

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 12, 2025



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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

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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

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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, October 13	
8:00 Jack Obre Family	
luesda	ay, October 14
6:45	Bert Atwater Getz Lee Marie Gentile & Edward
	Goodwin
0.00	Charlie Kirk Pat Conway
9:00	Barbara Johnston The Stutman Family
M/s slee se	Charles Patridge The Rowland Family
Wednesday, October 15	
6:45 9:00	
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	Moulder Maureen Keenaghan Corinne Speidel
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Thursday, October 16 6:45 Eileen Cashin Donna & Joe Rahtelli	
0.45	Leonardo Constantino Lupariello Family
9:00	Keren Murphy Cinny Jose
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6:45	
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	Dipple
	Theresa M Family
Saturday, October 18	
8:00	Joanne Giles The Rosary Group
0.00	Paul Phaneuf The Sughrue Family
4:00	Anne Murray Frank Sequenzia & Sandra Spagnoli
1.00	Intentions of Claudette Cawley Marianne Hodge
Sunday, October 19	
7:30	Fortunato Macri Maria, Anthony, Erica, & Family
	Lorenzo & Victor Gonzalez The Bass Family
9:30	John Giannettino Dick Giannettino
	Robert Allan Riego de Dios Parker, Natalie,
	Maura & Logan
11:30	Nora Meehan Anna & Jim Boland
	Victor DeGirolamo & Marilyn Imbimbo Silvia &
	Scott Harner
5:00	Beth Davis The Gerbo Family
	Viola Lucato Pamela, Sarah & Claire Nieves

The Sanctuary Candle

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

Wedding Banns

BANNS II: Catherine Ingersoll & Daniel Fernandes

September Offertory

Sunday - \$87,332 Sunday 2024 - \$96,589 Holy Day - \$640 Monthly - \$9,515



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!











From the Book of Revelation:

"Woe to the inhabiters of the earth...for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

That woman is the Holy Virgin, whose children we are as followers of our Big Brother Jesus. We are a land of great freedom and of greater Faith. Our soil is soaked with the life-giving blood, sweat, and tears of our spiritual forebears who came to this country, specifically to New York during the 1630's.

Prior, God called the Jesuits of France to set aside certain men to wage war against Satan for the salvation of the souls of the North American Indian.

These eight Jesuits are the North American Martyrs whose Feast day we celebrate October 19th, which will be "pre-empted" by the Sunday celebration of Mass. As important as our immigrant ancestors are for us whose sacrifice built us a home here, our spiritual immigrant fathers are more crucial for they have bequeathed to us the great treasure of our Sacramental Faith.

And how did things pan out for these eight men?

Saint Rene Goupil was tomahawked for making the sign of the Cross on the heads of children...how simple yet profoundly powerful is this sign.

Saint Isaac Jogues had his fingers chewed off so that he could no longer consecrate ordinary bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Saint Anthony Daniel was struck down while saying Mass at a Huron Village. During the Mass the villagers were attacked by Iroquois. Saint Anthony ran around baptizing the natives using soaked rags and wringing them over the heads of the Hurons. He was felled by arrows, and huddled together with all his newly born spiritual sons and daughters into the church where it was then burned to the ground with all in it., the smoke no doubt rising into the heavens like incense as a perfect offering of Christ in each of their martyred bodies to God the Father.

Saint Garnier, while teaching already converted Indians, came under attack by a rival tribe. Perceiving the mortal danger, he ran about giving each person absolution in preparation for their eventual martyrdom. He was then tomahawked. Another reminder of the precious gift of Christ's mercy made present through the beautiful sacrament of Confession.

Of the other men, the stories are simply too barbaric to retell here but like their brothers they persevered through their individual Passions. The lessons for us as Catholic Americans are manifold.

The Lesson of sacrifice. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church...we hear the awe-inspiring stories of the great martyrs of Rome, but we have them right here in the USA, only a few short hours to the Auriesville's shrine in New York where their sanctified blood fertilized the soil of Faith in our country.

The precious blood of the Eucharist flows anew during each Mass, but also in the deaths of each martyr, for it is the blood of Christ that is once more shed for the salvation of the world: "This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven...do this is memory of me."

The Lesson of prayer. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament on the part of these men was like their spiritual multivitamin. Love and total belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist sustained these men through the most demanding of ordeals. Jesus promised not to leave us orphans and He remains a contented prisoner of love in His tabernacle 24/7 waiting and waiting for you and me.

What is our spiritual legacy to present and future generations shaping up to be? Imagine, if our immigrant forebears had never come to this country, had not picked up the gauntlet to make for themselves and their children a better life?

And what if throughout our history countless men and women did not respond to the calls to war to safeguard our precious liberties... where would we be and who would we be? But these examples pale in comparison to the most precious liberty of all...to be followers of Christ Jesus...for America is not our homeland; Heaven is, where our ultimate freedom lies.

But if one were to look around this country, scourged by such division, it would seem that Satan has assumed power. The soil stagnates with a terrible drought...are we praying...are we sacrificing...are we daily converting...what is our legacy shaping up to be? As Christ challenges: "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" When He comes during the prayer of Consecration at Mass, will he find Faith in America, New York, Connecticut; will he find Faith in the hearts of you and me?













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.

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

Support our Seminarians!

Bishop Caggiano would like to remind you to participate in the Seminarian & Vocations Drive. The formation of our future priests is a critical responsibility for our diocese, and we rely heavily on the support of generous donors like you to make this possible. The cost of educating and training a seminarian for the priesthood has risen to more than \$70,000 annually, and it is becoming increasingly challenging to meet these expenses without additional assistance from our faithful community. Please support our future priests who will serve our communities for many years to come! Visit www.bridgeportpriest.org/give











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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.

