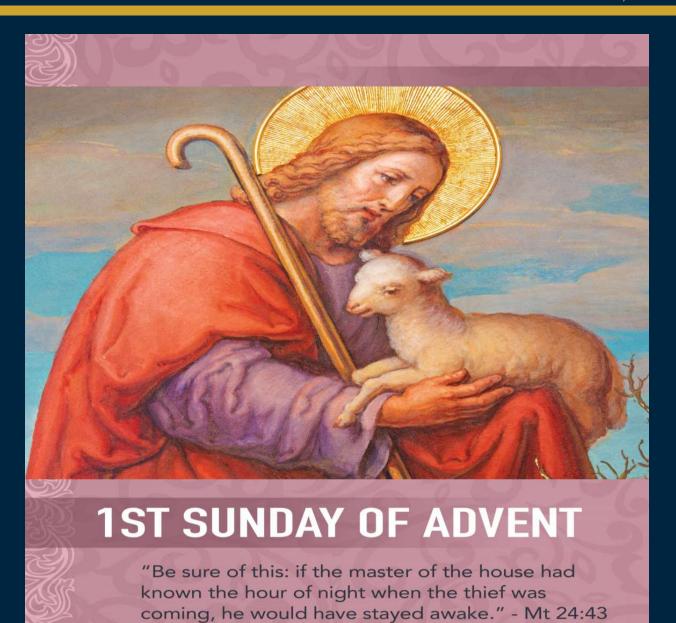


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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6:45	Edgar Pelletier Joan Gilbertie
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9:00	Fred Allen Family
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A MESSAGE FROM Father Peter Our ReBIRTHday

Advent is the first season of each liturgical year and must set the tone for the rest of the year. The theme of Advent is finding the sacred in the everyday. We remind ourselves about the spiritual life all around us with everyday things. We use light and water, candles and bread, music and wine, words and computers to remember. And it is why when we decorate; with all the bells and whistles we are reminded everywhere we look that Christmas is coming.

But often we lose sight of the person who is coming because of the season, like expectant parents who so busy themselves with getting all sorts of things in place for the birth of their child that they do not retreat into the silence and stillness and awe that a baby is very much alive and growing within that hushed darkness of a now sacred womb.

In the middle of a great darkness, we begin to see light. And here is why Advent is considered to be a Penitential Season. When asked what is the reason for the season, we respond: Jesus. But why did He come? So that He could have the world celebrate His birthday each year?

That reason is, as Charles Wesley wrote back in 1739, "God and sinners reconciled." Which means that Advent and Christmas have to grapple with sin and conversion. As we pray in the Creed each week, "For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

Salvation implies something to be saved from, and we are saved from the horrors of sin and the terrors of dying and death. Therefore, a fruitful Advent should include a good Confession, which also implies penance. And what might some forms of penance be this Season?

Keep in mind, Christmas is not the height of joy for every person and family, especially if during the year loved ones have passed or people have been diagnosed with certain illnesses. As Thanksgiving reminded us, many families have to scrape together two nickels to afford food let alone gifts for others. We recognize the many in war-torn areas whose primary gift they pray for this Christmas is no more gun fire, no more explosions, no more destruction, no more killing. So, rather than stockpiling Christmas presents beneath that Christmas Tree Farm in our houses, how do we make ourselves living, giving Christmas Trees for others?

Advent is a gift. The Church gives us the time and space needed to prepare our souls for the coming celebration of the Incarnation and the coming of Christ at the end of time. The world makes this a challenge. It can be hard to fast when one is invited to countless parties. It can be hard to find time for additional prayer when there is so much pressure to "get ready for the holidays." It can be hard to anticipate the Christmas feast when the world is already feasting.

Penance amidst celebration is a challenge. It sounds like a paradox. But isn't that Catholicism? Isn't our penance always mixed with celebration? Isn't sorrow for our sins always mixed with joy over God's forgiveness? Don't we mourn with the hope of resurrection? Don't we fast precisely so we can better enjoy the feast?

Each year, we remind ourselves there is light in the darkness. We light another candle each week of Advent. The light grows in the darkness each week, reminding us the sacred is with us every day. But it is not enough to light the candle, we must live its light that week, be that candle for others.

The first candle is the prophet's Candle: Hope. As Christ was sent into this world to bring hope, we too have been sent...conceived...born...and live; are our lives a testament to hope, that being in this world, I truly make it a better place?

