



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 27, 2025



17th Sunday

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

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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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 28

- 6:45 Intentions of Declan Doherty . . . Thomas & Helen Stretton
9:00 Intentions of Chris Czyewski . . The Ortega Family
Meg Walsh Family

Tuesday, July 29

- 6:45 Attracta McMullin The Tokar Family
9:00 Dick Giannettino . . . Senior Lunch & Learn Team
Tammy Alves & Andrew McGeever . . The Criscuola Family

Wednesday, July 30

- 6:45 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Bob Allaire Mary Allaire
Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners . . The Francois Family

Thursday, July 31

- 6:45 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Intentions of Matt & Amy Taylor . . The Ortega Family
Thomas Burke Cornie & Jed Costello

Friday, August 1

- 6:45 Lexy Adams The Vodola Family
9:00 Jake Leahy & Kathleen McGeever . . The Criscuola Family
Krystyna Stanczewski Charlene Toni

Saturday, August 2

- 8:00 Jose Francisco Martinez . . William & Teresa Tully
4:00 Eugene Previdi Family
Lorraine Casey . . The Casey & Halstead Families

Sunday, August 3

- 7:30 Ita Hardiman The Asetta Family
Maureen Boyle The Wise Family
9:30 Bethany Mass
11:30 Mary Ellen Pinto The Lansing Family
Peggy Annett Cindy Pollock
5:00 Anne Z Murray Rose Marie & Jack Zaharek
Will Neeb The Hochstetler Family

The Sanctuary Candle

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

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, August 3rd, at the 9:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way Joan Ancona, Maureen Engel, Isabelle Koehler, Rita Marie Millo, Ralph Savarese, and Patrice Heinzer, whom we have served since our last Bethany Mass. Although we miss their 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.

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 hours 9AM to 2PM Mon-Thurs and 9AM to 12:30PM Fri.

Your Weekly Offertory

can be made here:

Just scan the code and choose *Sunday Offertory* and any other cause you'd like to support.
Thank you!



A MESSAGE FROM *Father Peter*

This weekend's piece is written in the spirit of gratitude for all the Jesuits who with great devotion and dedication serve the cause of Christ especially in the area of Catholic Education. Honoring those as well who have been the beneficiaries of the great spiritual and intellectual influence so many Jesuits provide throughout the world especially here at Fairfield University and Fairfield Prep. As we hear from the Gospel, "When Jesus Christ disembarked and saw the vast crowds His heart was moved with pity for them for they were like sheep without a shepherd." And what is it that Jesus then does in response to His heart-felt compassion? "He taught them many things." Teaching was a primary concern of Jesus Christ. And it is in this same wonderful, compassionate, and impassioned Teaching Spirit of Christ that the Jesuits serve our youth and the peoples of the world.

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

JULY 31ST

On his way to achieving great military fame and recognition as a soldier, Ignatius' path to worldly glory came to a screeching halt when a cannon ball shattered his leg and incapacitated him for a long period of time. During this time, he became extremely depressed and could only pass the time by reading the only available books on hand: the life of Christ and the lives of the Saints.

He was deeply impressed and effected by what he read and experienced a hospital bed conversion. Having seen a vision of Mary the Mother of God, to show his devotion and appreciation for this special blessing he made a pilgrimage to her shrine in Monserrat, Spain. It was here that before the beautiful statue of the Black Madonna, he placed his sword as a symbolic gesture that he would now devote his life to being a soldier under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the spiritual military service of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

In 1534, after extensive religious studies in various European universities, at the age of 43, he and six others vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. Ignatius adopted the motto "Ad Majorem De Gloriam" which translated means "All for the glory of God." This echoes the encouragement of Saint Paul from Scripture for those trying to lead and live a life dedicated to God and others, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Saint Ignatius reminds us of the importance and accessing the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received during our Confirmation. Traditionally Confirmation was referred to as the Sacrament where one became a soldier for Jesus Christ in the army of the Church. In fact the Church here on earth is referred to as the Church Militant as we go forward with the grace of God to combat the evils and sufferings in the world, reclaiming it and others for and in the name of Jesus Christ.

And Saint Ignatius also reminds us of the necessity of having a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. What soldier did not carry in his uniform pocket closet to his heart a picture of the woman or women he loved, either his mother, wife, fiancée, or girlfriend as an incentive to fight heroically and a greater incentive to get home safe? Devotion to Mary inspires us when the fight for sanctity in this life becomes too overwhelming to persevere in our efforts and all the more seek out the empowering gift of God's mercy.

