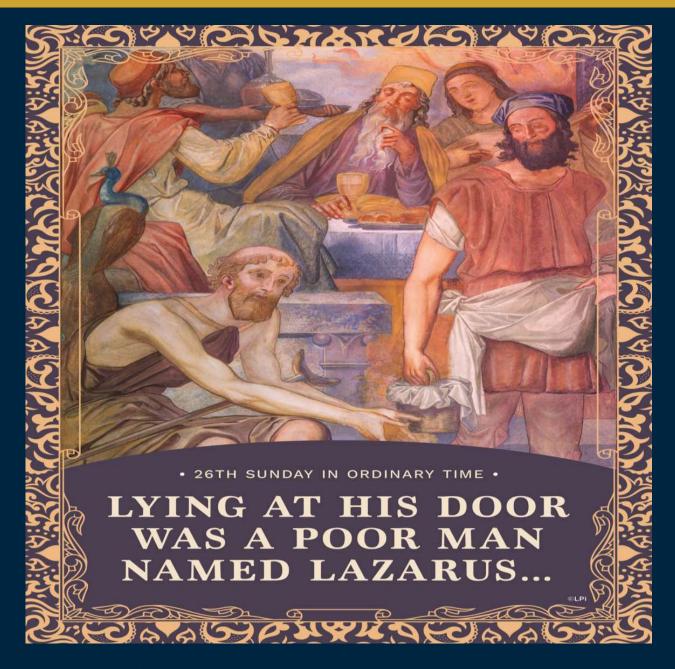
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 28, 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

Monday, September 29		
6:45	Intentions of Chris & Donna Locke The Taylor Family	
9:00		
	Intentions of Sister Mary Ellen Social Concerns	
Tuesday, September 30		
	Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners	
9:00	Chuck Patridge	
Wednesday, October 1		
6:45		
9:00		
	Christopher Robles Family	
Thursday, October 2		
6:45		
	The Middleton Family Edna Matis Joan Gilbertie	
0.00		
9:00		
Cui de c	Intentions of Theresa Keoglerlan & Jaimee Keogler	
Friday	, October 3	
9:00	Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners	
9.00	Fred Allen Family Patricia Margaret Parlette Crystal Mok	
Saturday, October 4		
8:00		
0.00	Harry Morelli & Joanne E. Giles Lay Missionaries	
	of Charity	
4:00	Bethany Mass	
	y, October 5	
7:30	John Pendergast The Gerbo Family	
1.00	Lawrence Glueck The Williams Family	
9:30	Eileen Quinn Alice & Edward Walsh	
11:30	Gloria & Juan Olvera, Severiano Saavedra, & the	
	Intentions of Laura Saavedra Family	
	Marilyn Sica Lee & Paul Boyle	
5:00	Intentions of the Fuchs Family Kevin & Debbie Bodie	
	Jean Otton St. Rose Staff	

## The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Edna Matis as requested by Joan Gilbertie.

# Bethany Mass

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those persons who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. On Saturday, October 4th, at the 4:00 PM Mass, we celebrate in a special way, George Geckle III, Joan Clark, Charles Patridge, Patricia Lodato and Charles O'Donnell, 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.

# 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!













True Wealth

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day."

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and, knowing that his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

Finally on the day he was to graduate his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He then handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed the young man opened the box and found a lovely leather bound Bible with his name embossed on it in gold. He was angry so he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all of your money you give me a Bible rather than the sports car I wanted." He then stormed out of the house leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in the business he went into. He had a beautiful home and a wonderful family but realized, when he thought about his father, that he was very old.

However, before he could make arrangements to go see him, he received a phone call from a funeral home director telling him that his father had passed away and had willed all of his possessions to him.

When the son arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible his father had given him for graduation. The Bible looked new just as it was years ago when he was given it.

With tears in his eyes he opened the Bible and began to turn through the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse which was Matthew 7:11 which reads, "And if ye being evil know how to give good gifts to your children how much more shall your Heavenly Father who is in Heaven give to those who ask Him."

As the son read those words a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag on it with the car dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car that he wanted so badly for his college graduation. On the tag was the date of his graduation and the words written in large print "PAID IN FULL."

