

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

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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

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B U L L E T I N

St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026

2 BAYVIEW AVENUE MASSAPEQUA NY 11758 • 516-798-4992 • www.srolchurch.org



**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., 5/11 Easter Weekday

7:30 For All Those Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

9:00 Olympia DeLucia

7:30 Estella Cuadrado

Tue., 5/12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

7:30 For All those Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

9:00 John Maiorino

Wed., 5/13 Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 For All Those Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

9:00 Ralph Gorgone

Wed., 5/13 Vigil: the Ascension of the Lord

4:00 Fernando Colina

Thu., 5/14 The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 For All Those Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

9:00 Mass for the People

7:30 Eugene J. McMahon

Fri., 5/15 Easter Weekday

7:30 Joan Fagan

9:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena

Sat., 5/16 St. Isidore

8:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena, Thomas Riccio, Richard Lucas, Maricella Caballo, Melissa Xenakis, Joan Ann D'Aversa

Sat., 5/16 Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord

5:15 Jenna Jean Tuller

Sun., 5/17 The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 For All Those Enrolled in the Mother's Day Novena, Joanne Garone, Joan Thorman, Gregory Golaszewski, Arthur Hillman, Mary & Paul DeBaylo

10:00 Justin Fusco

12:00 Ted Radomski

5:15 Mass for the People





...from Fr. Gerard

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear.

These words from the First Letter of Saint Peter remind us that faith is not something we argue about with others, it is something we live in a way that invites questions. “Always be ready” doesn’t mean having perfect answers or polished arguments. It means living with a visible hope—one that is steady, joyful, and grounded enough that others notice and wonder where it comes from.

What matters just as much as what we say is how we say it. Gentleness and reverence suggest humility, not superiority, and listening without disregarding. Authentic witness happens when our words match our lives, when kindness, patience, and integrity quietly support what we profess to believe.

Keeping a clear conscience is key. When we strive to live honestly before God and others, our explanation of hope becomes credible. People may forget arguments, but they remember authenticity. They remember kindness and compassion. They remember when our testimony of faith is offered with a desire for the good of others.

In the end, sharing our faith is less about defending a position and more about revealing a relationship—one that gives us hope worth sharing.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY - On this Mother’s Day, we give thanks to God for the gift of mothers and remember with gratitude all mothers; those with us today, those who have gone before us into eternal life, those who are expecting, those who long to be mothers, and all women who share in the spiritual motherhood of the Church. May the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary inspire and strengthen every mother, and may God bless them abundantly today and always.

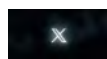
PARISH EVENTS - I want to acknowledge two successful parish events that have happened recently.

Radio Bingo - On Friday, May 1st, we hosted our second “Radio Bingo” night. Approximately 200 people attended this enjoyable evening. Radio Bingo is a family-friendly event that includes several rounds of bingo, dancing, singing, and prizes. All proceeds from Radio Bingo support our Parish Social Ministry office which services guests with a food pantry, emergency economic support and budgeting guidance. Thank you to Sister Carol, Ann, the volunteers and all who attended.

Saint Rose Of Lima Golf Outing - This Monday our parish and school participated in an inaugural golf outing, raising funds and building community. It was a beautiful and joyful day for all, and I want to express my thanks to parishioners and school families who worked hard to plan and organize the event. I am also grateful to the people and entities who financially sponsored the day. The generosity of all allowed us to have an enjoyable day that supports the mission of our school and parish.

NEW NIGERIAN VINCENTIAN MISSION - This week it was announced that Bishop Barres has entrusted the Parish of St. Martin of Tours in Bethpage to the Nigerian Vincentian Community, effective June 24, 2026. Fr. Michael Ngoka, CM, currently serving at St. Agnes Cathedral, will be appointed pastor and our own Fr. Michael Iroh, CM will be appointed to serve as the associate pastor. We thank Fr. Michael for his service to our parish as he prepared to be a part of his community’s mission here in our diocese. In the coming months we will have an opportunity to celebrate Fr. Michael. We await further news concerning the appointment of an additional priest to St. Rose.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Each church year, forty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a key component in the paschal mystery. The ascension and glorification of the risen Christ speak to the final phase in Jesus’ “passing over” from earth to heaven. It is also in this moment that Jesus gives the commission to his disciples to preach, teach, evangelize, and baptize all nations. Celebrating this important feast day helps us to share in the mission of Jesus Christ, sanctifying the world and preceding us to heaven.



