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.

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 or call 631-423-0483 X102.



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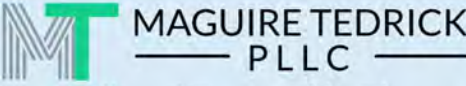
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