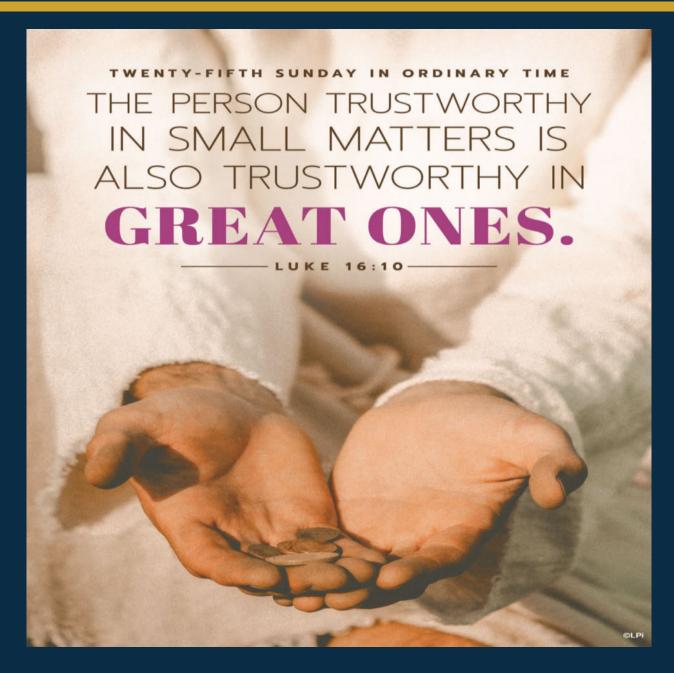


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 21, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

4:00 pm (Sat) 7:30 9:30 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm 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

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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	y, September 22		
6:45			
0.00	Paul Sclafani Family		
9:00			
Robert Cannone Mary Lee Cannone			
6:45	ay, September 23		
0.45	Anacaona Gonzalez The Bass Family		
9:00	Debbie Osborne Eileen Fitzpatrick		
9.00	James Craig Mary & Jim Craig Joan Dwyer Social Concerns		
Wedne	esday, September 24		
6:45	Jean Sullivan The Emmi Family		
0.40	John "Jack" Morrissey Lee Marie Gentile		
9:00	Carly Marie Margaret Kreshpan Family		
0.00	Meg & Jim Walsh Family		
Thursday, September 25			
6:45			
9:00	Gerard De Borja Family		
	Intentions of Vincent Correia Brian & Mariotte		
	Corson		
Friday, September 26			
6:45			
9:00			
	Richard Giannettino Friend		
Saturday, September 27			
8:00			
4:00	Steven Paul Lewkowicz Earl & Suzanne Spinelli		
Cunda	William Lavery The Pollock Family		
7:30	y, September 28 Lawrence Glueck Beth Groonell		
7.30	Stephen A. Schultz The Marusa Family		
9:30	Deceased members of Lisek & Boland Families		
9.50	Anna 9 lim Poland		
	Eileen Quinn John & Joan Borruso		
11:30	Lisa Cascone Family		
71.00	Richard Giannettino The Donigian Family		
5:00	Assunta Pavia John & Maria DeGirolamo		
	Jim Smith Kathy & Bob Mathison		
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Wedding Banns

BANNS III: Angela Kennedy & Gregory D'Amico

The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Stephen Mazuroski as requested by the Fraczek family.



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

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A MESSAGE FROM Father Peter

Wealth of Eucharist-Based Prayer

In today's Gospel, we hear of the rich man telling the steward to prepare a full account of his stewardship. A position, like it or not, we will one day be in ourselves...we refer to that moment as the Last Judgment.

The Rich Man is, of course, almighty God Himself whose wealth is His love, mercy, and seemingly reckless way He pours His graces into people's hearts and lives, none more so than to Catholics. For Catholics, we have been entrusted with the fullness of truth who is Jesus Christ fully present in the Eucharist.

If as Catholics we want to make the most of what God has invested in us by way of His love and graces, there is no practice which pays off greater dividends than prayer. By it, we powerfully fulfill that great responsibility entrusted to us in helping Christ redeem the world and save souls. But therein lies the problem: responsibility and accountability, especially in light of the eternity that each second of our lives is a preparation for.