Having developed the Spiritual Exercises during a period of great spiritual angst and depression, this gold mine of developing an effective prayer life is a further reminder that in this life there is no greater weapons that we have in our arsenal of faith than prayer and the sacraments. What soldier would dare enter a battlefield without his weapons to help defend and protect those he loves; what Christian therefore would refuse his duty of prayer and penance. So let us bravely go forth in the fight that lies ahead and all around us in this war of salvation, doing so in all things for the Greater Glory of God and one another:

"Receive, Lord, all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. You have given me all that I have, all that I am, and I surrender all to your divine will, that you dispose of me. Give me only your love and your grace. With this I am rich enough, and I have no more to ask."





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, breakfast afterward. Book Group meets third Thursday at 10:00AM in Holy Innocents bldg, Sept-May. Bring Your Own Lunch gathering, Sept-May, 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

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!

Sheila and Cosmo Civale repair donated broken rosaries to be redistributed. May be dropped off at the Rel. Ed office or left inside the front storm door of 139 Louis Hill Rd, Sandy Hook.

The Columbiettes collect christening/baptism gowns and outfits for girls and boys, any size, which may be dropped off at the rectory. Contact Janis at 203-470-5651.

Widow's Watch prayer group will pray for your petitions submitted through the box in the vestibule.





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.

June 2025 Baptisms

We warmly welcome into our parish family:

Austin Thomas Alese	Claire Elizabeth Rita
Harlan James Bruce	Nathan David Robbins
Scarlet Elizabeth Carolan	Caleb James Sheldon
Gavin Patrick Engel	Benny Viola Sorensen
Elena Lucille Gallucci	Vincent Leviathan Villa
Luciano Robert Gallucci	Violet Tigerlily Villa
Amelia Lee Hathaway	William Theodore Warner
Michael Vincent Perry	

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!

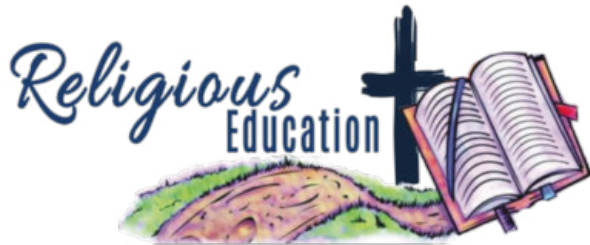
St. Joseph Project.

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? 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.

Religious Education is still looking for catechists.

Current openings are as follows:

Sunday:

Kindergarten - 1 catechist
Grade 1 - 1 catechist aid
Grade 6 - 1 catechist

Monday:

Kindergarten - 1 catechist
Grade 1 - 1 catechist
Grade 2 - 1 catechist
Grade 5 - 1 catechist aid
Grade 7 - 1 catechist

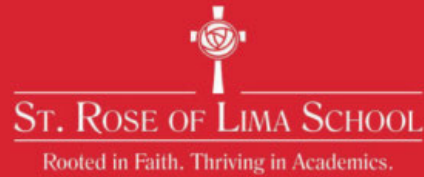
Tuesday:

Grade 5 - 1 catechist;
Journey of Faith, lower age - 1 catechist

Please contact the Religious Ed office for more information.

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



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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.

**Backpack Blessing
Weekend of August 16th and 17th!**

For those soon to be returning to school, how better to do so than with a protective blessing that covers the entirety of the school year? Attending Mass, please bring your backpack to receive the blessing, or if you are not able to bring the actual backpack, you may still receive a blessing to attach to it later.





ST. ROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



**WE NEED
VOLUNTEER
CATECHISTS, AIDES,
AND HALL MONITORS
TO HELP LEAD OUR
CHILDREN TO JESUS.**

*Catechists and aides are
needed for the Following
sessions:*

Sunday, 9:15 - 10:15 am

Monday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

*"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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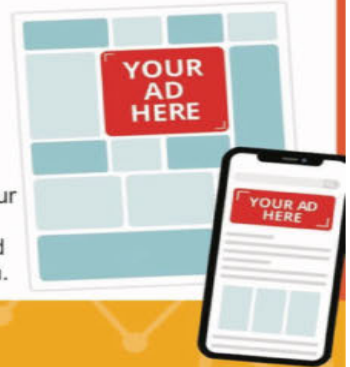
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ST. ROSE RECTORY

Summer Office Hours

M-TH: 9am - 2pm

F: 9am - 12:30pm

starting

JUNE 2nd



Save the Date! Saint Rose of Lima Parish Picnic

Sunday August 17th from 1-3
After 11:30 AM Mass
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Saint Rose of Lima Parish**2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/30/25**

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$204,500
Total Pledged:	\$235,192 (115%)
Donors to Date:	396 Donors
To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org , call (203) 416-1470, or scan with your phone.	

**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: 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.

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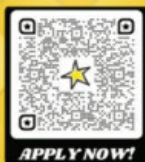
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