



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2025



15th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 4:00 PM (SAT) 7:30 9:30 AM
11:30 AM 5:00 PM
DAILY (M-F) 6:45 9:00 AM
SAT/HOLIDAY 8:00 AM
HOLY DAY 7:30 PM (VIGIL) 6:45 9:00 AM
5:30 PM

REGISTRATION

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, July 14

- 6:45 Intentions of Marion Hamill Thomas & Helen Stretton
9:00 J. Randall Koetting Kevin Roche
William Geraghty Kevin Roche

Tuesday, July 15

- 6:45 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Kay & Emmett Driscoll Anonymous
Sean Stutman Family

Wednesday, July 16

- 6:45 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Intention of Jerry Stratton Thomas & Helen Stretton
Richard Giannettino Ginny & Pat Gorman

Thursday, July 17

- 6:45 Catherine Welch Family
Thomas Burke Theresa Ambrogio
9:00 Dick Giannettino St. Rose Religious Ed
Larry & Patricia Pisani Family

Friday, July 18

- 6:45 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Olivia Engel The Brennan Family
Rose Arsenaault St. Rose Religious Ed

Saturday, July 19

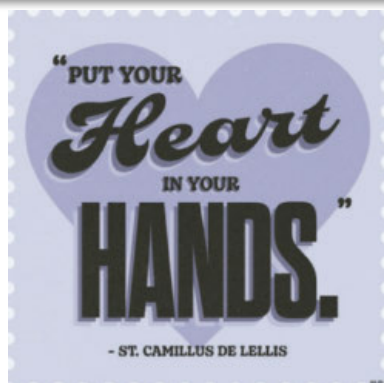
- 8:00 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
4:00 Maureen Boyle The Wise Family
William Lavery Barbara Brimmer

Sunday, July 20

- 7:30 Greg Smith Family
John Pendergast Knights of Columbus #185
9:30 Bruce Herring Mary Allaire
Intentions of John Bartricki . . . Ginny & Dave Jess
11:30 Alice Sullivan Eileen Kelleher
Theresa Signorile Vincent & Margo Yade
5:00 Alvaro Cortina Dawn Markut
Intentions of Mollie Soto The Taylor Family

The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Renee Lovett as requested by Peggy and Tony Baiad.



RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM

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 RECONCILIATION, and CONFIRMATION

Religious education classes may begin at age 5. First Grade is prerequisite for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Attendance is required in each grade for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7. For more information go to strosechurch.com, click on Sacraments.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory to make arrangements 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 to receive this sacrament or to have Holy Communion brought to your home.

MORNING PRAYER

Weekdays at 8:40AM.

SAINT ROSE CEMETERY

Located at the corner of Cherry and Black Cherry Streets in Sandy Hook. For more information contact the Rectory.

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Office hours are 9AM to 4PM Monday-Friday. Summer hours 9AM to 2PM Mon-Thurs and 9AM to 12:30PM Fri.

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A MESSAGE FROM *Father Peter*

Saint Camillus and the REDDEST CROSS

July 18th

Saint Camillus was born in the year 1550 near the city of Naples. Never a model child, he caused his mother untold pain and misery. Carrying his antagonism and arrogance like a medal of honor, when he was of age, he and his father fled the influences of home and city and sought a life more in tune with their desires of personal depravity.

Both men, like two rotten fruits falling from the same rotting tree, became prolific gamblers and mercenary soldiers whose only causes they cared about were themselves and money.

Even among the rough soldiers, Camillus and his father were too great a disturbance in the camps. Often, they were turned out. Their gambling aggravated by their own violent tempers led to deadly quarrels, which only incited insubordination and division, which no commander can tolerate.

Then an event occurred that would jar Camillus from his road to Hell: his father died, at whose bedside he had been keeping desperate vigil. His only consolation, admittedly a strange and haunting one given his miserable life: that on his father's deathbed, his old man broke down in sorrow for his past. He then received the last sacraments with true fervor and died a forgiven man.

It would not be long before Camillus himself would hit moral and financial rock bottom, having exhausted his funds through gambling and having been emotionally bankrupted by his father's passing: Camillus turned beggar. And rather than finding a monetary hand out, a wealthy town merchant instead gave him a job which led him to steady work in a hospital.

No stranger to the atrocities of war and having been wounded himself, this environment awoke within his wounded soul a fire of charity and compassion for the sick and needy that would inspire him to found a religious order. Taking Saint Paul's advice, "Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests but also for those of others", he discovered the not so secret recipe for personal sanctity and joy in attending to the needs of others.

He was especially drawn to black plague victims, the addicted, the young and abandoned, the insane, the destitute, the lonely.

Bouncing back and forth between monastery work and hospital work, having found some semblance of financial stability, he found the greatest security of all...the mercy of Jesus Christ. One of his closest companions once remarked of him: "When he was taking care of his patients, he seemed to spend and exhaust himself completely, so great was his devotion and compassion."