Pope Francis once made this sobering remark, "Today no one in our world feels responsible; we have lost a sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters. We have fallen into the hypocrisy of the priest and the Levite whom Jesus described in the parable of the Good Samaritan: We see our brother half dead on the side of the road, and perhaps we say to ourselves: 'poor soul...!' and then go on our way.

It's not our responsibility, and with that we feel reassured. The culture of comfort, which makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people, makes us live in soap bubbles which, however lovely, are insubstantial; they offer a fleeting and empty illusion which results in indifference to others; indeed, it even leads to the globalization of indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others: It doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business!"

Very similar to what we heard from the prophet Amos in the first reading, "Hear this you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land." One of the more famous scripture sayings and one to which Pope Francis alluded to earlier is that money is the root of all evil: greed is an extreme form of self-centeredness.

As a parent tries to make decisions in light of what will most benefit his or her children, we must strengthen that habit of referring our lives and all our decisions in light of God's love and God's Will: thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

The fullest way that God invests the wealth of His love in us is the Eucharist. We are called to be a Eucharistic people.

The gift of the Eucharist is the entirety of God's gift of love and mercy to us...it is Christ...it is God...therefore, we receive the fullness of Heaven each time we receive worthily the Eucharist. And that there are few Catholics who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist or who attend Mass to receive Christ and many who have left the Catholic Faith are tragedies of epic proportions. As a Muslim once said: "If we believed that a piece of bread was transformed into Allah we would walk upon our knees the length of the entire earth to receive Him."

How then do we live Eucharistic lives? Perhaps the most lavish demonstration of Eucharistic charity is prayer...each prayer, if you will, is like a lotto winning that we deposit in the bank account or lives of those we pray for; to help them grow deeper and more aware of the power of God's love and their own power to love and help heal the world and be better prepared for the awesomeness of Heaven to come.

I will never forget the encounter I had with woman some years back whom I was having dinner with. She was very high up on the entertainment food chain, specifically the music industry. She ran with the likes of Led Zepplin, the Rolling Stones, and many others from the Rock era of the 60's 70's until this very day. She shared with me how often in order to attain that often allusive prize of massive wealth, status, and fame they would participate in elaborate rituals akin to a sacrilegious Mass and would sell their souls to the devil. A very disturbing conversation, as you can imagine. But her point was that we make such an emphasis on praying for the materially poor that we lose sight of those who are the poorest of the poor, those who do not have the love of God in their lives, who have bought into the world and devil's lie that money, pleasure, and fame are what make you truly happy, and not faith in God.

She asked me to pray for the people in the music industry since they desperately need those prayers; as Saint Paul says, "This is good and pleasing to God our Savior who wills everyone to be saved." And the lifeline God tosses to these people is strung together and made firm and strong for the grasping by our prayers.

If we as Catholics, especially through the most powerful prayer of all, the Mass, make more of a concentrated and collective effort to pray as a people of the Eucharist, then Heaven will be more than just a reality that awaits us on the other side, it will be a reality very much present in this world.











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. 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.

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.

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

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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.

Immaculate High School Fall Open House

Sunday, October 19 from 2:00 - 4:00pm Discover what makes Immaculate the #1 Catholic, Co-Ed Day School in CT (Niche 2025), as this event welcomes students and parents to meet with faculty, administrators, athletic staff and current students, as well as tour the classrooms, newly renovated science labs, business center, dining hall, Chapel, and Fitness Center. You will learn about our athletic, fine arts, spiritual life, and extracurricular offerings. We invite interested students and their families to register at immaculatehs.org/visit We can't wait to welcome you to IHS!



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

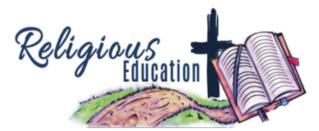
Outreach Ministries: Go to strosechurch.com/parish-outreach for contact names, numbers, and email.