In today's first reading, the prophet Amos warns against complacency which means taking for granted the good things—no all things—that have been entrusted to us in this life, beginning with the gift of life.

And yet as Christians there is no greater gift we have than the gift of everlasting life, purchased at the price not of a car, nice home, good education, stocked cabinets, time shares, but the awful price of the Son of God who died on the Cross. There is nothing we have then that we can lay claim to that is truly our own except our sins.

There is, then, no greater virtue, with the exception of love, that we must cultivate in this life than humility...which the rich man grossly lacked. Humility exists in those who are poor enough to see that they possess nothing of their own.

There is nothing worse than religious complacency since the negative consequences of a life that takes God's blessings for granted may result in some after-life torment, as the Rich Man today finds himself in...having been Hell instead of Heaven to poor Lazarus.

Saint Vincent De Paul, the great Apostle of Charity, had this to say in light of today's Gospel parable:

"If you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor. Although in his passion Jesus almost lost the appearance of a man and was considered a fool by the Gentiles and a stumbling block by the Jews, he showed them that his mission was to preach to the poor. He sent me to preach the good news to the poor. We also ought to have this same spirit and imitate Christ's actions, that is, we must take care of the poor, console them, help them, support their cause.

Since Christ willed to be born poor, he chose for himself disciples who were poor. He made himself the servant of the poor and shared their poverty. He went so far as to say that he would consider every deed which either helps or harms the poor as done for or against himself."

Since God surely loves the poor, he also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, he also includes in his affection anyone who loves or serves the one he loves.

Therefore, we must try to be stirred by our neighbours' worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions.

As we press forward into this week, let us be aware of the presence of Christ in all people, especially the poor, needy, downcast and suffering, and tend to the Christ in them by way of the power of the Eucharistic Christ fully present in us from this Mass...the most precious gift, the greatest treasure we must never take for granted.













#### 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 évery First Saturday.

#### Health Ministry.

Meets quarterly, meeting place and time to be determinėd.

#### 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.

#### Northern Fairfield Professionals Meeting

5:30 - 8 pm, October 14, Knights of Columbus Building

Join us for an interactive panel discussion with Talent Acquisition professionals from some local companies. The panel will provide insight on best practices for working with recruiters and corporations, discuss hiring trends in today's job market, and discuss the process used to screen and qualify candidates as well as misconceptions that have surfaced in regards to the process. Other discussion topics may include recommendations for candidates, social media and networking.

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

#### 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.

### Find the details! for all ministries including contact info at strosechurch.com

#### 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.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, we officially launched Blaze — a Bible study for girls in grades 6 — 12. We're deeply grateful for the incredible group of young ladies the Holy Spirit brought our way. The day included plenty of time for connection with brunch and fun icebreakers, as well as prayer, journal reflection on Ephesians 2:10, and a Christian dance video

"This is Me." It was beautiful to witness these girls come together in faith, forming bonds and opening their hearts to God's truth.

Join us for BLAZE @ The Holy Innocents Building every Sunday at 11am (doors open at 10:45am). We invite you to come explore scripture, build friendships, and grow in faith. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Fernandez or Dorene Via at BlazeStRose@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.











Sept 28 - 30 - Religious Education Classes Begin We ask everyone to be extra careful when coming to Masses on Sunday mornings now that our Religious Education classes have started. The parking lot will be extra busy each week. Please be aware of the orange cones in the parking lot that are a reminder that classes are in session. We ask everyone to be extra cautious of both young families and our older parishioners as they exit from the buildings or church. Thank you.

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.

Parent Meeting for all grades - Oct 8 All parents/guardians of students who attend in-person classes are encouraged to attend our Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 8 at 7 pm. This meeting will take place in the Holy Innocents Building. We will review our plans for the coming school year, new pickup procedures, and new events and additions to our school year. Since we know how busy your schedule is, we anticipate this meeting should not be more than an hour.

