

# 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)

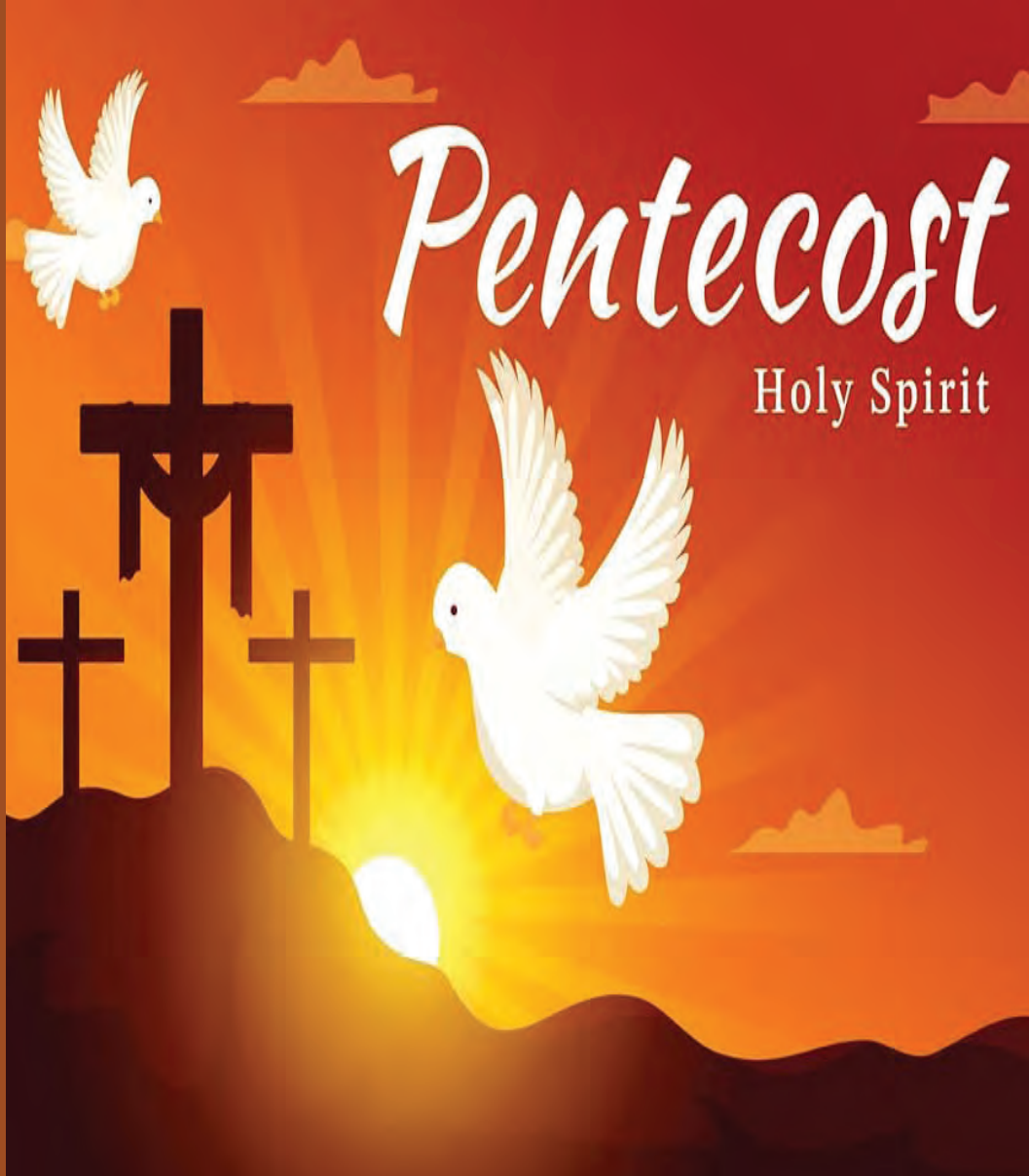


B U L L E T I N

# St. Rose Of Lima Catholic Church

Sunday, May 24, 2026

2 BAYVIEW AVENUE MASSAPEQUA NY 11758 • 516-798-4992 • [www.srolchurch.org](http://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](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., 5/25 The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church**

7:30 Phyllis DeRita

9:00 Sean Ledwith

**Tue., 5/26 St. Philip Neri, Priest**

7:30 Gloria Scolaro

9:00 Felice Pacchiano

**Wed., 5/27 St. Augustine of Canterbury,  
Bishop**

7:30 Wilfred Patrick Vlaun

9:00 Paula DeMarco

**Thu., 5/28 Weekday**

7:30 Ruth Helen Mengel

9:00 John LaMendola

**Fri., 5/29 St. Paul VI, Pope**

7:30 Mary Jane Glynn

9:00 Joclyn A. Hoferer

**Sat., 5/30 Weekday**

8:00 Kathleen Corcoran, Melissa Xenakis,  
 Marie Liefke, Marie Mazzarella,  
 Francis C. Musselman, Joseph S. Bernieri

