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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Monday, November 24

6:45 Intentions of Irene McCarthy . . . Fr. Peter Cipriani
9:00 Fransisca Fernandez Telma Grayson
Larry & Patricia Pisani Family

Tuesday, November 25

6:45 Anthony Panico Lee Gentile
9:00 Carly Marie Margaret Kreshpan Family
Walter Lezynski The Chomiak Family
12:00 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners

Wednesday, November 26

6:45 Kathryn Brytko The Liscinsky Family
9:00 Maria Chomiak The Chomiak Family
Patsy Villano Mary Lee Cannone

Thursday, November 27

8:00 Intentions of St. Rose Parishioners

Friday, November 28

6:45 Joseph Mesinger Deborah Denzel
9:00 James T Owen Tara, Cathy, & Paul
Lawrence Glueck . . . The Murray & Kelly Families

Saturday, November 29

8:00 Deacon George C. Phillips, Jr. . . Fr Peter Cipriani
4:00 Mark Tourigny Sandra Masse
William & Geraldine Gillen . . Patty Gillen McQuail

Sunday, November 30

7:30 Carl Ravazzoli Anne & Harold Brennan
Dora Almonte The Delmonico Family
9:30 Andrea Vodola Hall The Vodola Family
Michael Kelleher Eileen Kelleher
11:30 Albert Pucci Joyce Cuccia
Cornelius Pierce The Brestovansky Family
Nicholas Rostanzo The Gronowski Family
5:00 Antonio and Luisa Pavia Maria Gallucci
Vito & Giovanna Forchione & Ralph & Dorris Drew
. Toni & Tom Drew

The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Maureen and Joseph McArthur as requested by Joseph and Cynthia McArthur.

The Chapel Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Collin Whitmore as requested by Joseph and Cynthia McArthur.

Wedding Banns

BANNS III: Kennedy Ballard & Michael Santos
BANNS I: Kelly Allen & Nicholas Costa

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

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SAINT ROSE RECTORY

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A MESSAGE FROM *Father Peter*

King-Sized Faith

For many, it was one of those historical "Where were you when you heard?" moments; The day was November 22, 1963 and then President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. What many more people do not realize is that, on that same day, two other prominent people passed away: giants not only in the field of Literature but theology, sociology, and politics as well: C.S. Lewis and Aldous Huxley.

Some years back, a Philosophy and Theology Professor at Boston University, Peter Kreeft, penned an amazing book called *Between Heaven and Hell*. The book is written in dialogue form and takes place between JFK, C.S. Lewis, and Huxley after they have awoken on the other side and realize how very real the after-life is.

However, before moving forward into the Heavenly realm, they have a bit of a purgatorial debate in which they need to solidify what they really think about Christ and Christianity. The major premise of the three speakers is to discover who the real Jesus is and why that should have any relevance in one's life.

Lewis begins the conversation with a challenge to Kennedy: Who is Jesus according to your faith? To which Kennedy responds: the ideal man, the man so perfect and wise that his followers called him divine. Not God become man but man become God. Lewis then sets out to demonstrate to Kennedy and Huxley that Jesus is truly the Son of God and therefore God:

Consider this: Christ claimed to be the "Son of God."

Lewis: What is the primary thing a father gives to his son?

Kennedy: Love, I suppose.

Lewis: Try again.

Kennedy: Education? Caring? Time?

Lewis: All those can be given only if the primary gift is given first.

Kennedy: You mean existence.

Lewis: Yes. And what kind of existence?

Kennedy: Human existence, of course.

Lewis: Yes. Human existence, human life, human nature. Human parents give humanity to their children. And what do oyster parents give to their oyster children?

Kennedy: Oyster nature.

Lewis: And the son of a wolf is...

Kennedy: A wolf. And the son of a Martian is a Martian.

Lewis: And the Son of God?

Lewis then continues: Now suppose I claimed to be God—the God who created you and this whole universe, the cosmic Mind that has always existed. Suppose I claimed to be your Savior, to forgive your sins, save your soul from hell and take you to heaven if only you believed in me and worshiped me. Suppose I said I was utterly sinless, and that I would rise from the dead, and because I would rise, you would rise too. What would you think of me then?