Calendar of Events

Homeschool Parents Meeting - Sept 24 On Wednesday, Sept 24, the Religious Education staff will meet with all Homeschool parents/guardians to review changes and protocol for the new school year. Student workbooks and necessary materials will be distributed. The meeting will take place at 7 pm in Holy Innocents. (Children are welcome to come, but it is not necessary.) This meeting will be brief, but we will be available to answer all of your questions.

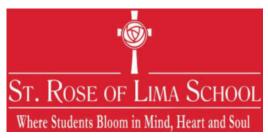
Weekly Newsletter is back All parents/guardians and catechists should be receiving our Weekly Newletter. This weekly communication replaces us sending multiple emails from multiple staff members. All pertinent information for the upcoming week will be found in the Newsletter, as well as links to upcoming events and service opportunities for our students and families. We also share what is happening in our classrooms. Please look for the next newsletter on Friday, September 26. It is sent at 3 pm on Fridays. If you do not receive our Newsletter, please contact Mary Craig at sacraments@strosechurch.com.

Sept 28 - 30 - Religious Education classes begin For all fully registered students, our classes will be the week of September 28. You will receive a phone call or email before this week to let you know the catechist and classroom location. Student Ambassadors will also be available to direct parents/guardians to the correct building and classrooms.

Registration Reopens on Oct 1 Any families that would like to register for the 2025-2026 school year are welcome to register their children beginning October 1. This will also be an opportunity for parents who need to switch their child from one day to another to be able to do so.

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



St. Rose School News

The spirit of St. Rose continues to shine bright as our students dive deeper into their learning and activities this fall! From classrooms to playing fields, the joy of discovery and community is everywhere.

Our fall **athletic season** is underway, with volleyball starting this week and our cheer team giving their best and representing our school with teamwork and pride. A special thanks to our dedicated coaches and supportive families who make these programs possible.

Beyond the classroom, our **enrichment clubs** are in full swing. From Robotics to ArtSmart, Cooking Club to Chess, students are exploring new interests, developing skills, and forming friendships that will last a lifetime.

St. Rose School is blessed with a vibrant, faith-filled community where every child is known and nurtured. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please schedule a tour by emailing admissions@srles.com or visiting www.stroseschool.com. Enrollment is open for Grades 1 and 2, as well as Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4.

Thank you for keeping our students, teachers, and families in your prayers as we continue to grow together in faith and knowledge.

Support Our Mission!

As we begin this school year, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the BLOOMS Fund, which helps bridge the tuition gap and provides vital resources to ensure that every St. Rose student continues to "bloom in mind, heart, and soul." Your generosity allows us to keep Catholic education vibrant for our children today and for generations to come.















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

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

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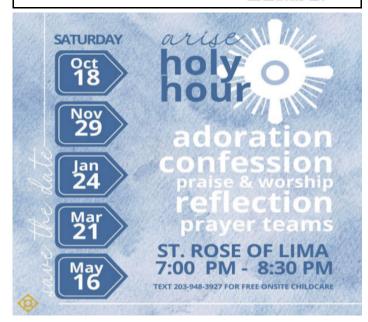




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Don't Miss Bingo Night, Friday, September 26, 2025! Get ready for Bingo fun and cash prizes, along with raffle giveaways and concessions. Games will take place in the Msgr. Weiss Gathering Hall at 40 Church Hill Road in Newtown. Doors open at 5:45pm, games run from 6:30pm-9:30pm. The per-person admission fee of

\$20 will cover all regular games.

Come out and kick-off the 2025/2026 Bingo season!!! The remaining Bingo dates for this year are as follows (subject to change):

September 26 January 23 February 6 March 20 October 17 November 21 May 15

For more information about St. Rose Bingo, contact the St. Rose of Lima School administrative offices at 203-426-5102.

See you soon! Your Friends at St. Rose HSA Bingo









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Who is OCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or if already baptized, through a Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as a child but never received religious education, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

We invite you to join our OCIA program. Fall session will meet weekly and consist of educational information and faith-sharing discussions.

Please contact Donna Locke at 203 513 0822, or RCIA@strosechurch.co if you are interested in attending or would like information.



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