**Sat., 5/31 Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity**

5:15 Peter Barbera

**Sun., 5/31 The Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 Justin Fusco, Jenna & Joseph Devine,  
 Jane Maloney, Carol Burkner,  
 Lucille Ann Lambrou & Rita Martinelli-  
 Murphy, Marie Catherine Mandell

10:00 Jenna Jean Tuller

12:00 Christian Chiamonte

5:15 Mass for the People





## ...from Fr. Gerard

*Because each one heard them speaking in his own language, they were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?"*

From beginning to end, the pontificate of Pope Saint John Paul II captured the world's attention. As the first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years, he helped inspire the fall of Communism, traveled the globe, and connected with people across cultures and languages. When asked how he managed such an extraordinary ministry, he famously said, "You would have to ask the Holy Spirit! The Pope prays as the Holy Spirit permits him to pray."

Even the days surrounding his death revealed the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. Millions followed his final days and funeral through the media, while nearly two million pilgrims came to Rome to pay their respects. On the night before the funeral, hundreds of thousands filled the streets in prayer, many waiting for confession at outdoor confessionals. World leaders and religious representatives from many faiths gathered for the funeral. As the wind turned the pages of the Gospel book resting on his casket, it felt almost like another Pentecost.

In many ways, John Paul II's pontificate reflected what God continues to do through the Church: bringing unity to a divided world. In today's reading from Acts, the crowd is amazed because each person hears the Apostles in his or her own language. Pentecost was more than a miracle of speech; it was the grace of God creating unity through genuine communication. That kind of communication requires not only speaking but truly listening. Too often today, people simply "say their line" rather than really hear one another.

Pentecost is the fulfillment of Easter. Easter celebrates Christ's victory over death; Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit giving life to the Church. The Acts of the Apostles remind us that the risen Lord still works through ordinary people empowered by the Spirit. In dramatic moments like the life of John Paul II, and in simple moments like respectful conversations between people who disagree, God's grace continues to unite, strengthen, and heal us.

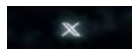
**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** – During our 12:00 pm mass today, 14 of our parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Some are middle school and high school students, others have participated in our Adult Faith Formation program, and some have met with me individually. Having completed their initiation into the church, they are now empowered by the Holy Spirit to live their faith while drawing others into a relationship with Jesus and the Church. The church will be enriched by these newly-confirmed disciples.

**WELCOME, FR. REYNALDO OMAMALIN** – Fr. Rey has been assigned by Bishop Barres as our new Associate Pastor effective June 24. Fr. Rey is a priest of the Diocese of Talibon in the Philippines. He has spent the last few months at St. Joseph's in Kings Park as he prepared to take on a permanent assignment in our diocese. We look forward to welcoming him here to St. Rose of Lima.

**FR. MICHAEL** – As previously announced, Fr. Michael Iroh will be joining two other Nigerian Vincentian priests as they take over the administration of St. Martin of Tours parish in Bethpage. We will have a farewell for Fr. Michael after the 12:00 pm mass on Sunday, June 21. More details to follow.

**GRADUATIONS** – Throughout the final weeks of May, many college students have completed their studies and received diplomas. As new graduates, they face a new time in life, what some refer to as "adulthood." We offer congratulations to all our college graduates and offer our prayers and support as they begin fulfilling careers and enriching vocations. In addition, I invite all of our new graduates to connect with our growing community of Young Adults. Please contact JT Parker, [jt@fiveleavesmin.org](mailto:jt@fiveleavesmin.org) or Annaleigh Ciaravino, [AnnaleighC@srolchurch.org](mailto:AnnaleighC@srolchurch.org) to be added to the mailing list and group chat.

**MEMORIAL DAY** – So many of our Long Island communities were founded by veterans and their families. This week we remember those who never came home, paying the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Amid this long weekend, don't forget to pray for the lost and those who mourn them.





