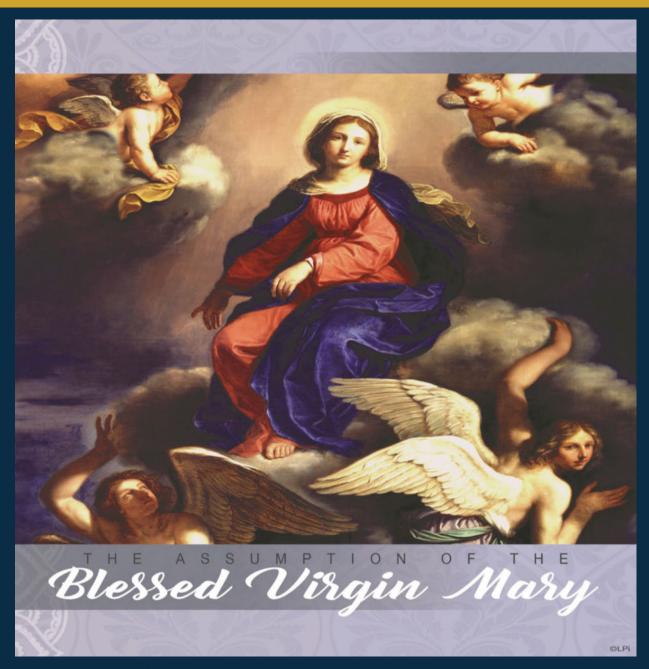


NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 10, 2025



## 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.









# Mass Intentions for the Week

| Monda                                      | ny, August 11  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | Martin & Antonia Matula Family   |  |
| 9:00                                       |  |  |
| _  | Renee Lovett Mary Gregory  |  |
| Tuesday, August 12                         |  |  |
| 6:45                                       | David Harrington Fr. Peter Cipriani  |  |
| 9:00                                       |  |  |
|  | Richard Allaire SRWC   |  |
|  | esday, August 13   |  |
| 6:45                                       |  |  |
| 9:00                                       | Jack Obre Family   |  |
|  | Teresita Calafell Maritza Vanasse  |  |
| Thursday, August 14                        |  |  |
| 6:45                                       |  |  |
| 9:00                                       | Intentions of Joan Lavery  |  |
| 7.00                                       | Joan Ancona Joan Lavery  |  |
| 7:30                                       | Louis Holzner Frank & Dawn Markut  |  |
| 6:45                                       | <b>August 15 - The Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation</b> William Michael Ambrosino Nancy & Peter Duhamel |  |
|  | William Michael Ambrosino Nancy & Peter Dunamel  |  |
| 9:00<br>12:00                              | Katherine Arco & Gloria Codeghini Mary Lee Cannone Maria & Boleslaw Niementowski The Benedetti Family      |  |
| 12.00                                      | Marlene Kokalj The O'Driscoll Family   |  |
| 5:30                                       | Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners  |  |
| 0.00                                       | lass Assessed 4C   |  |
| Saturday, August 16 8:00 Gene Bobel Family |  |  |
| 0.00                                       | Intentions of Tony & Wonda Vodola The Vodola   |  |
|  | Family   |  |
| 4:00                                       | Richard & Michael Ainsworth Family   |  |
| 4.00                                       | Raymond J. Irrera The Kinsey Family  |  |
| Sunda                                      | y, August 17   |  |
| 7:30                                       | Linda Manna The Manna Family   |  |
| 9:30                                       | Fred Wurtz The Wurtz Family  |  |
| 0.00                                       | Jerry Schmidt Pat Schmidt  |  |
| 11:30                                      | John B. Grimardi Patricia Grimardi   |  |
|  | Pat Palumbo Joan Gilbertie   |  |
| 5:00                                       | Giovanni Gentile Joseph & Rezi DiPietro  |  |
| 0.00                                       | Intentions of Betty Doty Deb & Tim Reilly  |  |
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## Wedding Banns

BANNS I: Madeline Tatto & Devon Palilla

## July 2025 Baptisms

We warmly welcome into our parish family:

Isabela Nicole Butera
Blake Roden Carlson
John Russell Coschigano
Remy Mae Paproski Doyle
Sophia Marie Gallo
Michael Javier Lema
Garrison Mathieu
Charlotte Rae Pavel

Thomas William Quinn Liam Joel Sanmartin Ordonez Jonah Dominic Serrano Isla Eleanor Stewart Cora Marie Ihidoy Wolf Eliza Amaia Ihidoy Wolf

Isobel Ainara Ihidoy Wolf



#### 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!













#### Saint Maximilian Kolbe

#### August 14th

I am sure that for most of us who follow sports, especially when the playoffs roll around, we marvel at how certain athletes are able to step up their game, so to speak, to champion status. We cannot help but marvel and respect the tremendous effort, sacrifice, and discipline it requires to even be in a position to compete for championship glory.

All this for applause and that sensation of glory that too quickly fades into the deafening silence of getting older, more feeble, and less remembered.

But this is not the case for us who compete with the forces of this world and those other demonic forces who seek to defeat and destroy us. For there is no greater support we have in place than Christ Himself who has won for Himself and all of us a Crown of Glory, Honor and Remembrance that will last forever. And like those athletes who endure so much pain, sacrifice, failure, and disappointment they do so for the sake of the joy that lay before them...Sainthood.

One of those Saints is Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

In 1936 Kolbe was asked to supervise a friary near Warsaw. When Germany invaded Poland in 1939, he and the other friars began to organize a shelter for 3,000 Polish refugees, among whom were 2,000 Jews. They housed, fed, and clothed them.

