



ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

second sunday of
ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 8:00 AM SUNDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 7:30 9:30 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM
DAILY 6:45 9:00 AM
HOLY DAY VIGIL 7:30 PM 6:45 9:00 AM 5:30 PM
HOLIDAY 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO FORMALLY REGISTER WITH THE PARISH AS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE MAILINGS, SPONSOR CERTIFICATES AND SACRAMENTS. VISIT WEBSITE OR CALL THE OFFICE.

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, December 5

6:45 Elizabeth Briscoe Susan & Frank LoPiccolo
Oswaldo Santana Veronica Santana
9:00 Marie Kinsley Rosary Prayer Group
Richard Beranato Rob & Terry Cavaliere

Tuesday, December 6

6:45 Mira Colucci The Sass Family
Peggy LaChapelle Don & Marg Studley
9:00 St. Rose Parishioners

Wednesday, December 7

6:45 Chris Brooks The Oemcke Family
9:00 Sean Stutman Alice & Edward Walsh
Walter Arsenault Ellen Klaus
7:00 St. Rose Parishioners

Thursday, December 8

6:45 Edward Matthews 5th Anniversary. . Pat Matthews
9:00 Stephan Lewkowicz St. Rose Rosary Group
Tom Weiss Carol Bistany
5:30 St. Rose Parishioners

Friday, December 9

6:45 Albert Libutti The Oemcke Family
9:00 Amelia Lovermi Family
Michael Mongeon St. Rose Rosary Group

Saturday, December 10

8:00 Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
4:00 Kathleen Gordon Peggy & Tony Baiad
Marygene Anderson Anne & Flavio Rosa

Sunday, December 11

7:30 Anita Libutti The Oemcke Family
Monica Ann Avery Fred & Lisa DiMaria
9:30 Andrea Hall Jim & Cathy Knipper
Tom Weiss The Renzi Family
11:30 Mario Ribeiro Connie Carey
Mike & Gloria DeVietro & son Fred DeVietro . . . Michael
& Lisa Friedrichs
5:00 Edward Kiluk The Vitarbo Family
Rosemarie Giusto Tricia & Dustin Kershaw

The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Walter Arsenault as requested by Terri Berthier.

November 2022 Baptisms

We warmly welcome into our parish family:

Louise Frances Buck	Ella Grace Golove
Jillian Eloise Carragher	Knox Noel Kling
Cora Jane Clark	Gage Thomas Lyddy
Paige Jadyn Clavijo	Mia Jocelyn McGuigan
Saeteros	Aiden Joseph McGuigan
Hannia Kelaia Clavijo	Lincoln Michael Newkirk
Saeteros	Kennedy Grace Rita
Emerson Ann DeVellis	Sofia Rose Silva

PENANCE

Confessions are celebrated Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00PM or by special appointment with one of the priests.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:00PM. A pre-Baptism class is required. For other important parent and sponsor related prerequisites, please go to strosechurch.com/baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE and CONFIRMATION

Religious education classes begin at age 5. First Grade is prerequisite for Penance and First Communion. Attendance is required in each grade for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in grade 8. For more information go to strosechurch.com, click on Sacraments.

MARRIAGE

The couple is asked to contact the Rectory to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory office if you wish to receive this sacrament or if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your home.

SAINT ROSE CEMETERY

The cemetery is located on the corner of Cherry and Black Cherry Streets in Sandy Hook. For more information contact the Office.

Bethany Mass

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those persons who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. On Sunday, December 4th, at the 11:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way Suzanne Gardner, Janet Brolet, Jeannine LaCroce, Anne Kutka, John Keegan, Michael Dean III, and Ann Marie Porco whom we have served during the past month. Although we miss their physical presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased, their families, and their friends.



A Message from *Monsignor Bob*

Saint Rose of Lima Parish Advent Mission, 2022

Directed by Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

Monday, December 5 -----Wednesday, December 7

iMercy: The Divine Hotspot

Monday: "iMercy: The Father Blesses"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the unconditional love of the Father. Being a Christian means knowing your heavenly Father loves you not because you are good but because He is good. The evening concludes with an invitation to anyone, especially families (intact, broken, troubled, struggling, separated by distance, etc) to receive a special blessing with the Oil of Saint Joseph from the Oratory of Saint Joseph in Montreal.