**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

*The Bread and Wine consecrated for the weekend masses was donated in loving memory of Frank Tricola on his 15th Anniversary in Heaven, with love from his Wife and Family.*

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*The Altar Candles are lit this week -  
Happy Anniversary in Heaven, Andrew Dauro -  
with love from your Children and Grandchildren.*

***Welcome to the Newly-Baptized***



*Macie Ann Bauer  
Skylar James Famulari  
Amara Rose Goehle  
Salvatore Joseph Kornfeld  
Nicoletta James LoVarco*

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

*Grace Beneventano  
Monika Nowak  
Leslie Reynolds  
Jeff Zero*



***Wedding Banns***

**1st Time**

***Shawn Berna & Marissa DiGirolamo,*  
*both of St. Rose of Lima*  
***James Godgson, Jersey City, NJ &*  
***Monica Hoar, St. Rose of Lima*******

**2nd Time**

***Michael Comens, Lindenhurst, NY &*  
***Kerri Sayrafe, St. Rose of Lima***  
***Chris Watson & Kristie Watson,*  
*both of St. Rose of Lima*  
***Alejandro Negro & Stephanie Prisco,*  
*both of St. Rose of Lima*******

**3rd Time**

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

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

*JoAnn Yeager  
Gerald F. Bayreuther*



**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

**Anointing Mass** - Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 am

**Centering Prayer** - Thursday, June 4 at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Chapel

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

**1st Saturday Devotion** - Saturday, June 6 at 7:15 am. This will be held in church as well as livestreamed on our website and Facebook page.

**My Club** - Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 pm. For questions, call Diane at 516-799-5154 or Carmela at 914-565-2440.

**Rectory Closed** - will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 26 at 9:00 am.

**Respect Life Committee** - Tuesday, June 2 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, June 9 at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center Meeting Room



5/17/2026

\$18,722.00  
6,380.00 ParishSOFT  
\$25,102.00

5/18/2025

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5,625.00 ParishSOFT  
\$23,635.00



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](http://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**  
[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**

*“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.” -Unknown*

The pantry is starting to run low on these items:

- Juice Bottles & Boxes
- Coffee (10-13 oz.)
- Pasta Sides
- BBQ Sauce
- Pancake Syrup
- Canned Yams (small)
- Cranberry Sauce (whole & jellied)
- Sugar (1-2 lb.)
- Canned Whole White Potatoes
- Salt/Flour
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Tomato Puree
- Chicken Stuffing & Gravy
- Gravy (chicken)
- Brownie Mix
- Cannellini Beans
- 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](mailto:religioused@srolchurch.org)

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

Facebook: St. Rose of Lima Office of Faith Formation



**FAITH FORMATION**

**GRADE LEVEL MASSES**

**MAY 31**

3RD GRADE AT 10:00 AM  
6TH 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**

**THROUGH JUNE 15**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FORMATION YEAR HAS BEEN EMAILED. 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.

**INCOMING 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENT/STUDENT  
MANDATORY MEETING**

**WED., JUNE 3RD AT 5:00 PM OR 6:30 PM**

IN THE CHURCH. INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED REGARDING 7TH & 8TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS & A PACKET WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH STUDENT.

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4 AT 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM ON ZOOM. CHECK YOUR MAY 15 EMAIL TO REGISTER.**

**INCOMING CATECHIST MEETINGS**

2ND GRADE - **MONDAY, JUNE 8** AT 6:30 PM

7TH GRADE - **THURSDAY, JUNE 11** AT 6:30 PM

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM.

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

WE ARE IN NEED OF CATECHISTS FOR OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM ON TUESDAYS FOR GRADE 8 AND SPECIAL NEEDS. CONTACT GRACE AT

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



**THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION  
WILL BE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY  
MONDAY, MAY 25TH.**

**WE WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, MAY 26TH.**



## 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](mailto:prayershawlministrySROL@yahoo.com) or call Outreach at 516-798-4954 to request a shawl. Each shawl is weaved with prayer and love!

**LAST MEETING DATE BEFORE THE FALL:** THURSDAY, JUNE 4. The meeting is from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Father Graham Center Meeting Room in the Outreach Building.

\*If anyone can't attend this meeting date but would like to participate, email [prayershawlministrySROL@yahoo.com](mailto: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!



## ANOINTING OF/ VISITING THE SICK

*In our parish, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month following the 8:00 am Mass. Anyone who has a need for the Sacrament, however, should ask for it at any time. Call the Rectory (516.798.4992) to schedule a priest to visit.*

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring communion to the homebound; call Outreach at 516.798.4954 to schedule a visit or for more information.*

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



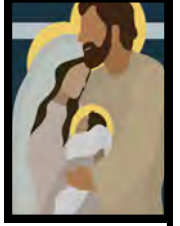
Support  
Our  
Military

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

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE  
SPIRITUAL GOD-PARENT ADOPTION PROGRAM



Baby at Four Months' Development



“I move a lot now, and my hair is starting to grow.”

