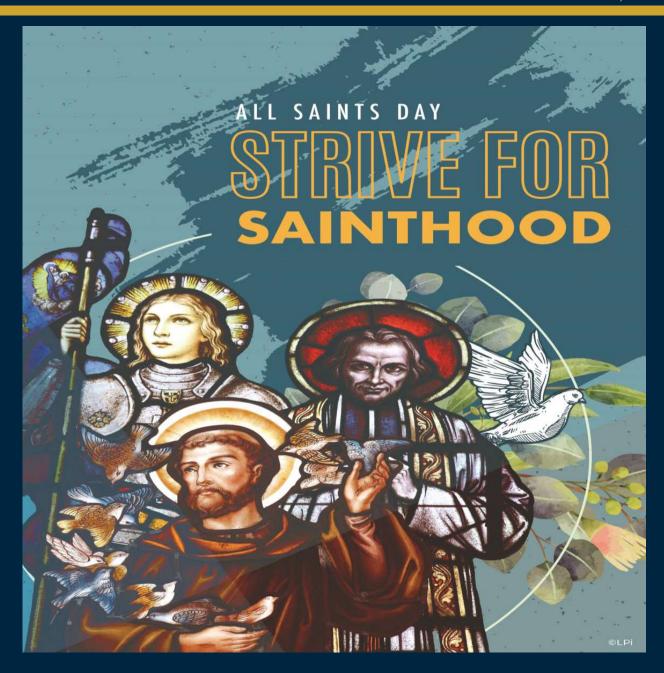


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October 26, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

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.









Mass Intentions for the Week

Monda	y, October 27		
6:45	Peggy Schreiber Don & Marg Studley		
	William Fry Fr. Peter Cipriani		
9:00	Bernhard Klaus Ellen Klaus		
	Charles Patridge Phyllis & Lou Polonkay		
Tuesday, October 28			
6:45	Intentions of Cornelius Doyle Tom & Helen Stretton Intentions of Sandra Pisani The Cincotta Family		
9:00	Intentions of Sandra Pisani The Cincotta Family		
	Richard Novak The McKenzie Family		
Wednesday, October 29			
6:45	Stretton		
9:00	Cathy Stenza The Taylor Family		
	Chuck Patridge Tom & Darlene		
Thursday, October 30			
6:45			
9:00	Gary DeLeo The Cody Family Intentions of Cornie Costello The Rosary Group		
Friday, October 31			
6:45			
9:00	Charles Patridge		
5:30			
Saturday, November 1- All Saints' Day			
8:00	Gloria, Juan, Severiano, Conception, &		
4.00	Mercedes The Saavedra Family		
4:00	Greg Smith		
- 00	Rita M. Lapati Anne & Flavio Rosa		
5:30	Intentions of Edward James Goodwin Lee Marie Gentile		
Sunday, November 2– All Souls' Day			
7:30			
7.00	Bass Family		
	Intentions of Kathleen Emke Marianne Hodge		
9:30	Deceased Souls in Purgatory		
11:30	Joseph Antonazzo Nicolina Antonazzo		
	Marlene Kokalj The O'Driscoll Family		
5:00	Hazel Pitcher Deb Cody		
	Tony Ambrogio Alyssa & Stephen Ambrogio		

The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Hildegard Jorgensen as requested by friends.

Wedding Banns

BANNS II: Amelia Justo & Gregory Fracassini

All Souls' Day Mass

On Saturday, November 1st, the St. Rose of Lima Bereavement Ministry will host the 5:30 PM Mass in the Church. The Mass will be for our parishioners who have died since November 2024. All are invited to attend this Mass and remember these parishioners as well as your own deceased loved ones. Please join us in this special Mass to celebrate their eternal lives with the Lord.



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.

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Thank you!











A MESSAGE FROM Father Peter

THE SAINT-ITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Saturday, we celebrate All Saints Day. Who is a Saint? One who loves as Jesus calls us to in the Gospel: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength...and your Neighbor as yourself."

In demanding and confusing times like ours, nowhere is the influence of the Saints more to be sought than now. The great rage in this country that has occupied most of our thoughts, television images, and newspaper ink is the collective obsession with the suggested primacy of politics.

That when delving into the political arena we are seemingly obligated to check our Faith at the door as though it were a winter accessory like a coat or scarf to be closeted for a time for later pick up. We are incessantly told that Faith should not inform our political decisions.

But if by Faith we mean loving and serving Christ, embracing all He is and has given to us, then we cannot help but be informed by faith as the love of our families, no matter where we go, our devotion to our children, no matter where we go, are constantly in our hearts and on our minds and are the great incentive for getting out of bed each day and often punching that work clock.