As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides. Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:29-32

Tuesday: "iMercy: The Son heals"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the remedy the Father provides for us in His Son Jesus who by His death on the cross sets us free from sin, enables us to forgive and gives meaning to our suffering. The evening concludes with an invitation for those in need of healing (physical, emotional, spiritual) to adore our Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to his disciple, "Behold your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

John 19: 25-27

Wednesday, "iMercy: the Spirit Strengthens"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the power of the Holy Spirit which enables us to live the Christian life and propels us to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. The evening concludes with a sending forth blessing utilizing a first class relic of Saint John Paul II taken from his blood-soaked sash on the day he was shot in St. Peter's Square.

For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

2 Timothy 1:6-8

Please join us in this holy Advent season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas. Fr. Bill will also be the celebrant of the 9:00 a.m. parish Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He will also be available for confessions during the mission.





Regular Meetings

Adoration.

Worship the Lord Tuesdays at 7:00PM, Thursdays/Fridays at 2:45PM, and first Fridays from 10:00AM-4:00PM in church.

Alcoholics Anonymous.

Meets weekly on Saturdays at 6:30PM in the upper room at 38 Church Hill Road.

Cancer Support Group.

Meets second Wednesday of month via Zoom.

Columbiettes.

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in Knights Hall.

Communion and Liberation (C&L).

Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM at 38 Church Hill Road.

Children's Rosary.

Will resume in September meeting every third Thursday of the month in the church at 4:30PM.

Divine Mercy Cenacle.

Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00PM in the Chapel.

Job Networking.

Meets the second Tuesday of the month via Zoom. Guest speakers featured.

Knights of Columbus.

Meets the first Thursday of every month at Knights Hall.

Lay Missionaries of Charity.

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month after 9:00AM Mass and 5:00PM in the Bride's Room. Holy Hour in the church every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00PM.

Men's Faith Network.

Meets every Saturday at 7:30AM in Holy Innocents bldg.

Men's Praise and Worship.

Meets Wednesdays at 10:00AM at 38 Church Hill Road.

Parish Health Council.

Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM in the Rectory Conference Room

Pro-Life and Family.

Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Rectory conference room.

Rosary Recitation.

Pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Mother daily after 9:00AM Mass.

Spiritual Journey.

Meets every Thursday at 10:15 in Holy Innocents bldg.

Squires.

Meets second Thursday of the month at Knights Hall.

United Youth Ministry.

Meets most Sundays at 6:30PM on Parish grounds.

Women's Club.

Meets every second Tuesday to pray the Rosary following 9:00AM Mass. Book Group meets third Thursday at 10:00AM in Holy Innocents bldg. Bring Your Own Lunch gathering first Thursday at 11:30 in Holy Innocents bldg.

Women's Enrichment Book Study.

Meets Tuesdays at 9:45AM in Holy Innocents bldg.

Walking with Purpose.

Visit website to read about programs which meet Tuesdays at 7:00PM or Wednesdays at 10:00AM.

Find the details! for all ministries
including contact info at strosechurch.com

Altar Servers and Parents:

We are now using Sign Up Genius for parents to schedule their children to serve Masses.

Please go to strosechurch.com/news for all the details and instructions or scan this QR Code.



The Columbiettes would like to thank everyone who supported our Respect Life Month Diaper and Wipe Drive. As a result of your tremendous generosity, just over 8,000 diapers and 230 packages of wipes were donated to Carolyn's Place in Waterbury and Birthright in Danbury. Thank you for helping mothers and families in need to choose life!



Watch...Listen...live and archive.

Go to Strosechurch.com/live-stream. Watch daily and weekend Mass plus Catholic community content on audio-only stream from the Vatican and other sources. Special celebrations at St. Rose can be live-streamed for a fee. We are always looking for operators. Call the office for all the info.

Attend Parking Lot Mass.

Available 4:00PM Saturday and 9:30AM Sunday. Tune to 89.9 FM to listen. Communion will be offered outside.

Stay Connected with St. Rose Parish.

We share current updates, happenings, and important announcements on social media, our website and email. Write to Content@strosechurch.com to get on our Parish email list and go to strosechurch.com to connect via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

Use Online Giving.

It's easy to give to the many causes at St. Rose Parish. Our online giving page is easy to use - make one-time donation or set-up recurring payments. Go to strosechurch.com and click on Giving to start!