Second Candle: The Bethlehem Candle: Faith. Bethlehem means House of Bread. Do I receive the Bread of Life each week? And doing so, with Christ fully present within me, like He was in Mary's womb that first Advent— though more so in my body because He is risen— do I bring the love of Christ to others wherever my feet happen to fall, as Mary did visiting her Cousins Elizabeth and Zechariah? Advent, then, is being, more so than ever, more mindful and heartful of others, beginning with the gift of family and friendship…and reconciling where is it needed.

Third Candle: Pink. Joy. Despite all that might be wrong in the world, despite all the pain and sorrow there may be in each of our lives, anticipating the birth of a child is meant to bring joy. Advent is a time of rebirth, not only finding and reclaiming the joy that is all around and within us, but, by being that joy for others, that comfort, that consolation, that peace, as joy-filled an event as your birth was, our rebirth should be even more so.

Fourth Candle: The Angel's Candle. Peace. Do we not begin each Mass being offered the peace of Christ, then during the Mass exchange the sign of peace? As we pray in the Gloria first announced by an Angel that first Christmas: "Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on earth."

Attending Mass, we receive less a feeling and fully the person Jesus Christ. Are parents simply content with the announcement a child is to be born to them or is their preference to have that child in their arms pressed to their hearts? In Holy Communion, Christ is pressed to our entire body...the two gloriously becoming one flesh.

Advent is all about reminding us, at the beginning of each New Year, how spiritual life infuses our everyday lives. Taking time to listen and pay attention, we remember how sacred everyday life is...how sacred and saved each of our lives are.











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.

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.

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

Northern Fairfield Professionals Meeting: Employee to Entrepreneur through Franchising

6:00– 7:30 pm, December 9 on Zoom
Speaker: Sean Haggerty
Discussion is centered around business
ownership as an option to the traditional job career
from an educational perspective.
To receive more info or an NFP Evite,
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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

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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.











Religious Education is Collecting Used Children's Books

Our grade 4 - 6 students are collecting books of all genres to donate to schools in Bridgeport and for St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bridgeport. We have asked our students to help by cleaning out their home libraries of books they do not read, and by making bookmarks for students who will receive the books. This collection will be held until Dec 15. All donations can be dropped off at the Religious Education office. Call for more information (203) 426-2333, ext. 1.

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

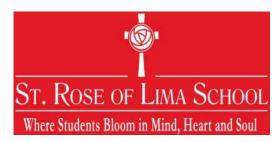
All students and volunteers will meet in Holy Innocents Hall at 1 pm. Costumes will be distributed and students will be given their roles in the play. We will walk down to the stable for a rehearsal. Please come with your coats and boots to be outside for approximately 20 minutes.

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.



Giving Tuesday—Help St. Rose School Bloom!



This #GivingTuesday, December 2, we invite our parish family to support the mission of St. Rose School. Our Catholic education is built on the foundation of tuition, but tuition alone does not cover the full cost of educating each child. In order to keep tuition as affordable as possible and to welcome more students through our doors, we work each year to raise an additional \$150,000.

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



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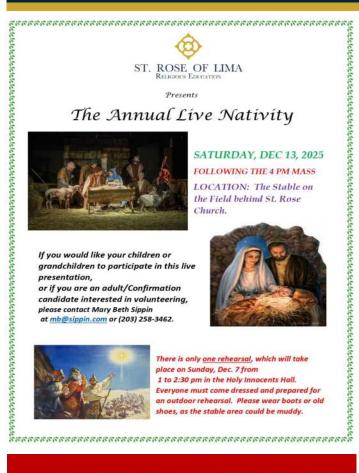






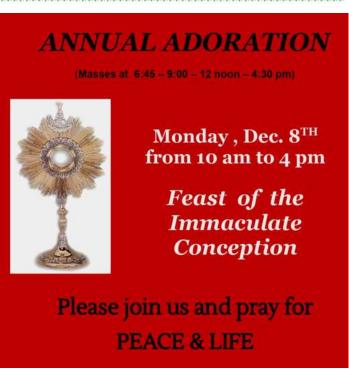
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Parish Mission 2025 December 1-3

Fr Bill Garrott Returns to St. Rose

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Holy Rosary at 7:00pm

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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

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

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.

Advent By Candlelight

A ladies night of fellowship, refreshments, music and more

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