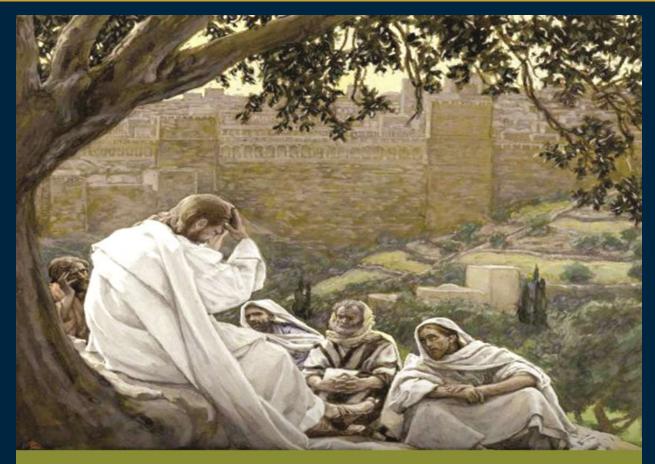


THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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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, November 17		
6:45	Joseph Antonazzo Family	
	Kenneth Fraga Bernadette McSweeney	
9:00	Fred Allen Family	
	Intentions of Sharmila Huber Brian & Mariotte Corson	
Tuesday, November 18		
6:45	Immacolata Gargano Vincent & Stuart Cole	
9:00	Anne Marie Porco Rosemary Rioux	
	Paul O'Donnell Ginger Patridge	
Wednesday, November 19		
6:45	Bernard Rafferty Sheila & Cos Civale	
9:00	Chuck Patridge	
	Mary DiCrescenzo Family	
Thursday, November 20		
6:45		
	Zachary James Goodwin Lee Gentile	
9:00	Patsy Villano Mary Lee Cannone	
	Richard Rajauski Carolyn Marino	
Friday, November 21		
6:45	Pedro & Piedad Garcia The Middleton Family	
9:00	Anthony Baiad, Sr Peggy & Tony Baiad	
	Hildegard Jorgensen The Rahtelli Family	
Saturday, November 22		
8:00		
4:00		
	Families of Vic, Frank, & Silvia	
	William Lavery Joan Gilbertie	
Sunda	y, November 23	
7:30	Lexy Adams The Vodola Family Marc Mercier	
	Marc Mercier	
9:30	Amada & Francisco Allen The Middleton Family	
	David Rothgeb Ann & Flavio Rosa	
11:30	Alvaro Cortina	
	Mary Lou & Don Carr & Julia & Eugene Quaglia Family	
5:00	Alvaro Cortina The Markut Family	

### The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Fred Allen as requested by the Klausner Family.

### Wedding Banns

BANNS II:

Kennedy Ballard & Michael Santos

### Thank You

St. Rose Outreach Ministry was graciously chosen to receive a donation from JOHN L MACKO in memory of his sister, Lorraine Macko Whelan. We are most grateful for his generosity.



#### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00PM or by special appointment.

#### **BAPTISM**

Sundays 1:00PM. Pre-Baptism class is required. For other parent/sponsor related prerequisites, go to strosechurch.com/baptism.

### FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST RECONCILIATION, and CONFIRMATION

Religious Ed classes begin at age 5.1st Grade is prerequisite for First Reconciliation and Communion. Class attendance is required for Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7. For more information go to strosechurch.com/sacraments.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Contact Rectory at least six months prior to wedding date. For all pre-requisites, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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 St and Black Cherry Ln in Sandy Hook. Contact the Rectory for information.

#### SAINT ROSE RECTORY

Office hours are 9AM to 4PM Monday-Friday.

# Your Weekly Offertory

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choose Sunday Offertory and any other cause you'd like to support.
Thank you!











### A MESSAGE FROM Father Peter

#### Heaven is for Real

November is that special and specific time of year when we, as the extended family of Heaven here on earth, reflect on the possibility and nature of the afterlife. Ask even the most faith-filled of people; there is something quite terrifying about death, not only the process of dying, but what, in fact, comes next. To help put these questions into a more hope-filled perspective, I want to share with you an email.

The book that the person refers to in her question is entitled *Heaven is for Real*, the true story of the four-year-old son of a small town Nebraska pastor who, during emergency surgery, slips from consciousness and enters heaven. He survives and begins talking about being able to look down and see the doctor operating and his dad praying in the waiting room. The family didn't know what to believe but soon the evidence became quite clear that four-year-old Colton had quite the beyond-this-earth experience with Jesus.

