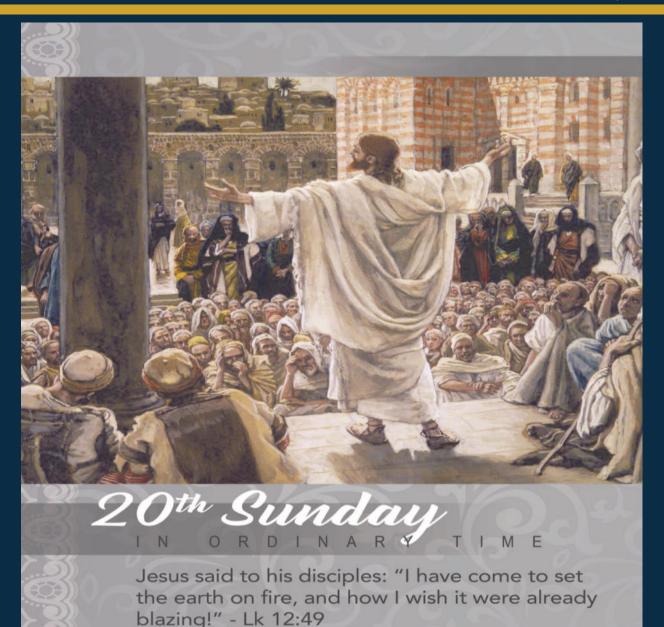
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August 17, 2025



## MASS SCHEDULE

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

4:00 рм (Sat) 7:30 9:30 ам 11:30 ам 5:00 рм SUNDAY

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 рм

#### 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

Monda	y, August 18			
6:45				
9:00				
	Peg Saidis Peggy & Tony Baiad			
Tuesday, August 19				
	Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners			
	Eddie Sigl Mary Ellen Quick			
0.00	Intentions of Ariella Huber Brian & Mariotte Corson			
Wedne	sday, August 20			
6:45				
9:00				
3.00	Intentions of Anna Keogler Ian & Jaimee Keogler			
Thurse	lay, August 21			
6:45				
9:00				
9.00	John Rakotz			
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	August 22			
	Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners			
9:00				
0 - 4 1	Karen Murphy Pat Schmidt			
	ay, August 23			
	Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners			
4:00				
	Ellie Whalen			
	William Lavery John & Joan Borruso			
Sunday, August 24				
7:30				
	Helen & Harold Brennan Ann & Harold Brennan, Jr.			
9:30	Adam Vignola St. Rose Religious Ed			
	Sebastian, Sheila, & Frances Savoca Dick			
	Giannettino			
11:30	Harry Waterbury Gerry Waterbury			
	Michael Kelleher Eileen Kelleher & Family			
5:00	Elaine Vanasse The Daly Family			

## Wedding Banns

BANNS II: Madeline Tatto & Devon Palilla BANNS I: Madeline Fletcher & John Fox

Maureen Sheridan . . . . . . . The Moulder Family

## The Sanctuary Candle

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

#### July Offertory

Sunday - \$88,856 Sunday Last Year - \$91,859 Holy Day - \$765 Monthly - \$7,298



#### **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!













#### THE MARVEL OF OUR CARNIVAL

ALWAYS one of my favorite letters to write.

Once again we are on the other side of what was one of the more record breaking Church Carnivals we have had. However, as you can imagine, though the beautiful weather literally fell from the sky or rather filled it, the success of this Carnival is an extraordinary time-consuming and passion-driven event. For months prior to that first ride being set in motion and that first scream of a child's delight, our committee members were hard at work meticulously planning for maximum Carnival success and joy.

What I enjoy most about this week is taking countless laps around the grounds and seeing and hearing people having an enormously wonderful time. If you as parents receive thorough enjoyment when your children are happy, minus the cotton candy stomach aches, we cannot even begin to imagine the joy that God feels, the joy God is when events like the Saint Rose Carnival are successfully pulled off. And the people in place who build this Carnival, you many volunteers, I cannot say enough about...especially our Dynamic Duo Coordinators Jeff Leja and Mary Jo Runkle.

More than just organizing an event, having any number of meetings and discussions with them, this is about bringing other people, especially families, an experience of happiness, fun, excitement, good eats and drinks that will be stored in their memory banks and often during the course of the year, when remembered, bring them quite the feeling of contentment and that urgency to maintain the momentum of staying involved with a Church Community that, bar none, is one of the best around ever...

As great as it is to have a good time and to contribute to others having a good time, it is also a reminder that this is not to be a oneweek, one-time-a-year event. We need to maintain the momentum of being a thriving, involved, invested and devoted Church community. Those sleeves remaining rolled up and everyday living in the Spirit of Jesus Christ who said, "The Son of Man has come not to be served but to SERVE and give His life as a ransom for many." This He has done, so incredibly modeled for us...and now we must do every day especially Sundays.

The thanks I mean to convey in this letter is also vastly different from any typical expression of gratitude there may be, because of, again, where that gratitude is born from.

As Catholics there is no greater treasure we have than the Holy Eucharist, and the word Eucharist means "To Give Thanks," and it is in this profound Spirit of Eucharistic gratitude that I say thank you to everyone involved in launching this Heaven on Earth event and the many individuals and families who attended, donated, laughed, got dizzy from any number of rides, who enjoyed delicious eats and drinks and an all around good and great time.