Kennedy: That you were quite insane, if you really believed it.

Lewis: So it follows that the greatest insanity would be claiming to be God.

Huxley then chimes in. He takes a more general approach of things...that there is a force that created the universe that remains impersonal and uninvolved with its creation...leaving one to feel as though one is an orphan. To which Lewis responds:

First of all, a literary critic should ask of a story first of all what the whole story is about, and interpret particular events in the context of the whole story. And the story in the Bible is about God's search for man ...

Huxley: You mean man's search for God.

Lewis: No. From the biblical point of view, speaking about man's search for God is like speaking about the mouse's search for the cat. The point is that the God of the Bible invades man's world of time rather than man mystically invading God's eternity.

Man searches for God in God's home, eternity, but God searches for man in man's home, time. And that's the God of the Bible, the Father looking for his prodigal son, the shepherd for his lost sheep. God takes the initiative. God always takes the initiative, from the act of creation on. The supreme example is the Incarnation.

The primary truth then that Christ came to testify to and give His life for is that God is Father...He is OUR Father. Kings are identified by what they wear, referred to as their robe of majesty. And the Robe that Christ wrapped Himself in is our humanity...it is the Incarnation."

How then can we dare enter into the season where God is carried as an infant in the womb of Mary to be born in total poverty and humility in a cave, who comes to bring peace to people of good will, when we instead choose hyper-commercialism and that dogged refusal to be more active and committed and daily disciples of Jesus Christ? "Whatever you do the least of My brothers and sisters, you did to Me."

The King in tattered robes remains condemned and bleeding from the scourging of violence that especially in the Middle East is inflicted upon His body in the many who suffer.

If we truly believe God is our Father, then, contrary to Cain's hellish self-absorption and selfishness, we are truly ALL one another's brother's and sister's keeper. It is not enough to just believe in God—the devil and all the demons believe in Him as well—but what do we believe about God?

As Christ the King extends His arms upon the throne of the Cross, so must we extend our arms to embrace the sufferings, agonies, and cries for healing and peace of the world, beginning with our brothers and sisters we meet and encounter each day.





Regular Meetings

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.

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 to 11:30AM in
Holy Innocents. For more info, visit the
website or contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-270-9072.

AA Now Available at St. Rose Campus

If you or a family member is looking for an
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting group, meetings
are now held Saturday evenings at 6 pm at 38
Church Hill (use the Religious Ed office building
front door). For more info contact meeting leader at
(203) 240-7402.



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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.

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.

**Bereavement Counseling and Funeral Planning.**

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.

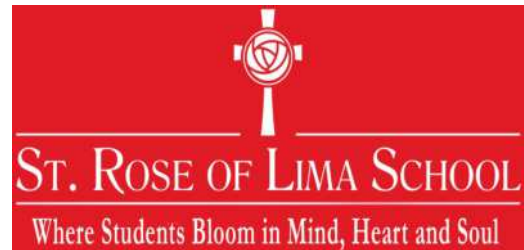
St. Joseph Project.

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.





Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Weekend

Please note that the Religious Education offices will be closed from Wednesday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Nov. 30.

No Classes - Nov 30

There are NO classes on Sunday, Nov. 30. We wish all of our students, catechists, and families a very happy and healthy weekend. We thank God for all the goodness He has given to us. May you also count your blessings - big and small.

Rehearsal for Live Nativity - Dec 7

All students and volunteers will meet in Holy Innocents Hall at 1 pm. Costumes will be distributed and students will be given their roles in the play. We will walk down to the stable for a rehearsal. Please come with your coats and boots to be outside for approximately 20 minutes.

Special Mass for Religious Ed students - Dec 8

Since our Religion classes fall on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our Monday students will attend a Mass in the church from 4:30 to 5:15 pm. Classes will then be sent to their classrooms for dismissal due to the incoming Mass at 5:30 pm. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms.

Christmas Eve Nativity Costume Distribution - Dec 13

All students and volunteers will meet in Holy Innocents Hall at 1 pm. Costumes will be distributed and students will be given their roles in the play. Rehearsal for this Nativity will be on Dec 20 at 11 am.