Speaking of Saints, in the year 107, the Bishop of Antioch, Saint Ignatius (October 17th), was arrested for the crime of being Christian. He dared to defy the Roman political landscape which demanded primary allegiance to the political powers that be, especially the Emperor.

Ignatius was marched hundreds of miles from Antioch: a dead man walking or, better yet, an extended Way of the Cross right into the great Colosseum in Rome where he would be executed by—of all terrifying things— purposely starved and ravenous beasts.

Writing to friends who sought to rescue him, Ignatius would not be denied his moment to testify to all of human history the primacy of his love for Christ and Church, writing, "I plead with you let me be food for the wild beasts, for they are my way to God. I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their teeth so that I become Christ's pure bread."

And so, in full view of the most powerful political figures of the time, in the very center of the Empire's seat of power, Ignatius gave up his life to Christ, staring down all fear and compromise as the wild beasts descended upon him: a self-offering in that same spirit of Eucharistic Giving when Christ gave His whole body for our consumption...not as beasts, but the complete opposite, that we might be more God-like.

How can a man, plus the countless women and children who shared a similar and gruesome fate, be filled with this kind of incredible courage and defiance, if not informed by Faith, informed by the real presence of Jesus Christ in their bodies?

The other day someone reminded me that I could not be a single-issue person, that I had to get past the whole abortion thing. When I asked exactly what other issue I should be more focused on, he retorted, "Our economy"

I was reminded by something Archbishop Fulton Sheen once wrote about those who dare not to "Let Him Who says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," come into the world that believes in the primacy of the economic and see what happens. He will be so poor that during life He will have nowhere to lay His head; a day will come when He will die without anything of economic worth. In His last hour He will be so impoverished that they will strip Him of His garments, nail Him to a Cross and even give Him a stranger's grave for His burial, as He had a stranger's stable for His birth."

I thought, what if, in this country's history, slavery did not become a primary issue?

That, in fact, it was not a political issue but rather a human dignity issue...an 'each person at the moment of conception is created in the image and likeness of God' issue? And that, because our country tried to ignore this fact and play politics with other people's lives and dignity, a horrific war ensued. So what if, unlike Ignatius, Abraham Lincoln did not dare to defy the politics of the south?

Perhaps Saint Theresa of Calcutta, herself an outstanding modern-day icon of the sanctity that is demanded of all of us says it best:

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts – a child – as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government.

They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

Without preserving the gift of life, there is no discussion of other important issues...any issues period.

Ultimately, we are left with this question: would a Saint defend the sanctity of all human life or promote its destruction?













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.

Newtown Lions Club 3rd Annual Model Train Show

To benefit Childhood Cancer Research Sunday October 26 from 10 AM - 2:30 PM Newtown Community Center, 8 Simpson St. This year the Lions will also host a Halloween Costume Parade as part of the 2025 Benefit Model Train show. The parade will be a fun, festive event for children age 12 and under to show off their costumes. Come participate in a community celebration, and have a chance to win prizes! All participants will leave with a goodie bag. The event will feature several different operating model railroads encompassing over 1700 square feet, and don't miss your opportunity to Win a Lego Model Railroad. Thank You for helping the Newtown Lions Club help our community and the World through your participation.

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

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.

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Stay Connected with St. Rose Parish.

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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.

Northern Fairfield Professionals Meeting

5:30 - 8 pm, November 11, Knights of Columbus building **Speakers:** Deb Lundstrom and Lexi Lopiano **Topic:** Mock Interview Session: Sharpen Your Skills, Strengthen Your Story

A workshop designed to help you refine your interview skills, build confidence, and get real-time feedback to support your job search journey. Whether you're actively interviewing or preparing to re-enter the market, this session is an opportunity to practice articulating your experience, strengths, and goals in a supportive, professional setting. If you are going to attend, please email johnbarryitech@gmail.com for more details on the meeting and what to bring. 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.











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. For questions, please contact Laura DeFelice (203) 426-2333, Ext. 4.

Special Monthly Collection for November The monthly collection for November is dedicated to the needs of the Religious Education program. Please be as generous as you can to support the students and programs that we provide. Some of the students would not be able to attend classes if it weren't for financial assistance from the parish. The cost of supplies and services have risen a lot in recent months. Therefore, your contributions are deeply appreciated. Thank you!

Don't Forget Nov 1 - All Saints Day, Nov 2 - All Souls Day, Nov 2 -Daylight Savings Time ends - Turn clocks back one hour.