The email reads as follows: "I read this book when it came out and while it felt good to read about how beautiful heaven is, meeting people I knew there, and knowing that my babies are safe there. I had a frightening thought.

Both of my abortions were while I was married, it's been on my mind so much wondering if I ever get to heaven some day, and my husband and living children are there with me, will these babies come up to me or to my family members and introduce themselves like Pop did to Colton? It's been very pressing for me and worries me constantly. Can you please help me with this?"

Two of the more memorable experiences that Colton had while in Heaven have to do with his grandfather and baby sister, both of whom passed before Colton was ever born. In Heaven, Colton's Pop or grandfather introduced himself to Colton who then was able to share this meeting with his dad who of course is the son of his grandfather.

The information that was passed along defied all logic since it was information that Colton's dad had never shared with him. But perhaps the most memorable experience of his trip to Heaven was meeting his baby sister. When Colton approached his mom about this, he placed his hand on her stomach and reassured his mom that her daughter, his sister, was very happy and very excited about being reunited with her mom someday. Colton's mom was thunderstruck and then broke down.

She had miscarried a child before the birth of Colton and had never said one word to either him or his siblings. She felt so overwhelmed with comfort since she had never once stopped thinking about whether or not her baby was a girl or boy, and now she had some pretty amazing confirmation.

The best way to respond to this inquiry is, not so much the specific situation, but the nature of Heaven itself and our condition there. Now Heaven is total, complete, and absolute bliss, full participation in the infinite love, peace, joy, and healing of the Holy Trinity. Therefore, there is not one microsecond of regret, pain, remorse, or sadness.

However the meeting occurs and regardless of the pained circumstances of the situation as it developed on earth, it will be a joy-filled reunion and all parties will be in each other's embrace sharing nothing but love and laughter.

This is what makes God so God: that, only in a way He can, and with the help of our prayers and faith here on earth, even the very worst situations are worked out and temporary pain and sadness is transformed into everlasting joy and peace. So really, there is nothing to fear about that meeting and everything to look forward to instead, since it will be a perfectly joy-filled moment, the feeling of which will last forever and also the newly-formed friendship of the parties involved in Heaven...

In the meantime, while we sojourn here on earth, we continue to pray with hope and confidence for all healings we need; our prayers are like the "physical therapy" which enables the heart, mind, and soul to grow stronger as we make our way to Heaven, which really becomes a more perfect extension of our life and experiences here on earth.

In a world that seems to be drowning in violence, hatred, apathy, and lack of love there seems to be so little hope nowadays that things and people can possibly improve. We have to be so on guard against such discouragements because the power of Christ's Resurrection is not an until-the-end-of-our-life experience. The Resurrection proves that love is stronger than death and, if stronger than death, how much more strong will it be to overcome sadness, depression, discouragement, failure, mistakes, and all sins, even the so-called very worst?

In the words of Elizabeth Leseur, a French married woman whose cause for canonization is underway, "God is a marvelous artist: he knows how to form us, to work us in view of the work that He wants to do in us and through us. Everything is good to him: suffering, illnesses, the events of our lives and dare it be said, especially all our sins, and all our joys. Let us unite our sufferings, our self-denial, our sacrifices; let us pray a lot; let us act in complete union with our Lord and let us ask him to use our poor gifts for those we love...especially those who have passed from this life to the next whose love will never die."











#### Adoration.

Tuesdays 7:00PM with Confession. Thursdays/ Fridays 3:00PM. First Fridays 10:00AM-4:00PM. Church.

#### **Cancer Support Group.**

Second Wednesday of month 7:00PM via Zoom.

#### Columbiettes.

Fourth Thursday of month 7:00PM. Knights Hall.

#### Communion and Liberation (C&L).

Wednesdays 7:00PM via Zoom.

#### Children's Rosary.

Third Thursday of month during school season 4:30PM. Church.

#### **Divine Mercy Cenacle.**

Third Wednesday of month 3:00PM. Chapel.

#### Family Life Ministry.

First Monday of month 7:00PM. Rectory.

Rosary for Life First Saturday of month 8:40AM. Church.