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

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 parish 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 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.

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.

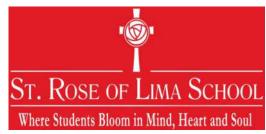
Homeschool check-in #1 - Oct 15 The first check-in meeting for our Homeschool students will take place on Wednesday, Oct 15, at 4:30 pm in Holy Innocents. This meeting will be an hour-long class for both students and parent/guardian. We will work together to teach the lesson, do the activities, and give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

Children's Rosary begins Oct 16 All families - children especially - are invited to our monthly rosary hour at 4 pm in our church. This one hour of prayer is coordinated by two volunteers, but we encourage our youth to lead in reciting the rosary. Booklets and assistance are provided to learn the prayers of the rosary and the four sets of mysteries.

Students in grade six and seven will receive one service hour for attending, as this is a spiritual work of Mercy for Confirmation preparation. Any questions, please call Cate Gosselin (203) 426-2333. Ext. 1.

Beginning of the Year Masses for Students - Oct 20-21 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.

2nd Grade Instructional Workshop - Oct 25 Students who will be receiving First Communion this Spring, along with their parents and guardians are asked to attend this workshop "What's In God's House" at 9:30 am in the church. Attendance will be taken at this workshop. For questions, please contact Laura DeFelice (203) 426-2333, Ext. 4.



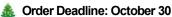
St. Rose School News

It's been a joyful and faith-filled time at St. Rose School, where our students continue to bloom in mind, heart, and soul!

We ended last week celebrating St. Francis of Assisi, honoring his deep love for all of God's creatures. Father Peter led a special homily at Friday Mass, reminding our students to care for every living being with kindness and compassion.

This week brought plenty of laughter and creativity as we marked **Mad Hatter Day**, with students and teachers donning their most colorful, crazy hats. The joy and imagination throughout the halls reminded us that learning at St. Rose is about more than academics—it's about faith, community, and celebrating the unique gifts of every child.

As we look ahead to the holidays, we invite our parish family to support St. Rose School through our annual Holiday Greenery Sale. Beautiful wreaths, garlands, and tabletop trees will bring festive cheer to your home while directly supporting our students and school programs.





Scan to complete your purchase!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Catholic education at St. Rose of Lima!

For more information about attending St. Rose School, visit www.stroseschool.com or call 203-426-5102.

Support Our Mission!

If Holiday Greenery doesn't meet your needs, 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

St. Rose Parish 2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 10/3/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal: \$204,500 Total Pledged:\$251,547 (123%) Donors to Date:415 Donors To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.















NEWTOWN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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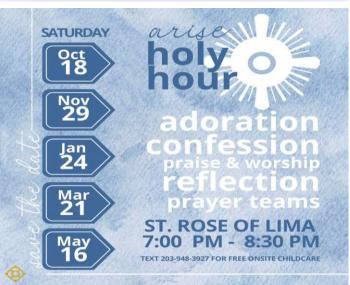


WHEN: October 11, 2025 thru October 28, 2025 COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH We will accept new or gently used coats (adult and children's), as well as gloves, hats, scarfs, and NEW socks.

Monetary Donations accepted.







Parish Families:

Anticipating our Veterans' Day Observance Mass on Sunday, November 9th, please submit to the Rectory Office the names of Family Member Veterans living and deceased.









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JOIN US FOR OCIA (was RCIA)

OCIA - the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins October 16, 2025. We encourage any adult who has questions about Catholicism to join us.

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.

St. Rose of Lima Church



Oct 13, 2025 at 12 Noon Cost \$8.00 per person Holy Innocents Bldg

Come join St. Rose Seniors while we enjoy fun, food and friendship.

RSVP by Oct 1, 2025 to StroseLunchandLearn@strosechurch.com or call/text Carol at (203) 470-6790

Are you looking for women's health services/resources for you or a loved one?

Luminous Women's Health & Wellness - an initiative of Project Beloved - is a nonprofit that provides reproductive health education, services & support to all women pre-adolescent onward, in order to empower them in making the best health decisions possible. Endorsed by Bishop Caggiano, Luminous offers: Body Literacy & Cycle Tracking Education for adult women as well as mother/daughter programs so women can understand how their bodies work in a state of health/address symptoms in a natural way; Family Planning Education; always free Pregnancy Services & Support, and Infertility & Miscarriage Support. Call or text to make your appointment: 203-487-2550.To learn more, visit www.luminoushealthwellness.com or stop in: 1250 Summer

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HELP STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sunday, October 19 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Join us to hear from Our Rescue's CEO Derek Benner as he shares about sex trafficking and child exploitation, what Our Rescue is doing to combat it, and how each of us can Join the Fight™.



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> For More Info Visit Our Website OurRescue.org

Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stop.human-trafficking-tickets-15564397261197 aff=oddtdtcreator

Annual PreCana Workshop

If you are getting married in the coming year, or you know someone who will be, please encourage them to sign up for our St. Rose Church PreCana Workshop on Saturday, February 28. This in-person workshop helps couples learn about the many aspects of marriage - finances, communication, conflict resolution, threats to a healthy marriage, intimacy and its responsibilities, and learning to love for a lifetime. In this full day workshop couples engage with team couples to help navigate these topics. There is time for discussion, laughter, games, and social time, as well as plenty of food and beverages. Please contact Kelly Gerbo, Wedding Coordinator, to register for this annual event. (203) 426-1014.

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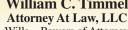
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