Get VIRTUS trained to be a volunteer.

In compliance with Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. If you wish to help in any way within the Parish please register at virtus.org. If you attended the class more than 5 years ago, you need to be recertified. Call the office with questions or help.

Have a Minute?

It only takes that long to watch a weekly spiritual and inspirational message from Monsignor Bob. In our **Weiss Wednesday** series Monsignor Bob offers thoughts and reflections on what it means to live a faith-filled life as a Roman Catholic and navigate through the Challenging world around us. See it on strosechurch.com and all our social media channels.

NORTHERN FAIRFIELD PROFESSIONALS
DECEMBER 13TH ZOOM MEETING
featuring
GUEST SPEAKER GRAHAM RILEY
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Bereavement Counseling and Funeral Planning.
 Please call the office to schedule a meeting with Sister Mary Ellen Genova.

Faith Community Nurse Ministry.

- ♦ The Health Council meets monthly and supports health-related special events and services.
- ♦ Blood pressure screenings held after Masses on the second weekend of the month.
- ♦ Seminars on informative health topics are scheduled periodically. See the website for details.

Friendly Visitors.

Spend time once a month with elderly who are isolated at home.

Lift-A-Spirit Meal Ministry.

Make a home cooked meal for parishioners facing chronic illness or medical emergencies.

Pastoral Visits.

We bring Communion to parishioners who are home-bound, hospitalized or not able to attend Mass for any reason.

Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Volunteers meet on the first Saturday September through May in the Rectory Conference Room at 10:00AM. Requests for a prayer shawl for someone who is ill, grieving or lonely are welcome any time.

Social Concerns Committee.

Help support parishioners and neighbors in need.

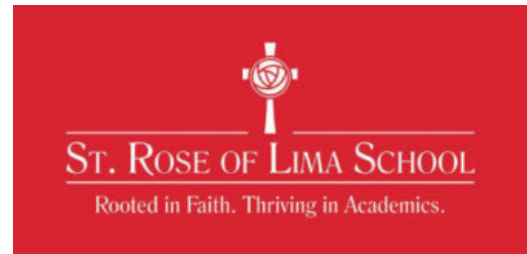
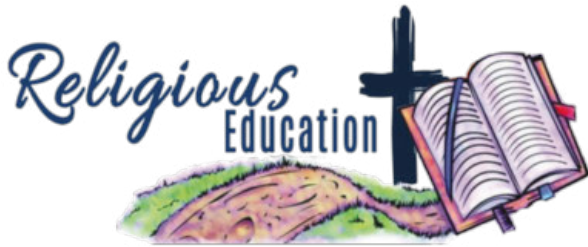
- ♦ Volunteers meet first Tuesday of every month (except July/August) at 11:00AM in Holy Innocents Building.
- ♦ Religious Articles are sold in the vestibule every third weekend of the month.
- ♦ Cares Box is always in the back of the Church for donations.
- ♦ Parishioner to Parishioner: If you need an item, let us know. Maybe a fellow parishioner can help! Needed: Wheel chair

St. Joseph Project.

Supports parishioners who have housing issues due to job loss, illness or unexpected emergency. Donations accepted on the fourth Sunday of the month in the house shaped collection box in the vestibule.

Contact Us! for all Outreach Ministries.

Go to strosechurch.com/parish-outreach for contact names, numbers and email.



Dates to Remember:

Dec 4 - Rehearsal for Live Nativity

Any children who would like to participate in the Annual Live Nativity should contact Mary Beth Sippin at (203) 258-3462 or email her at mb@sippin.com. If you are an adult who would like to volunteer or a Confirmation candidate looking for service hours, please let Mary Beth know. Thank you in advance.

Dec 5-7 - Advent Confessions at 4:30 pm.

We will bring all students in grades 3 - 8 to the church for Confessions during regular class times. Due to the size of our program, time slots will be given to the catechists ahead of time. Homeschool students are welcome at any of these sessions. **(Note: All Monday evening students will attend on Dec. 12 in Holy Innocents Bldg.)**

Dec 10 Live Nativity presentation

Please join us at the stable behind St. Rose Church for the Live Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us as we re-enact that special night. Come see the live animals, hear the story of that special night, and watch the star rise in the East, as it did 2,000 years ago.