As the Priest distributes Christ in Holy Communion during Mass...The Saint Rose Carnival is a further reminder that we are ALL Eucharistic Ministers as well...distributing Christ whether extending those hands to deliver food, drinks, ride tickets, bingo cards, push brooms to clean the parking lot, keep everyone safe and secure.

Reminding us there is no greater Family to belong to than God's Family whose mightiest and most intimate expression of that gift is the Church Family, especially the SAINT ROSE FAMILY!

And speaking of really good eats...we "eucharistically" thank the following super generous food sponsors:

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and Honan's Funeral Home for much needed donation of drinks.

Finally, those magical numbers:

Net Proceeds: \$80,754

Sweepstakes: \$18,454 Carnival: \$62,300











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#### 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.

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2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/8/25			
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#### 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.



#### 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 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.

#### Northern Fairfield Professionals Meeting

5:30 - 8 pm, September 9, Knights of Columbus building Topic: Elevator speech workshop Guest speaker: Rob Phillips, Chief Learning Officer at M&T Bank

Please join us for an elevator speech workshop where Rob will provide a worksheet and discuss the 6 key steps in creating an elevator speech. The attendees will have the opportunity to practice their elevator speech and connect on any potential leads. Meet and network with peers, managers, and professionals.

To receive an NFP Evite email and other information on

upcoming NFP meetings, please email johnbarryitech@gmail.com



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.











School Supplies Update Thank you to every person who has dropped off items for our School Supply Drive. We are humbled by the immediate outpouring of donations in this challenging economy. Being the Hands and Feet of Christ to assist those who cannot afford NEW school supplies or to restock our supply closets before school begins is a huge blessing. We are grateful to share half of what we receive with Bridgeport inner-city schools, who also benefit from our Advent Book Collection (hosted by grades 4 - 6 each December.)

Special Ed Aides needed. We are quickly filling up and closing classes for the coming school year. Our office is diligently working on student placement for all grades. Though we had a wonderful response to our request for Catechists and Assistants, we are still looking for adults to help students who benefit from a one-to-one aide. Adults must be VIRTUS trained and go through a Background check. Special Needs assistants, like all aides, work within the classroom with the catechist and other adults. A stipend is offered to our Special Needs assistants. A background in education or special education is helpful but not required. Please contact Cate Gosselin for more info on which days are available (203) 426-2333, Ext. 1.

Attention High School Students Every classroom benefits from having "an extra set of hands" to help guide students, especially for art projects or for young students who are emerging readers, or to help hand out materials. If you are a high school student, 16 years or older, and Confirmed in the Catholic faith, we would love to have you join our classes as a teacher's aide. This is a wonderful opportunity for any high schooler considering a career in education or childcare. Great opportunity to earn service hours. Please contact Cate Gosselin for more info (203) 426-2333, Ext. 1.

Mark your calendars

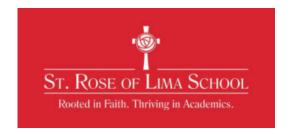
Mandatory Meeting of All Catechists - Sun, Sept 14,1:00 pm (in HI) New Catechist Meeting/Training - Tues., Sept 16, 7:00 pm (in HI) Homeschool Parents Meeting (Student workbooks will be distributed) - Wed, Sept 24, 7:00 pm (in HI)
First week of Religious Ed classes - Sept 28, 9:15 am; Sept 29 and

30, 4:30 pm. (all buildings)

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

#### 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 of Lima School News

Where students bloom in Heart, Mind, and Soul

We are counting down the days until the first day of school! The halls of St. Rose are buzzing with preparation as our dedicated teachers and staff get ready to welcome students back for a year filled with learning, friendship, and faith.

#### Join Our School Family

It's not too late to register for the 2025–2026 school year. Limited openings remain in select grades. St. Rose of Lima School offers a nurturing Catholic environment, rigorous academics, and a strong sense of community. For more information, visit www.stroseschool.com or email admissions@srles.com.

#### **Athletics**

Our Athletics Program is gearing up for a great season with cheer, volleyball, and our new soccer club.

Please keep our students, faculty, and families in your prayers as we prepare for another year of growing in heart, mind, and soul.

#### **Summer Office Hours:**

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

#### Religious Education is still looking for catechists. Openings include:

Monday:

Kindergarten - catechist & co-catechist/aide

Grade 2 - catechist & co-catechist/aide

Grade 3 - catechist & co-catechist/aide

Grade 6 - catechist & catechist aide

Tuesday:

Grade 1 - co-catechist/aide

Grade 5 - co-catechist Journey of Faith (8 -10)

\*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.









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#### Annual School Supply Collection

for St. Rose Religious Education Classes and Bridgeport's Inner-City Schools.



Supplies will be collected Aug 1 - 31. Donation bins will be located in the church - at all entrances, and at the Religious Education office entrance (back door).







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

#### Register here:





## Procession in honor of St. Rose our Patroness

Saturday, August 23 after 4pm Mass



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Contact Marci Mitchell for questions about the morning session or Liz Brestovansky for questions about the evening session





















#### Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents Who Have Suffered Perinatal Loss

This special retreat is for mothers and fathers who have lost a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss, no matter how long ago.

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

Please join us. All are welcome.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents One-Day Spiritual Retreat

At St. Rose of Lima Church 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown Saturday, October 4, 2025 9:00am – 6:00pm

To register, please contact: Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023 carolyn.killian@ctcemeteries

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED









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