



ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

Fourth 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

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, December 19

6:45 Giovanni LoPiccolo John & Joan Borruso
9:00 Robert Kohler Isabel Kohler
Rosemarie Giusto Patti & Peter Fragola

Tuesday, December 20

6:45 Ted Lovely, Jim, Eileen & Kevin Comerford
Family
9:00 Katherine Arco Mary Lee & Bob Cannone
Kenneth Corcoran Pat Conway

Wednesday, December 21

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Carly Marie Margaret Kreshpan Carol
Kreshpan
Suzanne Reilly Family

Thursday, December 22

6:45 Cynthia Garofalo The Conkling Family
9:00 Annmarie Porco Friend
Sean Sullivan Pat Conway

Friday, December 23

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Anne Porco Phyllis Myott
Joseph Liscinsky, Jr. The Liscinsky Family

Saturday, December 24

4:00 (Church) Dec'd members of the DiCrescenzo
Family Family
(Hall) Joseph Merola Children
(High School) St. Rose Parishioners
6:00 Michael A. Marusa The Marusa Family
10:00 St. Rose Parishioners

Sunday, December 25

7:30 Michael A. Marusa, Jennifer & Michael Farkas . . .
The Marusa Family
Robyn Rentz Smith . . . Colleen & Glenn Budzinski
9:30 Mary & Jeremiah Horgan Family
Robert & Diane Swensen Robert & Renee
Deveau
11:30 John Pavia, Marilyn Imbimbo & Frank Alagna
Nella Pavia
Lucille Giannini Gloria Lanzetta

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.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

TO YOU GOD ENTRUSTED HIS ONLY SON;

IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST;

WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN.

OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY

AND COURAGE. AMEN.

— POPE FRANCIS

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*

Light the Advent candle one
Now the waiting has begun.
We have started on our way
time to think of Christmas Day.

Light the Advent candle two
think of humble shepherds who
filled with wonder at the sight
of the child on Christmas night.

Light the Advent candle three
think of heavenly harmony.
Angels singing "Peace on Earth"
at the blessed Savior's birth.

Light the Advent candle four
think of love forever more.
Christ Child in a stable born
Gift of love that Christmas morn!

**CANDLE, CANDLE BURNING BRIGHT
SHINING IN THE COLD WINTER NIGHT
CANDLE, CANDLE BURNING BRIGHT
FILL OUR HEARTS WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHT**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. in church (Livestreamed/parking lot)
4:00 p.m. at Newtown High School
(Children's Nativity Pageant)
6:00 p.m. in church
10:00 p.m. in church (Livestreamed)
(preceded by Choir Christmas Concert)

Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Livestreamed/parking lot)
and 11:30 a.m. in Church

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve: 4:00 p.m. in church (livestreamed/parking lot)
New Year's Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (livestreamed/ parking lot)
and 11:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: No Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas/New Year Day

A WORD OF THANKS.....

- + To all those who supported our Holiday Food Drive. We were able to help several shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens.
- + To all those who donated a jacket, coat, socks or hats...well over 1200 coats collected...and many socks and hats!
- + To those who chose to ADOPT-A-FAMILY for putting smiles and some hope in the hearts of the recipients.
- + To those who donated a toy to keep the generous spirit of Caroline Previdi alive and filled with love.
- + To all those supported our Christmas Sweepstakes. Congratulations to our winners. Special thanks to Kathy Cragin for coordinating this.
- + To all those who remembered their loved ones with our beautiful Christmas floral display designed by Hollandia Nursery.
- + To the participants in our Living Nativity, reminding us of the beauty and simplicity of the First Christmas.
- + To all the angels, shepherds, animals, innkeepers and the Holy Family who brought the story of Christmas alive in the children's pageant.
- + To the members of the Philadelphia Philharmonic for the beautiful concert in honor of the Sandy Hook/ Newtown community.
- + To Bishop Caggiano for celebrating the 10th Mass of Remembrance for the victims and their families of the Sandy Hook School shooting.
- + To Dan Cragin for coordinating the third annual light show on our campus...enjoyed by everyone.
- + To our clergy and staff who in countless ways made our celebration of Advent a holy and blessed time for the parish.
- + To each of you who continue to make Saint Rose a parish with a caring and faithful heart!





