



ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

Third 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 12

6:45 John J. Ronan Bill & Joan Lavery
Sheila Macanaspie Laureen Samaha
9:00 Ashlyn Jude Rathbun Parents
Peter DiCrescenzo Family

Tuesday, December 13

6:45 Pastor Adolfo Gonzalez Maria Sanchez &
Zoa Silvestri
9:00 Eileen Gallo SRWC
Jack & Bob Obre Family

Wednesday, December 14

6:45 No Intentions
9:00 No Intentions
7:00 No Intentions

Thursday, December 15

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Gaetano Sasso Francesca Biancardi
Intentions of Kevin Donovan III Mom & Dad

Friday, December 16

6:45 Jaime & Adela Enrich The Middleton Family
The Horgan Family Maureen Horgan
9:00 Joseph Antonazzo Nicolina & Family
Brian Smith Columbiettes

Saturday, December 17

8:00 Andrew McGeever & Mary Bortz Hancock
Andrea Criscuola
4:00 Richard Slingerland Jed & Cornie Costello
Rosemarie, Bob & Michael Abric Family

Sunday, December 18

7:30 Charles & Anna Matula . . Anne & Harold Brennan
Harold & Helen Brennan. .Anne & Harold Brennan
9:30 Margaret Weiss Family
Violet Nedley Jim & Cathy Knipper
11:30 Burton Jones Joan Gilbertie
Dec'd members of Luzi & Gingras Families . . . Marilyn &
Dick Gingras
5:00 Nicholas Vancho The Bower Family
Tom Weiss The Soniado & Queenan Families

The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Maureen Aronson as requested by Peggy & Tony Baiad.

The Pro-life Committee has sponsored this billboard on Rt. 25 in Monroe:



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.

Welcome!

to our parish!

For complete information on 'all things' St. Rose including all ministries and happenings, please go to strosechurch.com.





A Message from *Monsignor Bob*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
 Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
 in ancient times didst give the way
 in cloud and majesty and awe.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.
 O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
 Thine own from Satan's tyranny
 From depths of hell Thy people save
 And give them victory o'er the grave.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.

We begin the Third Week in Advent rejoicing! We light the pink candle to remind us that the birth of Christ is soon to be celebrated and all the promises made of old will once again be fulfilled. The prophet Isaiah fills us with reasons to rejoice at the coming of the Savior. The Israelites had been wandering in the desert and waiting for that promise to be fulfilled. You can feel that excitement almost jumping off the pages of Scripture:

The desert and parched land will exult.
 They will bloom with abundant flowers
 and rejoice with joyful song.
 Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
 make firm the knees that are weak.
 Say to those whose hearts are frightened
 Be strong, fear not!
 Here is your God...he comes to save you!
 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
 the ears of the deaf be cleared.
 Then will the lame leap like a stag,
 then the tongue of the mute will sing.

For those who suffer or feel abandoned or lost or confused or saddened, these are the words we need to hear to lift us from our darkness to the light and joy of God's love. James in our second reading calls us to this Advent with the words: "Be patient until the coming of the Lord. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." We need to heed these words as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. This Advent season is a gift to us from the Lord. It calls us to all the things we want the most in life: peace, joy, hope and love. We are given these days to ask ourselves how we can bring these to our lives and to those around us. Open your ears and hear His promise, walk firmly in the path that Christ has set for us and open your eyes to the beauty of God's love that surrounds us. Those promises will become more and more real if we do!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 p.m. in Church (livestreamed and parking lot)
 4:00 p.m. Newtown High School
 (Children's Christmas Pageant)
 6:00 p.m. in Church
 10:00 p.m. in Church
 (Preceded by Choir Concert)
CHRISTMAS DAY: 7:30 a.m. in Church
 9:30 a.m. in Church (livestreamed/parking lot)
 11:30 a.m. in Church
 (There will not be a 5:00 p.m. Mass)

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR MANY APPEALS AND ACTIVITIES DURING THIS HOLY SEASON. MAY YOUR GENEROSITY COME BACK TO YOU A HUNDREDFOLD!





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 Cancer Support Group will be meeting virtually on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7 pm. We will resume with the 2nd Wednesday of the month starting in January 2023.



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.



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.