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REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated in loving memory of Alice DeBonis - Happy Mother's Day in Heaven, with love from your Children and Grandchildren.

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The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekday masses was donated in loving memory of Rose and Frank Falco, with love from John, Rose and Family.

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The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in loving memory of Anthony Joseph Contorno, with love from Mom and Dad.

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The Altar Candles are lit this week in honor of Victoria Galbraith as she receives her First Holy Communion - We love you very much, Grandma and Grandpa.

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The Processional Candles are lit this week in loving memory of Yolanda Piliago - Happy Mother's Day in Heaven, with love from Maria, Joe, Lou and your Grandchildren.



Wedding Banns

1st Time

***Ryan Kirby, St. Rose of Lima &
Kaitlyn Kalendek, Holy Spirit, Union, NJ
Robert Heicklen, Great Neck, NY &
Marla Cohen, St. Rose of Lima***

2nd Time

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

3rd Time

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

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

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



***Happy
Mother's
Day!***

Here's What's Happening at St. Rose

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

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

Centering Prayer - Thursday, May 21 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

Rectory Closed - The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on Thursday, May 14. The rectory will be closed for the day, but a receptionist will be here until 1:00 pm.

Retired Friends - Thursday, May 21 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.

Second Collection - Next weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications. Please be as generous as your means allow.



5/3/2026

\$17,946.00

10,122.00 ParishSOFT

\$28,068.00

5/4/2025

\$17,295.00

8,216.00 ParishSOFT

\$25,511.00



*Welcome to
Online Giving!*

Join so many of our parishioners with the ease of online giving. It's simple, it's flexible and you are in control. "ParishSoft" offers electronic funds transfer (EFT) from your savings or checking accounts as well as credit card (VISA, MC, AMEX, Discover) and debit card solutions for your offertory and second collections.

For those of you interested in joining the program, please visit our website at www.srolchurch.org and click on "Ways to Give" in the middle of the page. It will bring you to "Donate Online."

If you have any questions, please call Linda McMahon in the rectory at 516-798-4992, ext. 266.



JT Parker

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FIVE LOAVES

MINISTRIES

- EST. 2025 -

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

For more information contact: jt@fiveloavesmin.org

The Ascension

Christ Exalted, Yet Still Among Us

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord marks the completion of Christ's earthly mission and the beginning of the Church's mission in the world. Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus gathered his disciples on the Mount of Olives, blessed them, and was taken up into heaven. Yet the Ascension is not about Christ leaving us—it is about his presence being transformed and extended through the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus is lifted up, he does not depart from human history but enters more deeply into it. He now reigns at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us and drawing all creation toward its fulfillment in him. The Ascension reveals that humanity, in Christ, is destined for glory. Where Jesus has gone, we hope to follow.

For the disciples, that moment must have been filled with awe and wonder. They gazed

upward until the angel reminded them: "*Why are you standing there looking at the sky?*" (Acts 1:11). The Ascension calls believers not to nostalgia or absence, but to mission. Christ's work now continues through his body, the Church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are sent to proclaim the Gospel to every nation.

This feast invites us to lift our hearts to heaven while keeping our feet firmly planted on earth. We are reminded that our true home is with God, and that our lives—our prayer, service, and love—participate in Christ's ongoing mission.

The Ascension is a mystery of both departure and promise. It teaches us to live with eyes raised in hope, confident that the Risen Christ who ascended into glory is still with us—guiding, blessing, and preparing a place for us in his Father's house.



THE MEANING OF THE ASCENSION

The Ascension of the Lord celebrates Jesus' return to the Father and the exaltation of his humanity. Forty days after Easter, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:1–11), Jesus gathered his disciples, commissioned them to be his witnesses, and was “lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.”

The Ascension is not the end of Christ's story but the continuation of his presence in a new way. Having completed his work on earth, Jesus now reigns in glory and intercedes for us as our High Priest. He remains united with his Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit, who was promised to the disciples and poured out at Pentecost.

This solemnity also reveals something profound about humanity's destiny. In Christ, our human nature is taken up into divine life. The Ascension assures us that heaven is our true home and that Christ's victory has opened the way for us to share in his glory.