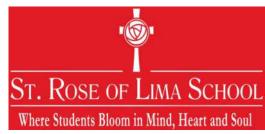
Clergy Appreciation Day - Oct 12 Please join us as we celebrate and honor our clergy. We are so grateful for the leadership of Father Peter Cipriani, our spiritual father, for his involvement and love of our children's programs. We are blessed with the love, prayers, and dedication of our parsh priests, Father CJ, Father Mike Flynn, Father Vu, Monsignor Bob, and the many priests who have given their time and service to the many parishioners of St. Rose Church. Let us thank God for the gift of each priest.

Beginning of the Year Masses for Students - Oct 12, 20-21 We will begin our school year with a Mass on Sunday, Oct 12 at 9:15 am in the Gathering Hall. This Mass takes the place of Sunday's classes and Father Peter Cipriani will be our celebrant. The Mass counts for Sunday obligation. All are welcome. Students will sit with their catechist and class. Our Monday and Tuesday classes will have their Beginning of the Year Masses on Oct 20 and 21 at 4:30 pm. These Masses take place in the church. Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us for our Eucharistic celebrations. Students will sit with their catechist and class.

**Columbus Day Classes in Session** Please note that Newtown Public Schools are in session on Columbus Day, Oct 13. Therefore, our Religious Education classes will be in session. As a reminder, Religious Education classes follow the Newtown Public School calendar for days off and snow days. Please see our calendar on the website for more details.

Homeschool check-in #1 - Oct 15 The first check-in meeting for our Homeschool students will take place on Wednesday, Oct 15, at 4:30 pm in Holy Innocents. This meeting will be an hour-long class for both students and parent/guardian. We will work together to teach the lesson, do the activities, and give you resources for continuing the lesson at home. Students should bring their workbooks with them for review.

Weekly Newsletter is back. All parents/guardians and catechists should be receiving our Weekly Newsletter. 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.



#### St. Rose School News

A Day of Community & Gratitude

We give thanks to God for blessing us with a beautiful day and a spirit-filled community as we hosted the first annual St. Rose Car Show. The event was a tremendous success, filled with joy, fellowship, and gratitude. Thank you to all our parishioners, school families, car enthusiasts and friends who came out to support St. Rose School. Your presence made the day even more special.

We are especially grateful to our generous sponsors, whose support helped make this day possible:

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Your generosity strengthens our mission to provide a Christ-centered education where our students continue to bloom in mind, heart, and soul. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Home & School Association (HSA) for their leadership in planning and coordinating the St. Rose Car Show. Their dedication and tireless efforts, along with the countless hours given by our many parent and student volunteers, brought this event to life in such a joyful and seamless way. Your teamwork and generosity of spirit are a true blessing to our parish and school community, and we are deeply grateful for all you do to make St. Rose shine.

May God bless each of you for the many ways you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with St. Rose Parish and School.

#### **Support Our Mission!**

Throughout the 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



#### **August Offertory**

Sunday - \$88,597 Sunday 2024 - \$80,373 Holy Day - \$3,794 Monthly - \$6,729

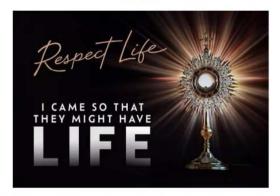








# Tuesday October 7th Our Lady of the Rosary Feast and



Saint Rose of Lima Church celebrates the month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary and Right to Life, with all day Adoration on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration and Rosary Prayer

7:45pm Candle Procession and Litany

8:00pm Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament



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Wednesday Morning Sessions: Oct 8, 2025 - Apr 1, 2026, 10-11:45am Register via QR code or link below:



https://www.osvhub.com/stroseoflimachurch/forms/wwp-registration2025

Contact Denise Wiley for questions about the evening session or

Marci Mitchell for questions about the morning 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

#### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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

**Respect Life Month** Sunday October 5th Special Children's Blessing at all Masses All families with children are invited to come forward at the end of Mass for a special priestly blessing.









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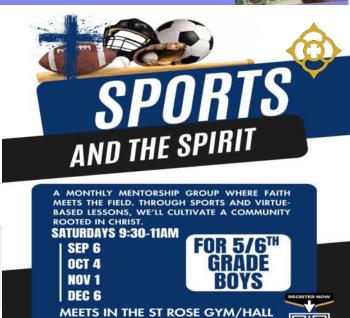
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