#### Health Ministry.

Quarterly. Place and time to be announced.

#### Job Networking.

Second Tuesday of the month via Zoom.

#### **Kennedy Rosary Project**

First Monday of month 7:00PM. 38 Church Hill.

#### Knights of Columbus.

First Thursday of month 7:00PM. Knights Hall.

#### Lay Missionaries of Charity.

First Tuesday of month 9:40AM & 5:30PM. Bride's Rm. Holy Hour Third Monday of month 7:00PM. Church.

## St. Rose Parish 2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 11/7/25

Goal: \$204,500

Total Pledged: \$252,302 (123%) (416 Donors)

To make a gift or for more info, visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan QR code.



#### Men's Faith Network.

Saturdays 7:30AM via Zoom.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

Second Tuesday of month 10:00AM. Holy Innocents. Feb to May, Sept to Nov.

#### Rosary Prayer Group.

Weekdays 9:40AM, Saturdays 8:40AM. Church.

#### Social Concerns.

First Tuesday of Month 11:30 AM. Holy Innocents. Sept to June.

#### Spiritual Journey.

Thursdays 10:15AM. Holy Innocents.

#### Squires.

First Wednesday of month 7:30PM. Knights Hall.

#### **United Youth Ministry.**

Most Sundays 6:30PM. Parish grounds.

#### Women's Club.

Rosary Second Tuesday of month 9:40AM. Bride's Rm. Book Group Third Thursday of month 10:00AM. Holy Innocents. Sept to May.

Bring Your Own Lunch Gathering First Thursday of month 11:30AM. Holy Innocents. Sept to May.

#### Women's Enrichment Book Study.

Tuesdays 9:45AM. Holy Innocents.

#### Walking with Purpose.

Tuesdays 7:00PM or Wednesdays 10:00AM. Holy Innocents.

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

#### **Women's Enrichment Book Study**

Next study begins Tues, Dec. 2nd. Fellowship, prayer, and discussion of *Epic: The Early Church* by Steve Weiderkopf. Grow closer to Christ by getting to know the people and events that shaped the first 500 years of His Church. Meets Tuesdays from 9:45AM to11:30AM in Holy Innocents. For more info, visit the website or contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-270-9072.











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We share current updates, happenings, and important announcements on social media, our website, and email. Write Content@strosechurch.com to get on Parish email list; go to strosechurch.com to connect via Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube.

#### Use Online Giving.

Our online giving page is easy to use - make one-time donation or set-up recurring payments for weekly offertory and all special collections. Go to strosechurch.com and click on Giving.

## Get VIRTUS trained to be a volunteer - Mandatory Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Register at virtus.org. Recertification after five years mandatory. Call Rectory for information.

#### Have a Minute?

In our *Fr. Cip Clips* video series, Fr. Peter offers thoughts and reflections on living our faith and important liturgical events. See it on strosechurch.com and our YouTube channel.

#### **Annual PreCana Workshop**

If you are getting married in the coming year, please sign up for our PreCana Workshop on Sat, Feb 28. This full-day, 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.

Discussion, games, socializing, as well as plenty of food and beverages! Contact Kelly Gerbo to register for this annual event. (203) 426-1014.



### Bereavement Counseling and Funeral Planning. Call Rectory to schedule a meeting with Sister Mary

Call Rectory to schedule a meeting with Sister Mary Ellen Genova.

#### Health Ministry.

Supports health-related special events and services.

#### 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 or hospitalized and not able to attend Mass.

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry.

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. 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 needs household furniture? Please email Robinlynann@aol.com or call the rectory.

#### St. Joseph Project.

Supports parishioners with housing issues due to job loss, illness, or unexpected emergency. Donations accepted fourth Sunday of the month in the house shaped collection box in the vestibule.

### Contact Us! for a directory of all

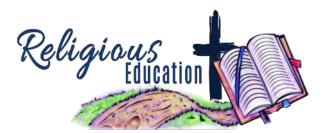
Outreach Ministries: Go to strosechurch.com/parish-outreach for contact names, numbers, and email.











