



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 20, 2025



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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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 21

6:45 Suzanne Rocca Ian & Jaimee Keogler
9:00 Intentions of Janet Tinari Julia Mahoney
Mary DiCrescenzo Family

Tuesday, July 22

6:45 Intentions of John Kelleher Thomas & Helen
Stretton
Intentions of JP O'Leary . . John & Rachel O'Leary
9:00 Intentions of the Brodie Family St. Rose
Religious Ed
Richard Giannettino Ginny Jess

Wednesday, July 23

6:45 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Carly Marie Margaret Kreshpan Family
Jamila Stupka St. Rose Religious Ed
Tammy Alves & Andrew M.

Thursday, July 24

6:45 Henry Michael Johnson . . . Janis & Peter Solheim
Thomas Burke Ann Curran
9:00 Patrick Villano Mary Lee Cannone
Rosemary Fleming Ann Hayek

Friday, July 25

6:45 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Billy, Ken, & Bill Corcoran Pat Conway
Dennis Corcoran Pat Conway

Saturday, July 26

8:00 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
4:00 Helen Baiad Peggy & Tony Baiad
Thomas Castellani The Donigian Family

Sunday, July 27

7:30 John Morgera Marie Morgera
Stephen Luciano Dawn, Tony & Mark
9:30 Bill Brimmer Barbara Brimmer
Intentions of Jenna Donovan . . The Taylor Family
11:30 Ann Lunde The Moulder Family
William Lavery St. Rose School
5:00 Helen Pawlak & Evo Toni Charlene Toni
Ita Hardiman The Albano Family

The Sanctuary Candle

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

May 2025 Baptisms

We warmly welcome into our parish family:

Maelyn Anne Arasin	Thomas Vincent Lajoie
Claire Grainger Buck	Paul John List II
Emily Harper Elyse Class	Parker Ryan Palmisano
Harper Celeste Dionisio	Enzo Santiago Rodriguez
Luke Stanley Dziubino	Francis Peter Taylor

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.

SAINT ROSE RECTORY

Office hours are 9AM to 4PM Monday-Friday. Summer
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A MESSAGE FROM *Father Peter*

Saint Mary Magdalene and Healing

If God is perfect love, then one of the great attributes of love is the ability to experience pity when one's beloved is in crisis. However, we need to distinguish between kinds of pity.

A friend of ours half the world away has lost someone dear to her. We pick up the phone, offer our prayers and condolences. Same situation, we pick up the phone, call the travel agent, and within hours we are by the side of our grieving loved one. Both expressions of love, but no doubt the fullest experience of that love is to have the beloved in person.

We have all had the experience of suffering. And yes, the most honest response to these situations is to ask, "Why, Lord, are you allowing this to happen?" Perhaps no prayer as the one cried from a broken heart is meant to move the Divine Heart more than this kind of cry.

And the Divine heart is indeed moved with perfect pity, because it is also a human heart. This is the great miracle and comfort of the Incarnation. In Christ, we have a God who suffers...not simply His individual pain, but the anguish of every person ever to live. He experiences the totality of suffering, so that we can one forever day experience the totality of peace and joy.

And yet, this response may do little to alleviate one's pain. One may retort: "But that was two thousand years ago! I am suffering now... Christ is not! He is in His glorious Heaven while I am stumbling through this terrible hell." Yes, the Crucifixion was an event in time but the Cross of Christ transcends time because the man on that Cross is also God...who is transcendence itself. We must believe that the Church is the Body of Christ. When any member of this Church suffers, Christ suffers because it is His body.

When one experiences the pain of a heart attack, the suffering is not localized to the heart; it affects one's whole body, weakening it and placing other areas at risk of shutting down. The mind is affected, dizzied with thoughts of fear and anxiety while the soul cries to Heaven for help.

Therefore, in any time, in any person, in any suffering, Christ is present.

The same redemptive love and mercy that was unleashed at Calvary is released right here in Newtown, CT. The same Christ, the same infinite God nailed to the Cross, is present upon our altar in the Eucharist...waiting for us, too, in Adoration, begging us to allow Him to love us, heal us, unite our pain and suffering with His own for the salvation of the world.

However, to appreciate and receive the totality of that love and healing, we must encounter Christ in the depths of our sinfulness...for it is here that the power of the Divine Pity releases its greatest healing graces. Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene. She is introduced as the woman who, having been exorcised of seven demons, then followed Christ. These seven demons may refer to the seven deadly sins, indicating the terrible depth of her sinfulness.

Yet in perhaps one of the most touching scenes in all of human history, some believe that she is also the great penitent who burst through the door of Simon the Pharisee where Jesus was dining. The Gospel of Luke records: "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

Saint Mary Magdalene is perhaps the best guide for one's journey of Faith, a journey that for her begins at the Feet of Jesus, or what we would call the Confessional. Where did Mary receive the courage to not only be a disciple of Christ, but have the incredible fortitude to follow Him along the way of the Cross, and then kneel at His crucified feet? Or the love she must have had to be the first at the tomb that Easter Morning, being the first witness of the Resurrection and therefore the appointed witness to the Apostles? Mary was able to receive such an incredible fullness of Christ because of her confessed sins.

Think for a moment of those times when you were really sick. Your body wearied by illness, your mind distracted and unfocused because of the pain. A loved one is present, but in your condition it is difficult to enjoy fully his being there. Then think for a moment, restored completely to health, your body fit and strong, your mind and heart clear and at peace and that same loved one present.