Live Nativity at the Stable - Dec 13

Come join us for our annual tradition of retelling the story of the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. The Nativity will take place immediately following the 4 pm Mass. Please proceed to the Stable at the back of the school field. Reception to follow for all participants and visitors.

St. Rose School Highlights

This week, our students enjoyed Anything BUT a Backpack Day, one of their favorite spirit events.

Students paraded through the Gathering Hall with their creative "non-backpacks," bringing plenty of smiles and imagination to the morning. Our preschoolers also joined in later in the day, adding to the fun.

We also wrapped up another successful Turkey Trot.

Thanks to the generosity of our families, students collected over 2,848 items for the Faith Food Pantry — one of our largest totals to date. It was inspiring to see our students take ownership of the drive and support our neighbors with enthusiasm. Final donations were delivered to the pantry this week.

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



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.





Presents

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.

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UNITED YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING SCHEDULE

6:00-8:00PM SUNDAYS

NOV 23

GIRLS DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT
OPEN TO GIRLS 9-12 GRADE
ST ROSE SCHOOL GYM/HALL

NOV 30

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
THERE IS NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DUE TO THE HOLIDAY

DEC 7

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
OPEN TO GIRLS 9-12 GRADE
ST ROSE SCHOOL GYM/HALL

DEC 14

NIGHT OF WORSHIP
OPEN TO 7-12 GRADERS
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praise & worship
reflection
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Parish Mission 2025

December 1-3

Fr Bill Garrott Returns to St. Rose

www.dominicanpreachers.org

Holy Rosary at 7:00pm

Each mission talk begins in the church at 7:30pm

Mission is suitable for children in 2nd grade and above

St. Rose of Lima Church Senior Lunch and Learn

December 8, 2025 at 12 Noon



Presenter: Laura DeFelice

Learn about sleep and its importance and effect on us through the stages of life. Know the symptoms of disorders through the various age groups and how to spot them for the sake of your beloved family and friends. Have insight into what happens to us in our senior years and how we can remedy some of the problems that arise. Remember Better Breathing, Better Sleep, a Better You.

RSVP by December 1:
Carol Egan (call or text)
(203) 470-6790
Email:
SRLunchandLearn@strosechurch.com

The Details

- \$8.00 Box Lunch
- In Holy Innocents Hall
- Bring a friend
- Raffle prizes

RSVP

Dessert: Please bring a plate of your Christmas Cookies to share! (Cookie Exchange)

Advent By Candlelight

A ladies night of fellowship, refreshments, music and more

Sunday, December 7th

5-8pm at Monsignor Weiss Gathering Hall

Guest Speaker & Author Laura Phelps

"Say NO to being overwhelmed by the world, and YES to being overshadowed by the Spirit"

Cost: \$25 per person

Register on Church website or scan QR code by 12/3/25



ANNUAL ADORATION

(Masses at 6:45 – 9:00 – 12 noon – 4:30 pm)



Monday, Dec. 8TH
from 10 am to 4 pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Please join us and pray for
PEACE & LIFE**

Looking for Participants for Christmas Eve Pageant – 4pm Mass at NHS

Openings for angels, shepherds, innkeepers, kings, the star, and animals. If your child between the ages of 4 and 10 is interested in participating, please contact Laura DeFelice, cre@strosechurch.com.

Costumes given out Dec 13th and rehearsal is Dec 20th. 6th grade students may volunteer for service hours.

October Offertory

Sunday- \$83,892	Monthly- \$7,276
Sunday 2024- \$88,321	Holy Day- \$4,170





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Today, Bishop Caggiano is asking for generous donations to the Saint John Vianney Trust, which provides housing, medical care, and compassionate assistance for the retired priests of our diocese.

Our diocese has more than 70 retired priests, and healthcare costs have risen dramatically, necessitating increased financial support. Especially for our elderly and vulnerable priests, this is our opportunity to show love, tenderness, and mercy. Please give in honor of the priests who have served you throughout your life: vianneytrust.org.

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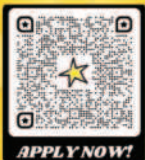
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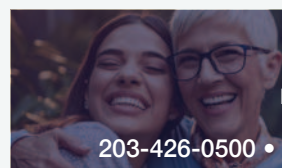
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