Then in May 1941 the friary was closed down and Maximilian and four companions were taken to the death camp Auschwitz. In the harshness of the slaughterhouse Father Kolbe maintained the gentleness of Christ. A prisoner later recalled how he and several others often crawled across the floor at night to be near the bed of Father Kolbe, to make their confessions and ask for consolation. Father Kolbe pleaded with his fellow prisoners to forgive their persecutors and to overcome evil with good.

When he was beaten by the guards, he never cried out. Instead, he prayed for his tormentors. A doctor in the camp, Rudolph Diem, later recalled, 'I can say with certainty that during my four years in Auschwitz, I never saw such a sublime example of the love of God and one's neighbor.' In order to discourage escapes, Auschwitz had a rule that if a man escaped, ten men would be killed in retaliation. In July 1941 a man from Kolbe's bunker escaped.

The ten were selected, including Franciszek G. He couldn't help a cry of anguish. 'My poor wife!' he sobbed, 'My poor children! What will they do?' When Francis uttered this cry of dismay, God answered his call as Kolbe stepped silently forward, took off his cap, and stood before the commandant and said, 'I am a Catholic priest. Let me take his place. I am old. He has a wife and children.'

Francis later recalled: 'I could only thank him with my eyes. I could hardly grasp what was going on: I, the condemned, am to live and someone else willingly and voluntarily offers his life for me - a stranger.'

Father Kolbe was thrown down the stairs of Building 13 along with the other victims and simply left there to starve. Maximilian Kolbe encouraged the others with prayers, psalms, and meditations on the Passion of Christ and the Rosary. A personal testimony about the way Maximilian Kolbe met death is given by Bruno Borgowiec who was assigned to render service to the starvation bunker. 'The ten condemned to death went through terrible days. From the underground cell in which they were shut up there continually arose the echo of prayers and canticles. At every inspection, when almost all the others were now lying on the floor, Father Kolbe was seen kneeling or standing in the centre as he looked cheerfully in the face of the SS men. One of the SS guards remarked, 'This priest is really a great man. We have never seen anyone like him.'

One after another they died, until only Father Kolbe was left. So one day they brought in the head of the sick-quarters, a German named Bock, who gave Father Kolbe an injection of carbolic acid. Father Kolbe, with a prayer on his lips, himself gave his arm to the executioner. Father Kolbe's body was removed to the crematorium, like hundreds of thousands who had gone before him, and hundreds of thousands more who would follow.

The heroism of Father Kolbe went echoing through Auschwitz. In that desert of hatred he had sown love. A survivor Jerzy Bielecki declared that Father Kolbe's death was 'a shock filled with hope, bringing new life and strength ... It was like a powerful shaft of light in the darkness of the camp.'

Kolbe on a few occasions was actually able to celebrate Mass in Auschwitz. That elevation reminds us that Christ remains fully present and powerful in this world, amidst the absolute worst circumstances. Wherever there is a Mass to attend or tabernacle to pray before...Christ remains in this world, in each of our lives, not as a memory but an actual living presence of peace and love.

And the man Father Kolbe saved? He died on March 13, 1995, 95 years old - and 53 years after Kolbe had saved him. After his release from Auschwitz, Gajowniczek made his way back to his hometown. He found his wife but his two sons had been killed during the war. Every year on August 14 he went back to Auschwitz. He spent the next five decades paying homage to Father Kolbe, honoring the man who died on his behalf, because Christ died on behalf of all.











#### 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 are 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.

#### **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.

#### 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.

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.



#### 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 livestreamed 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 Hóly 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 Please household furniture? 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

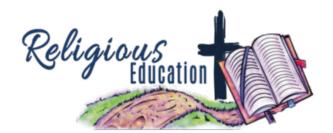
Outreach Ministries: Go to strosechurch.com/parish-outreach for contact names, numbers, and email.











#### 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:

Grade 6 - 1 catechist

#### Monday:

Kindergarten - catechist/catechist aide

Grade 1 - catechist/catechist aide

Grade 3 - catechist/catechist aide

Grade 5 - catechist aide

Grade 6 - catechist/catechist aide

Grade 7 - catechist

#### Tuesday:

Grade 5 - 1 catechist;

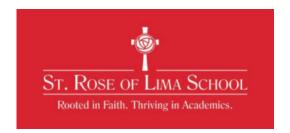
Journey of Faith (8 -11)

\*Journey of Faith applies to ages 8 -11 that need to be caught up to the appropriate level of catechesis, and may or may not need sacraments.

Please contact the Religious Ed office at (203)426-2333 for more information.

# 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.



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#### Upcoming Highlights:

- •New Family Welcome Gathering
- School Supply Drop-Off & Uniform Exchange
- •First Days of School the end of August

#### Now Enrolling:

There are limited openings in select grades for the 2025–2026 school year. If you're looking for an academically strong, values-based education in a nurturing environment, we invite you to consider St. Rose School. Schedule a private tour today by contacting admissions@srles.com

#### **Support Our Mission:**

Please pray for our students, teachers, and families as we begin a new school year, and thank you for continuing to support Catholic education in our parish. Visit www.stroseschool.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @stroseschoolct for the latest news and photos.

#### **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.

#### 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.













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> St. Rose of Lima Church Holy Innocents Building Sundays, 11am-12:15pm Beginning September 21, 2025

#### Register here:







#### 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













#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

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| Donors to Date:                   | 405 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 Al and free tools can get you a leg up as a candidate. In this session we will review Al 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 Al 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 Al Consultant & Evangelist dedicated to harnessing the transformative power of artificial intelligence. With a passion for innovation and technology, he specialize in strategizing and advising businesses on how to improve their operational efficiency by leveraging Al. His focus is on "Unleashing the Power of Al 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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