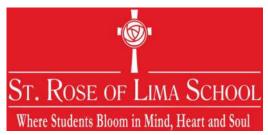
Happy Upcoming Birthday Father Peter! All of the Religious Education staff, catechists, volunteers and students wish our pastor a very happy and healthy happy birthday on Nov. 22. May God continue to bless Father Peter with strength, guidance from Above, wisdom and understanding, and protection in times of Spiritual battle. May our Blessed Mother keep Father Peter under her mantle of protection, so that he feels the warmth and love that only a mother can give to her child. Thank you Father Peter for all you do for the St. Rose community.

Grade 5/6, OCIA Instructional Mass - Nov 16 @ 3 pm 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 second check-in meeting for our Homeschool students will take place on Wednesday, Nov 19, 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 - Nov 20** 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.



#### St. Rose School Highlights

It's been a meaningful and busy week at St. Rose School! Students enjoyed the Scholastic Book Fair and Parent-Teacher Conferences, celebrating learning and growth.

On Tuesday, November 11, we held our Veterans Day Assembly honoring the brave men and women who have served our country. The ceremony featured a Field of Flags and recognition of this year's contest winners: Essay Contest (8th Grade)

¥Isabella Longo ¥ John Monckton ¥ Isabella ladarola Poster Contest (7th Grade)

Maria Galhardo Alison Pendergast Bentley Ullrich We are so proud of our students for their heartfelt tributes to our veterans through art and writing.

**Please also pray** for our 7th grade students who attended the Chris Padgett Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, as they prepare for this sacred sacrament.

Our Mill Fudge Fundraiser is underway — parishioners are invited to purchase delicious fudge for holiday gifting!



We are also collecting donations for our annual Turkey Trot Collection! Students are bringing in non-perishable food items to help stock the St. Rose Food Pantry and support local families in need during the Thanksgiving season.

**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 purchasing Fudge 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.









### St. Rose of Lima Newtown Connecticut





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### The Annual Live Nativity



SATURDAY, DEC 13, 2025 FOLLOWING THE 4 PM MASS LOCATION: The Stable on the Field behind St. Rose Church.

If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate in this live presentation, or if you are an adult/Confirmation

candidate interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Beth Sippin at mb@sippin.com or (203) 258-3462.





There is only one rehearsal, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 1 to 2:30 pm in the Holy Innocents Hall. Everyone must come dressed and prepared for an outdoor rehearsal. Please wear boots or old shoes, as the stable area could be muddy.

### Northern Fairfield Professionals Meeting: **Employee to Entrepreneur through Franchising**

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5:30 - 8 pm, December 9 Knights of Columbus Building Speaker: Sean Haggerty

Discussion is centered around business ownership as an option to the traditional job career from an educational perspective.

NFP is a free network group, for those looking for new opportunities or interested in professional development. To receive more info or an NFP Evite, email johnbarryitech@gmail.com













#### 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.

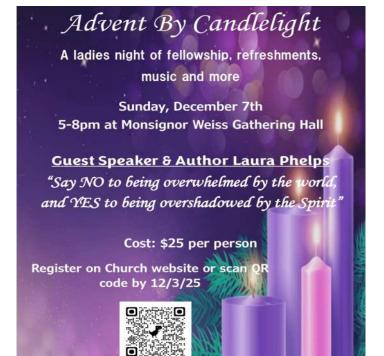
We invite you to join our OCIA program. Fall session will meet weekly and consist of educational information and faith-sharing discussions.

Please contact Donna Locke at 203 513 0822, or <a href="RCIA@strosechurch.co">RCIA@strosechurch.co</a> if you are interested in attending or would like information.

#### **Boy Scouts Wreath Sale**

Boy Scout Troop 770, sponsored by St. Rose of Lima Church, will hold its annual holiday wreath sale after Masses Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29th and 30th. Wreaths are 22-inch 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 Troop 770 and help fund community service projects, monthly campouts, leadership training, troop supplies, and equipment.





Parish Mission 2025

December 1-3
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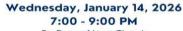
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#### Faith of Our Fathers: Support Our Retired Priests

Next weekend, our parish is taking part in the Faith of Our Fathers campaign, benefitting the St. John Vianney Trust for senior and infirm priests. These faithful men have spent their lives bringing us the sacraments-baptizing our children, celebrating our marriages, and nourishing us with the Eucharist. Now it is our turn to care for them with gratitude and love. Please take time this week to pray for our retired priests and consider how you can support this important effort. More information is available at vianneytrust.org



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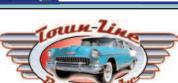
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