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.



F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry

St. Rose Campus, 46 Church Hill Rd.
(next to Knights of Columbus bldg.)
Hours: Tues: 9:30am-11:30am, Thurs: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Questions, call: 203-426-5604 or 203-837-0816



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.

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

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.

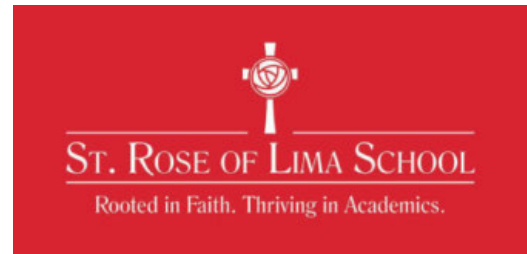
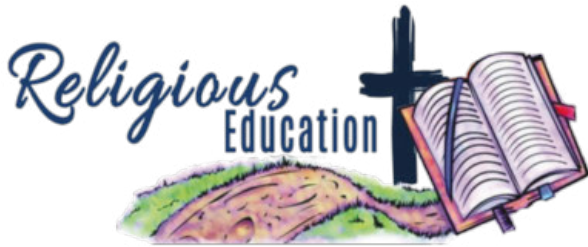
- ♦ Volunteers meet first Tuesday of every month (except July/August) at 11:00AM in Holy Innocents Building.
- ♦ Religious Articles are sold in the vestibule every third weekend of the month.
- ♦ Cares Box is always in the back of the Church for donations.
- ♦ Parishioner to Parishioner: If you need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

Advent Confession Thank You's

We would like to thank our priests of St. Rose Church, and our visiting priests, for their time to listen to the confessions of our students in the Religious Education classes, as well as in our homeschool program. We are very happy to hear the students did a wonderful job, being attentive, respectful, and reverent. Catechists and parents/guardians, thank you for your time over the last few weeks, preparing these young hearts to come closer to Jesus through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

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!

Progress Reports

Catechists have received copies of the progress reports and will be filling them out over the Winter break. Parents/guardians, please look for the reports to be distributed in class at the beginning of January. We hope these progress reports give you a "snapshot" of how your child is doing in class and where they may need some assistance. Please contact your child's catechist with any questions or concerns.

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.

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.

The St. Rose School halls are merry and bright as we anticipate the LIGHT of Jesus coming into the world. A *Christmas Celebration Music & Art Show* showcased the creations and voices of students in a festive atmosphere. Class Christmas trees are filling up with toys for Caroline Previdi's Toy Closet and Advent prayers are being offered daily. This week will be filled with more singing and celebrations, topped off by our school Christmas Mass at 9:00 a.m. the 23rd. We'd love to see our extended St. Rose family there!

School is closed for Christmas Break December 24th through January 2nd. Classes resume on Tuesday January 3rd, 2023.

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).

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



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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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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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.



Come Say "Bon Voyage" to Fr. Krzysztof!

Fr. Krzysztof Kuczynski will be at St. Rose on Monday evening, December 19 at 7pm to lead the Lay Missionaries of Charity Holy Hour and offer the sacrament of Confession before he leaves the diocese to start his new assignment as a chaplain in the US Navy. Please join us for holy hour and, afterwards, for light refreshments in the church vestibule for an opportunity to wish Fr. Krzysztof well as he embarks on his new journey!

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 men and women serving in the US Military*

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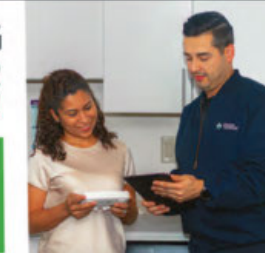


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