In health, there is a fuller experience of one's beloved, though it is the same beloved in both situations; what has changed is your condition. Saint Mary Magdalene teaches us about the fullness of power that is Sacramental Confession. Having been freed from our sins, having that most intimate encounter with Christ at His feet in the Confessional, our experience of Christ, our receiving Him during Mass is more potent...not simply for our personal growth in holiness, but those graces will radiate forth and touch the hearts of those in our lives.



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!

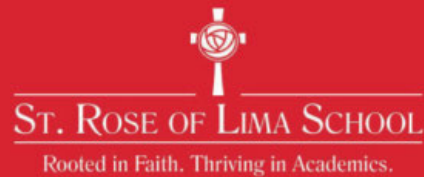
St. Joseph Project.

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.





Catechist & Volunteer Recruitment Fair - This Weekend -

After all Masses this 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.

Vacation Bible School - Our Journey to Seek the True North

Many thanks to Erin Harrington and Kelly Cintron for coordinating a very successful week of Vacation Bible School. Erin and Kelly worked very hard to ensure our campers had a great time learning, singing, making arts and crafts, playing water games outside, and building a community at snack and play. We started each morning with a spiritual message and prayer from Father Peter, Father CJ, or Seminarian John Imbimbo (Mr. John). We then moved onto our day's activities. We ended our days in prayer, but the finale on Friday brought all of our families, friends, and students together to showcase their talents through song and movement. After our presentation, the children and families enjoyed snacks and a slideshow of photos from the week's camp. Though most students left with joyful smiles on their faces, and new friends to call for playdates, some were sad because VBS was over. We are grateful that this one week made such a positive impact on our students. May their faith continue to grow in the summer and they be eager to learn more of Jesus' love for them all through the year.

Have You Registered for Classes? - Some classes are about to close due to capacity. **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.

Mark Your Calendars:

Mandatory Meeting of All Catechists - Sunday, Sept 14 at 1:00 pm (in HI)
 New Catechist Meeting/Training - Tuesday, Sept 16 at 7:00 pm (in HI)
 Homeschool Parents Meeting (Student workbooks will be distributed) - Wednesday, Sept 24 at 7:00 pm (in HI)
 First week of Religious Ed classes - Sept 28 at 9:15 am; Sept 29 and 30 at 4:30 pm. (all buildings)

Please see our full calendar on the Religious Education webpage for more dates and details.

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.

Summer is a season of joy, rest, and renewed connection—a time to slow down, enjoy God's creation, and make memories with those we love. We pray this season brings peace, laughter, and many blessings to all our school and parish families.

Why Choose St. Rose School? At St. Rose School, students are nurtured in a Christ-centered environment where faith and academic excellence go hand in hand. All of our K-8 teachers are certified and hold either a BS or MS in Education. They are dedicated, creative, and deeply committed to helping every student thrive.

We are especially proud of our Class of 2025: **100% of our graduates were accepted into the high schools of their choice**, with **56% attending Immaculate High School**. The rest of our students are heading to outstanding institutions such as St. Joseph High School, Fairfield Prep, Taft, Laurelton Hall, The Gunnery, Newtown High School, and Abbott Tech.

This success reflects not only the strength of our academic program, but the values, confidence, and faith our students carry with them as they grow.

Schedule a Summer Tour! We continue to welcome prospective families throughout the summer for personalized tours. Email admissions@srles.com to schedule your visit and discover all that St. Rose has to offer. You can also explore our programs online at www.stroseschool.com.

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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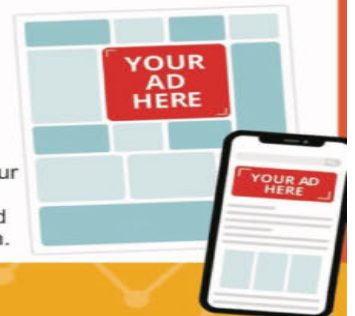
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June Offertory

Sunday - \$93,343
 Sunday, Last Year - \$93,520
 Holy Day - \$541
 Monthly - \$7,682

Northern Fairfield Professionals Meeting

5:30 - 8 pm, August 12, Knights of Columbus building
 Topic: Tools and Techniques to Unleash AI for the Jobseeker

As jobseekers go through the whole cycle from writing a resume to landing a job, leveraging AI and free tools can get you a leg up as a candidate. In this session we will review AI tools and techniques that can help you at each step of the job seeking process: creating an ATS ready resume that matches the JD, upskilling to be AI ready, interviewing tips (including research on the company and interviewers), presenting yourself to the hiring team, and negotiating the job offer when you get it.

Guest speaker: Sam Velu

Santhosh Kumar Velu, widely known as Sam, an AI Consultant & Evangelist dedicated to harnessing the transformative power of artificial intelligence. With a passion for innovation and technology, he specializes in strategizing and advising businesses on how to improve their operational efficiency by leveraging AI. His focus is on "Unleashing the Power of AI Automation", a pursuit that combines cutting-edge technology with practical business applications to drive growth, enhance productivity, and foster sustainable competitive advantages. He has been in the staffing industry for more than 25 years doing agency recruiting for IT.

This is a free network group, for people looking for new opportunities or interested in professional development. To receive an NFP Evite email and other information on upcoming NFP meetings, please email johnbarryitech@gmail.com

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