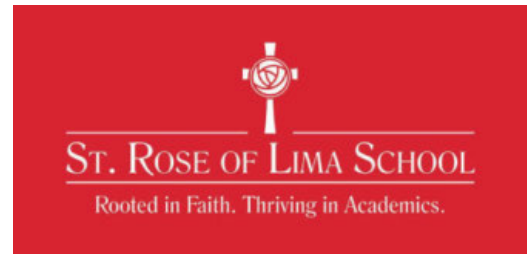
- ♦ Volunteers meet first Tuesday of every month (except July/August) at 11:00AM in Holy Innocents Building.
- ♦ Religious Articles are sold in the vestibule every third weekend of the month.
- ♦ Cares Box is always in the back of the Church for donations.
- ♦ Parishioner to Parishioner: If you need 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:

Welcome our New First Communion Coordinator

The Religious Education staff welcome Mrs. Laura DeFelice as our new First Reconciliation and First Communion Coordinator. Laura will also be overseeing grades K-3 catechists. Laura's email address is cre@strosechurch.com. Her phone number is (203) 426-2333, Ext. 4.

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.

CPR Class for Non-professionals

Sponsored by Faith Community Nurse Ministry
January 23rd 6:30 in the Knights of Columbus Hall
Cost \$40
Class is about 2 hours
Email parishnurse@strosechurch.com

Blood Pressure Clinic

This weekend there will be blood pressure screenings in the back of the church after most Masses.

On December 13th grades K-8 will present a festive and faith filled Art & Music Show, a *Christmas Celebration*. Our dedicated Musical Theater and Art teachers as well as our Band instructors have worked diligently and merrily to bring out the creative talents in their students resulting in a festive, entertaining show.

Students at St. Rose School receive many opportunities to add a dynamic dimension to their education. Starting in January, Middle School students will be connecting with Scientists around the world through a program called Skype a Scientist. These first hand experiences bring topics to life and make a lasting impact.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will open for current families on December 16th. Registration for prospective families opens on January 22nd. 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!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our generous donors. 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. Blooms Fund :: St. Rose School (stroseschool.com). Checks can be mailed to St. Rose School, 40 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470, attn. Advancement. Thank you and God Bless!

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



Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Pageant

December 24 - during the 4:00 pm mass

Newtown High School auditorium.



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12

Children in grades K through 3 will dress as shepherds, angels, innkeepers, and wisemen. Pre-K children dress as a cow, camel, lamb or donkey.

If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate in this prayerful pageant, or if you are an adult/confirmation candidate interested in volunteering – please call/text Elisabeth Gietz at (203) 526-0890 or email her at elisabeth@gietz.org.

There is only one rehearsal, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 1:00 pm in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center.

What a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy-filled gift of God's Son!!



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Saturday, December 17th



7:00 PM - 8:30 PM



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2022 Bishop's Appeal as of 12/2/2022

ABA Goal:	\$204,500
Total Pledged:	\$256,852 (126%)
Donors to Date:	496 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

Sweet Sounds of Christmas Concert 12/18

Holiday music, cookies, cider and Santa! Immaculate High School invites you to get in the spirit at the Sweet Sounds of Christmas Concert Sunday, December 18 at 2pm. Admission is free for this performance at the school's Bobby Plumb Gym.

The Immaculate Music Department's concert will feature a beautiful selection of pieces performed by the concert band, guitar ensemble, piano students, the Inspire Choir and the Junior Inspire Choir. There will also be a special spotlight featuring Immaculate's seniors. All are welcome.





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Linda Villafano
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Register for Advent-Christmas-Epiphany 2022

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A fun low-pressure, hands-on MUSIC CLASS for children ages Infant to 5 years with their Parent, Grandparent or Caregiver held in the Holy Innocents building at St. Rose of Lima Church.

Classes meet on Fridays for 6 weeks

First Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Class Dec. 2 Last class Jan. 13, 2023

(Dec. 2, 9, 16, 30, Jan. 6, 13)

Classes run 10 - 11:30 a.m. Actual class time is 30 - 45 min with the option to stay for social time and play.

Tuition covers 6 sessions

Cost: \$100 for 1 child- \$120 for 2 children- \$140 for 3+ children

Music must be purchased @ <https://www.makingmusicprayingtwice.com/store> prior to class

You can Register for MMP2 programs at any time throughout the year!

Accepting Registrations during the current program, prior to or between programs!

(Next program is 2023 Lent Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

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

Red Cross Blood Drive
Tue, Dec 27, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Newtown Congregational Church, 14
West St, Newtown, CT 06470
Schedule via <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> (enter 5320), 1-800-733-2767, or aim your smartphone camera at the QR code to open the app.



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7PM**

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!



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*May God keep special watch over these
 men and women serving in the US Military*

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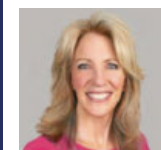
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