Dec 18 Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Children's Nativity

Any children who would like to participate in the Annual Christmas Eve Nativity should contact Elisabeth Gietz at (203) 526-0890 or email her at elisabeth@gietz.org. If you are an adult who would like to volunteer or a Confirmation candidate looking for service hours, please let Elisabeth know. Thank you in advance.

Dec 18 - 20 Children's Advent Masses during class times

All students will attend Mass with their catechist during their regular class time this week. Students on Sunday will attend Mass in the Holy Innocents Formation Bldg. Monday and Tuesday students will attend Mass in the church. We look forward to celebrating the coming of Jesus Christ with our students and families. All are welcome!

Dec 25 - 28 No Classes

In observance of the Christmas Holy Day, and the winter breaks for students in Newtown Public Schools, we will not hold classes the week of Christmas.

Jan. 1 - 2 No Classes

In observance of the Holy Day on Jan. 1, and the New Year's Day holiday, we will not hold classes on Jan 1 and 2. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who donated on #Giving Tuesday. We have a rich history and a bright future because of the MANY people who give of their time, talent and treasure. Fundraising is an integral part of keeping Catholic education alive because tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating every child. Every donation makes a BIG difference in the lives of students in Preschool - 8th grade. **PLANT THE SEEDS AND SEE HOW THEY BLOOM!**

We hope you are having a Blessed Advent. Students in Preschool - 8th grade are engaged in prayer and acts of service as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. It is such a joy to celebrate our faith openly on a daily basis; one of the many reasons to love St. Rose School.

On December 13th grades K-8 will present a festive and faith filled Art & Music Show. Basketball season is underway as student athletes learn key skills and practice good sportsmanship under the guidance of dedicated coaches. Our Cheer squad is bringing great spirit to the courts as well. The Finance club is involved in many activities including a Monopoly tournament. News about the Spring musical will be forthcoming. The halls are alive with learning, laughter and love!

Mark your calendars for Open House Sunday, January 29th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Come walk in our halls and find out why St. Rose School could be the right fit for your family. Weekday tours are also available. Visit www.stroseschool.com and/or email admissions@srles.com to schedule a tour. A warm welcome awaits!

Like us on FB, St Rose of Lima School, and follow us on Instagram, [srsnewtownct](https://www.instagram.com/srsnewtownct).

Substitute Teachers

St. Rose School is looking for substitute teachers for pre-school through eighth grade. If you are interested and would like to learn more please call the school's main number 203-426-5102.

World Youth Day

Pope Francis is inviting youth and young adults to join him in Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. The pilgrimage for the Diocese of Bridgeport is July 26th through August 7. For more information about costs, the itinerary, and scholarship opportunities, please visit formationreimagined.org



St. Rose Parish Advent Mission 2022

Three Evenings December 5, 6 & 7



Learn More
about Fr. Garrett
& his Preaching Topics



Evening Mission Sessions:

7PM Rosary

7:30PM Teaching with musical Interludes

8:30PM Reconciliation

Featuring:

Monday ... A Special Blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the
Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal

Tuesday ... Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday ... A Special Blessing and Veneration of a first class
relic of St. John Paul II from May 13, 1981.





ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2022**

FOLLOWING THE 4 PM MASS

**LOCATION: The Stable on
the Field behind St. Rose
Church.**

If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate in this live presentation, or if you are an adult/confirmation candidate interested in volunteering – please call/text Mary Beth Sippin at (203) 258-3462 or email her at mb@sippin.com.

There is only one rehearsal, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 1:00 pm in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center.

Also, we are looking for a "young" actor or actress (age 6-9 months) to be our Baby Jesus, as well as parents to portray Joseph and Mary in our Live Nativity, please let us know if you are interested in portraying the Holy Family.



'Tis the Season to Give - Donate Blood to Give the Gift of Life

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Friday, Dec 9, 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Tue, Dec 27, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Proverbs 11:25

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wherever you are
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and be part
of a moment that
illuminates the world.*

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 11th
7PM**

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Yearly Financial Report

Each year, the parish is required to make available the financial reports for that year. Please visit <https://www.strosechurch.com/parish-financials-1> to view this year's report.



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 men and women serving in the US Military*

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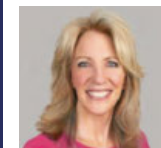
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