Confirmation Mass - Nov 2 All of our Confirmation students and parents/guardians are asked to join us for the Confirmation Mass at 6:30 pm in the church. Father Peter Cipriani will lead our Eucharistic celebration as our Confirmation students prepare for their Confirmation in the spring. Confirmation sponsors are welcome to join us too! This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

No School - Election Day As a reminder, there will be no classes on Election Day, Nov 4, as we follow the Newtown Public Schools Calendar

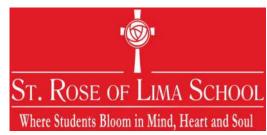
Grade 6 Saints Workshop - Nov 8 All grade 6 students in Religious Education, including our homeschool students, should attend a workshop on the Saints with presenter David Plaue, the creator of the Saints Sticker Book. Students will take a "walk through the ages" to learn about many saints - some well known and some who are not. The workshop will begin at 9 am in Holy Innocents. Attendance will be taken.

Veterans Day Classes in Session - Nov 11 Please note that Newtown Public Schools are in session on Veterans Day, Nov 11. 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.

Confirmation Retreat with Chris Padgett - Nov 15 Details will be sent to Confirmation students and their families regarding this retreat which is a prerequisite for Confirmation.

Grade 5, 6, and OCIA Instructional Mass - Nov 16 Please join us as our students and OCIA adults learn about the Mass with Father Peter Cipriani. Students should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Attendance will be taken. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Homeschool check-in #2 - Nov 19 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.



St. Rose School Highlights

It's been a lively and exciting week at St. Rose! Students smiled bright for School Picture Day, our clubs are in full swing, and our **athletic teams** are gearing up for another great season.

Our students are exploring their interests through a variety of activities, including **Lego Club** for our younger grades, as well as **Band**, **Chess Club**, **Culinary Club**, and **Stock Market** Club. On the courts, our Varsity Boys, JV Boys, and Girls Basketball teams have begun practicing and preparing for their upcoming season.

On **Friday**, we celebrated one of our favorite traditions — the **10th Annual Trunk or Treat!** This event has become a highly anticipated private gathering for our community, bringing families together to showcase creativity, school spirit, and St. Rose pride. A heartfelt thank you to our **Trunk or Treat** Committee Chairs, Jenn Perry and Kate Gordon, and to the many helping hands who made this year's event another incredible success.

As we move into the holiday season, we invite you to support our school by purchasing from our **Holiday Greenery** Fundraiser. You don't need to be a St. Rose family to participate — all are welcome to order and plan for pickup on or around **December 3rd**. Every purchase helps our students continue to bloom in mind, heart, and soul.



Order Deadline: October 30

Pick-Up: On or around December 3 at the St. Rose School Field

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 come.



Religious Ed collects unwanted religious articles and items in any condition year-round for St. Mary Recycle Mission Group, which works to help rescue and recycle used religious items for those in need. Items may be dropped off at the Religious Ed office, Monday-Friday.









St. Rose of Lima Church Senior Lunch and Learn

Monday, Nov 10, 2025 12 Noon Holy Innocents Building Lunch Price: \$8.00 (Cash or Check)





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All Guests MUST RSVP by Nov 4, 2024 to Carol Egan, Lunch Coordinator SRlunchandlearn@strosechurch.com or Call/Text - Carol (203) 470-6790







Parish Families:

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

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Fairfield Prep Open House -November 15

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Register Here:



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Boy Scouts Wreath Sale

Boy Scout Troop 770, which is sponsored by St. Rose of Lima Church, will be holding its annual holiday wreath sale Thanksgiving weekend after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, November 29th and 30th. The wreaths are 22inch fresh balsam fir with a red bow and cost \$20 each. We will also be selling white pine roping - 25 ft for \$25. Venmo, cash, and checks payable to Troop 770 accepted. All proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 770 and help fund community service projects, monthly campouts, leadership training, troop supplies, and equipment. New scouts are always welcome to join our troop!



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The Rescue Project - Introductory Session

November 12

Do you have doubts about your Faith in a world that is so confusing? Are you unsure of how it all should fit together in these complicated times we live in? Do you just want to know more about our Catholic faith? St. Rose will be presenting "The Rescue Project" series by Fr. John Ricciardo, where we'll be hearing a new take on the history of Jesus' coming and Resurrection. Join us in Holy Innocents on November 12 at 7:30pm for a conversation previewing the video series, camaraderie with fellow parishioners, and hopefully the rekindling of your faith. Interested in learning more? Contact Pedro Saboia at pedrosab@gmail.com to register or for more information. "Seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)

To watch the introduction video, go to https:// watch.actsxxix.org/therescueproject/videos/the-rescueproject-trailer



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