Thank you, my Spiritual God-Parent, who prays for my young life to be saved from abortion.

I am about 6 inches in length, and fine hair has started growing on my face and head.

I can even stretch and flex my arms and legs.

I look like you, sister or brother of Jesus Christ. God is so loving to give me life.

His plan for my life is perfect.

Respect Life ~ *Prayer and Action*



**Baby Bottle Campaign – *Change for Life***

*St. Rose of Lima Parish*

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT  
LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**

will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

**JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>**



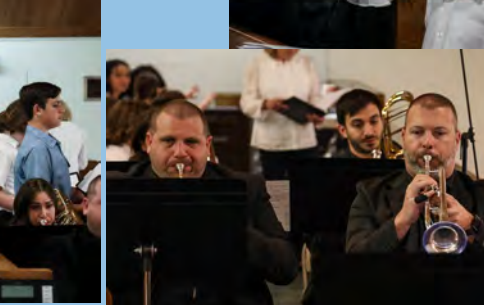
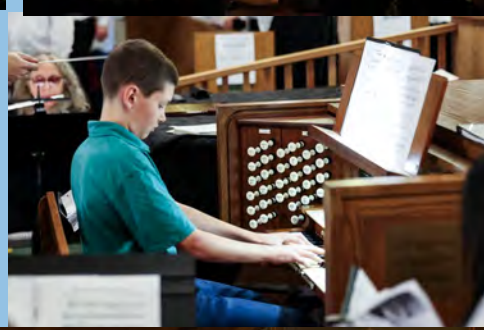
*Please continue to say the prayer  
attached to the bottle.*

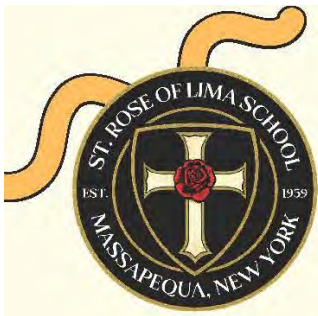
Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** with the mothers and fathers served by our pregnancy care centers!

Respect Life ~ *Prayer and Action*



Photos Courtesy  
of Jim Rapp





# ST ROSE OF LIMA FAMILY FESTIVAL

JULY 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

## COME FOR THE RIDES & STAY FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT

Join us for unforgettable nights of fun, food, and community featuring live music and performances on our showmobile!



- 22 - 26 July 2026
- St. Rose of Lima  
4704 Merrick Rd, Massapequa
- Weeknights 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Weekends 6:00PM - 11:00PM

## BECOME A SPONSOR

Below are multiple sponsorship opportunities to consider. Sponsors will be recognized on our school website, social media platforms, church bulletin, and through signage displayed prominently throughout the festival.

- Showmobile \$4,000
- Large Rides - \$2,500
- Wheel of Chance Booth - \$2,500
- Kiddies Rides - \$500
- Rock Climbing/ Radar Pitch - \$500
- Business Tent Sponsor - \$75
- Family Sponsor - \$50

- ★ **\$1,000+ Sponsors:** Featured on Merrick Rd. LED Sign
- ★ **\$3,000+ Sponsors:** Receive 4x Unlimited Ride Bracelets (1 Night)



SCAN ME!

Please select your sponsorship level and return with your check payable to: *St. Rose of Lima School* and mail to:  
St. Rose of Lima  
Attn: Family Festival Sponsorship  
2 Bayview Ave., Massapequa NY 11758



## ***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:

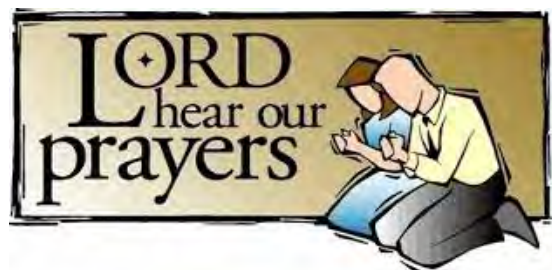
**Prayers for the sick from the pulpit and in our weekly bulletin:** Please call the rectory during regular business hours (516-798-4992) to add your name to this list. Names are mentioned from the pulpit during all Masses for one week, and are then transferred to the bulletin for a period of three weeks. *(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](mailto: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.



*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.*

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## 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...

**Supermarket Bingo & Chinese Auction** - Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a Supermarket Bingo and Auction on Sunday, May 31. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes of the Our Lady of the Island Council. Doors open at 1:00 pm and games begin at 2:00 pm. It will be cash or check only payable to OLI Columbiettes. Seating is limited so purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Call Joan at 516-659-6519 or Diane at 516-445-9128.

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