He would have loved to take upon himself all their illness, their every affliction, could he but ease their pain and relieve their weakness." Camillus had discovered the vocation to selflessness in Christ that Saint Paul referred to when he said: "He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave."

So full had his embrace been of the crucified and suffering Christ in others, that he petitioned Rome to begin a new religious order. Upon their garb would be emblazoned a Red Cross to distinguish them and their service from other religious communities: that same Red Cross which inspired the organization of today's Red Cross serving the world's suffering people, especially in war- and natural disaster-ravaged areas.

Exposed to the miseries and agonies of the fallen human condition, rather than turn away in disgust at these people, he turned to them with love, willing sacrifice and compassion. The hospital had become for him his Calvary, the vineyard of the world's salvation.

Vineyards are of course associated with delicious wine which Sacred Scripture refers to as having been provided by God to cheer and warm men's hearts. For us as Catholics, we of course associate wine with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Precious Blood of Christ, which the month of July is fully devoted to, which we enjoy through the reception of Christ's Body in the Eucharist.

This Body of Christ, broken on the Cross, which gives us life and healing, found wherever there is a ghetto or hospital, would further inspire Camillus to embrace the Priesthood: the exclamation point upon his miraculous conversion and joy-filled enslavement to the poor and sick in body and soul.

If only this was our culture's attitude toward the sick, the elderly, the infirm, the addicted, the weak and vulnerable like those with down syndrome, who when diagnosed with this condition are almost 85 percent of the time aborted. Our culture is threatened by the Cross: threatened and disgusted by a Crucified God whose suffering love places too many heavy demands upon people's self-centeredness.

Let us then with Saint Camillus look at the Cross of Christ and its desperate plea for compassion and heroic love and sacrifice, especially toward the weakest and most vulnerable amongst us, that Red Cross of Divine Mercy emblazoned upon our own hearts.



Regular Meetings

Adoration.

Worship the Lord Tuesdays at 7:00PM (Confession available), Thursdays/Fridays at 3:00PM, and first Fridays from 10:00AM-4:00PM in church.

Cancer Support Group.

Meets second Wednesday of month at 7:00PM 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 via Zoom.

Children's Rosary.

Meets every third Thursday of the month during school season in the church at 4:30PM.

Divine Mercy Cenacle.

Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00PM in the Chapel.

Family Life Ministry.

Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Rectory conference room. Off for the summer. Rosary for Life after 8:00AM Mass every First Saturday.

Health Ministry.

Meets quarterly, meeting place and time to be determined.

Job Networking.

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

Kennedy Rosary Project

Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00PM at 38 Church Hill Road.

Knights of Columbus.

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

Lay Missionaries of Charity.

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month after 9:00AM Mass and 5:30PM 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 via Zoom.

Rosary Prayer Group.

Pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Mother after 9:00AM Mass weekdays, 8AM Mass Saturdays.

Spiritual Journey.

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

Squires.

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM in 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 in the Bride's Room. Book Group meets third Thursday at 10:00AM in Holy Innocents bldg. Bring Your Own Lunch gathering first Thursday at 11:30AM in Holy Innocents bldg.

Women's Enrichment Book Study.

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

Walking with Purpose.

Women's guided Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7:00PM or Wednesdays at 10:00AM.

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

Broken Rosary Beads

Sheila and Cosmo Civale collect, repair, and redistribute broken Rosary beads. Please put broken Rosaries in a small plastic bag.

Rosaries can be dropped off at 139 Louis Hill Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 (Leave them at the front door. If they are in a plastic bag with handles they can be hung on the doorknob inside the storm door) or at the Saint Rose Religious Education Office at 38 Church Hill Road.

Saint Rose Social Concerns Committee will redistribute these restored Rosaries.

Project Rachel

Are you or someone you know experiencing pain and sorrow from losing a child to abortion? You are not alone! For information and resources or to find out about our upcoming local Days of Prayer and Healing, contact Maureen at 203.416.1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing, and forgiveness are waiting for you!



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.

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, X, 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 Fr. Peter. In our **Fr. Cip Clips** series Fr. Peter 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.

Donate Baptismal Gowns

The Columbiettes collect Christening/Baptism gowns/outfits for girls and boys, any size from newborn to toddler. These donations are sent to Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Bridgeport, CT. Perhaps you have an outfit that you will no longer be using or passing down. Please consider donating! Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory Office. Any questions, please call Janis at 203-470-5651.
Thank you!!

Bereavement Counseling and Funeral Planning.

Please call the office to schedule a meeting with Sister Mary Ellen Genova.

Health Ministry.

- ♦ The Health Council supports health-related special events and services.
- ♦ 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 homebound, hospitalized, or not able to attend Mass for any reason.

Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Volunteers meet on the second Tuesday, September to November and February to May, in Holy Innocents Building 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 11:30AM 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:** Know someone who needs household furniture? Please email Robinlynann@aol.com or call the rectory. Families that are moving or downsizing have furnishings to offer!

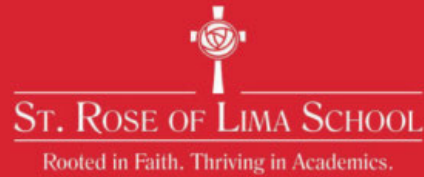
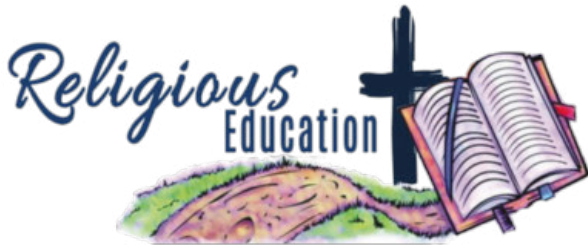
St. Joseph Project.

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 a directory of all

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





Have you registered for classes? - Thank you to the many families who have registered for the upcoming school year. We are beginning to form classes based on the number of students who have registered. **Now is the time to register and make sure you get your first choice of class day and time. Do not wait, even if you are unsure of your child's after-school schedule.**

Catechist & Volunteer Recruitment Fair - Next weekend - After all Masses next weekend, the Religious Education staff will be in the vestibule to introduce themselves and to tell you about our programs. We are excited to meet new parishioners and talk with those who are possibly interested in teaching a religion class or need information on registering their child. Maybe you would like to volunteer on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, but are unsure how you can help? We'll give you all the information to decide.

New School Year Calendar Available - The 2025-2026 Religious Education Calendar is available on our webpage for you to download or print out. We encourage all families to place important Religious Education events, sacrament ceremonies and rehearsals, and grade level workshops on your home calendar now.

Interested in teaching or helping out? Catechists, co-catechists, and teacher's aides are always needed. If you are interested in becoming a catechist or assisting in our program as an aide, please contact Mary Craig at sacraments@strosechurch.com or (203)426-2333 ext. 2 for more information.

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Why Choose St. Rose School? Did you know that all of our K–8 teachers are certified and hold either a BS or MS in Education? Our faculty is caring, committed, creative, and collaborative — always going above and beyond to help every student reach their God-given potential. Strong partnerships with parents and consistent communication contribute to a high retention rate among both families and staff. At St. Rose, students don't just learn — they bloom in heart, mind, and soul.

Schedule a Summer Tour! We welcome prospective families for personalized tours throughout the summer. Email admissions@srles.com to book your visit and learn more about our faith-centered, academically strong program for students in Preschool through 8th grade. You can also visit www.stroseschool.com to explore all we offer. A warm welcome awaits you!

Summer Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please note: The school will be closed August 4th–8th for cleaning.

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

Widow's Watch

Do you have a prayer petition? Let St. Rose's "Widow's Watch" group humbly pray for your request. Simply write your petition on paper and drop it in the box in the back of the church.





ST. ROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



*"Let the children come to me
and do not prevent them;
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these."*

Luke 18:16

If you feel that God is calling you, please reach out to
the Religious Ed office for more information.
(203) 426-2333 ext. 2

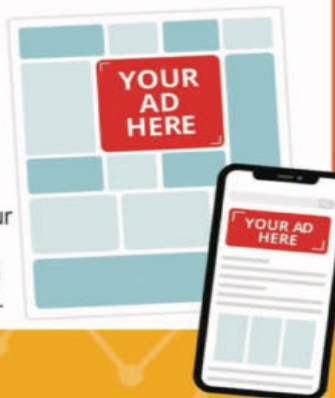


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starting

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5:30 - 8 pm, August 12, Knights of Columbus building
Topic & Speaker to be determined

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Welcome Fr. CJ!

My name is Reverend Cajetan Uzoma Oleaghara. Ordained a Catholic priest on 22nd August 2009, in the Catholic Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria, I served as a parochial vicar for 3 years, pastor for 12 years, and an Administrator of a hospital in our Diocese for some years before moving over to the United States of America for a mission.

Currently, I am privileged to serve in Bridgeport Diocese, with my primary assignment here in St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Parish, Newtown. I am grateful to Bishop Frank Caggiano for this opportunity, Reverend Father Peter Cipriani for his acceptance and pastoral leadership. My regard goes to Reverend Anh Vu, Msgr. Robert Weiss, Dn. Norman, Dn. Michael, Sr. Mary Ellen, and the staff as well. To the entire wonderful parishioners of St. Rose of Lima, I say thanks for the warm welcome and hospitality. May God bless each and every one of you.

In prayerful union,

Reverend Cajetan Oleaghara

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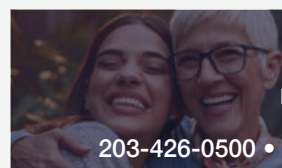
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