Liturgically, the Ascension marks the transition from the joy of Easter to the expectant prayer of Pentecost. Between these feasts, the Church prays, “Come, Holy Spirit,” asking that the power of Christ's Resurrection may fill the world and renew all hearts.



“Christ's Ascension is our elevation.

The glory of the head becomes the hope of the body. Let us exult, beloved, and rejoice that today not only are we confirmed as possessors of paradise, but we have also ascended in Christ into the heights of heaven.”

— St. Leo the Great

SCRIPTURAL ACCOUNTS OF THE ASCENSION

The mystery of the Ascension is recorded in several places in Scripture. The most detailed account is found in Acts 1:6–11, where Jesus, after forty days of appearing to his disciples, promises them the Holy Spirit and is taken up into heaven before their eyes. Two angels then assure them that he will return in the same way.



The Gospel of Luke (24:50–53) also describes Jesus blessing his disciples near Bethany as he is carried up into heaven, and they return to Jerusalem rejoicing. In Mark 16:19–20, the Ascension is summarized in one verse: “So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.”

Together, these passages show the Ascension as both an ending and a beginning—Christ's mission fulfilled, and the disciples' mission begun. The Scriptures invite us to trust that Christ's physical departure makes possible his abiding presence through the Spirit.

THE ASCENSION IN CHRISTIAN TRADITION

The Ascension has been celebrated since the earliest centuries of the Church. References to the feast appear as early as the fourth century, often linked with Pentecost before being established as a distinct celebration forty days after Easter. By the fifth century, the feast was universally recognized throughout Christendom.



Traditionally, the Ascension was celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday—a Thursday—but in many dioceses today it is transferred to the following Sunday so that more of the faithful may participate.

Church Fathers such as St. Augustine and St. Leo the Great preached powerfully about its meaning. St. Leo wrote that Christ's Ascension “is our elevation,” reminding believers that humanity has been raised with him to heaven.

Through centuries of art, music, and worship, the Ascension has remained a symbol of hope and glory. It reminds us that Christ, though unseen, is always present—reigning in majesty and calling us to share in his risen life.

Ascension of the Lord Mass Schedule
 Vigil: Wednesday, May 13 at 4:00 pm
 Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 7:30 pm



St. Rose of Lima Parish Outreach PANTRY HOURS

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

"There is no greater good in all the world than motherhood. The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation."
- James E. Faust

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

- Juice Bottles & Boxes
- Coffee (10-13oz.)
- Pasta Sides
- Mustard & Mayo
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Yams (small)
- Cranberry Sauce (whole & jellied)
- Baked Beans
- Salt/Flour
- Canned Beets
- Canned Pineapple
- Gravy (chicken & beef)
- Taco Kits
- Snack Size Chips
- Pop Tarts
- Tissues
- Dish Detergent
- Laundry Detergent (30-31 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.
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 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

MAY 24 - PENTECOST

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

JUNE 7

2ND GRADE AT 10:00 AM
8TH 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

COMMUNION DATE	REHEARSAL DATE
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 FOR GRADE 1, GRADE 8 AND SPECIAL NEEDS. PLEASE CONTACT GRACE IN THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION AT GRACER@SROLCHURCH.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION WILL BE CLOSED. WE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, MAY 18TH.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



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**

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

www.srolchurch.org

St. Rose of Lima: Parish Holy Hour

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN LORD

Wednesday, May 20th

7:30PM in the Church

Reflection by Deacon Sean

Live Music by Stephanie Muhs

Candlelit Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration: A Powerful Experience

FIVE LOAVES
MINISTRIES
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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*





Dear Friends:

I pray that you and your loved ones are experiencing love and hope this Easter season. Today, I am writing to ask you to share that love and hope with others by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Your gift, no matter what the amount, is so powerful and can make a difference in the lives of so many, including those in need of support and care.

Your gifts help support Catholic Charities' efforts to provide love, and care with dignity through their vast programs and ministries. Their Housing Department helps place seniors in housing, where they can have a safe and affordable place to call home.

Karen needed affordable housing when a Senior Advocate recommended that she apply to Catholic Charities Housing program. Temporarily living with her sister, an apartment came available at Bishop Ryan Village adjacent to St Rosalie Parish in Hampton Bays. Having Karen in a safe place to live is a comfort for her family and the fellowship amongst the community is a joy for Karen.



"I love living here, I feel safe, I have friends, and I am able to get involved with the Parish activities," shared Karen.

There are many other ministries funded by the CMA that bring hope and love to others. Pregnant mothers in need, seminarians, those studying for the Diaconate, and young people in Campus and Youth Ministry programs. I invite you to visit the website for the CMA to learn more about what the CMA does: <https://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/>.

Please know that I thank you for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you already made a gift and have received this letter in error, thank you!

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





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



Holy Hour & Eucharistic Procession

“Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church...” — Pope St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*

Join us as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage travels the Eastern Seaboard in celebration of America’s 250th Anniversary.

While the National Pilgrims rest on Long Island, our Diocese will unite in prayer through a special Holy Hour—offering a meaningful opportunity to spiritually participate in this historic pilgrimage.



President:
Bishop
John O. Barres



Preacher:
Fr. Cassian
Derbes, O.P.

JUNE 17, 2026
7:00 PM

Retreat & Conference Center
of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

For more information,
please contact:
mcooke@drvc.org





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.



How Do I Request Prayer for myself or someone I love at St. Rose of Lima?

Our parish receives numerous prayer requests from parishioners and non-parishioners, for a variety of needs, but mostly for those who are experiencing an illness. Following is a list of opportunities for prayer in our parish:

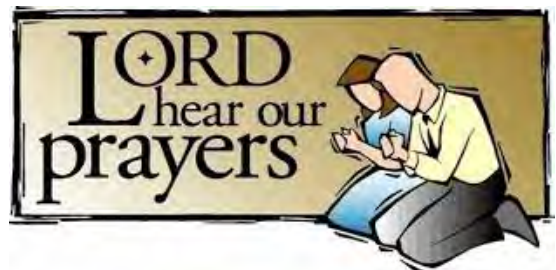
Prayers for the sick from the pulpit and in our weekly bulletin: Please call the rectory during regular business hours (516-798-4992) to add your name to this list. Names are mentioned from the pulpit during all Masses for one week, and are then transferred to the bulletin for a period of three weeks. *(Please note: 1) For privacy reasons, if you are requesting prayers for someone other than yourself, you must have the permission of the person being prayed for to add their name to this list. 2) If a name is not announced, please know that they are not forgotten, as we pray for all those who are ill and convalescing at every Mass.)*

Parish Prayer Intention Book: A book is located in the church narthex by the statue of St. Rose of Lima, where you can write your prayer request. These prayers can be for any reason, including for those serving in the military, and will be included collectively in our Sunday and weekday Mass intentions.

Charismatic Prayer Group prayer box: There is a box located on the shelf in the church vestibule - the entrance from the parking lot by the sacristy door - where you can place your request for prayers. Each week, the members of the Charismatic Prayer Group check the box, and the prayer requests are divided amongst the members. They will pray for your needs during their meeting on Wednesday afternoons, and continue at their homes. Paper and pencil are available by the prayer box for your convenience.

Prayer Line Ministry: Call or email (mariap@srolchurch.org) the rectory to request prayers. Members of this ministry receive a weekly list of names of people in need of prayer and pray for them in the privacy of their own home. Only first names are used to protect the privacy of the individual being prayed for.

For the Military: Call the rectory to request prayers for those serving in the military, and we will print the person's name and the branch they serve in, in the bulletin on a recurring basis.



AROUND THE DIOCESE...

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.

Open House, Lay-Carmelite Community - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Massapequa Park is hosting an Open House for the Lay-Carmelite Community on Tuesday, May 19 beginning with prayer and mass at 6:30 pm in the school chapel, followed by a gathering in Room 24. The Carmelites are a religious order that is a call to men and women to live a vocation within their lay vocation of single, married or widowed state. For more information, call Joan Moran at 631-682-7759.

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.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island - Including widows, widowers and singles, is a social organization for single persons. New orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm, Hibernian Hall, Massapequa. For further information, or to verify there will be a meeting, please call Terry at 516-650-5528 or Maryanne at 516-205-2590.

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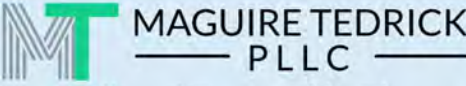
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