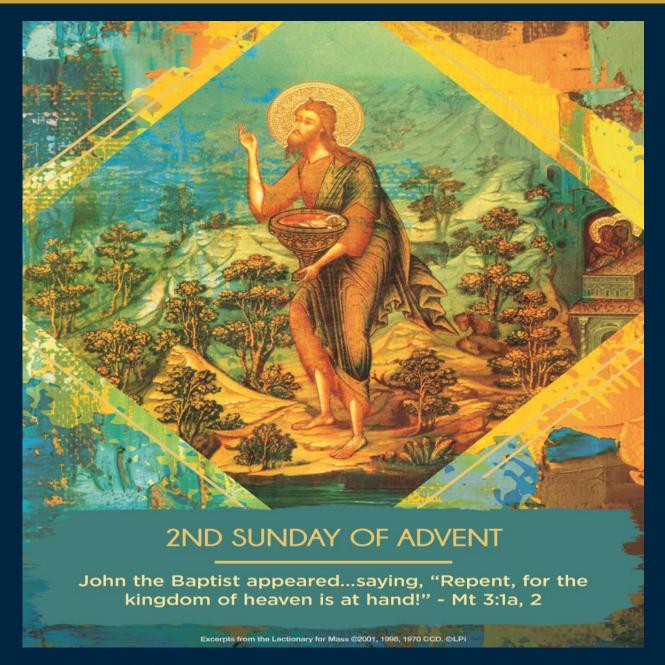


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 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

Monday, December 8–Immaculate Conception–Holy Day of Obligation		
6:45		
9:00		
9.00	Vincent Paul O'Donnell Susan & Paul Paquette	
12:00	JoAnn Case	
5:30	Deacon George Phillips Pat & Ginny Gorman	
	Tamara Kuznicki The McRuiz Family	
Tuesday, December 9		
6:45		
	Intentions of Gerry Stratton Helen & Tom Stretton	
9:00	Amelia Lovermi	
	Faye DeLorenzo Mariotte & Brian Corson	
Wednesday, December 10		
6:45	Phyllis Correia Suzanne Williams & Family	
9:00	Fransisca Fernandez Telma Grayson	
Thurs	John Marcinek The Albano Family	
	lay, December 11	
6:45		
9:00	,	
Eridov	Paul Pollock	
6:45	<b>December 12– Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Ambrose Fiore Friend	
9:00	James Mok The DeBartolomeo Family	
9.00	Peter DiCrescenzo Family	
12:00	Intentions of Clare Donovan & Family Grandparents	
	ay, December 13	
8:00	Robert Reiner	
4:00	Jack & Bob Obre Family	
4.00	Jean Jackson The Kilson Family	
Sunday, December 14		
7:30		
9:30		
0.00	Ernest De Borja	
	Intentions of the Saavedra Family Family	
11:30	Deceased Members of Luzi, Gingras, & Mancini	
	Families Marilyn & Dick Gingras	
	John Tischio	
5:00	Intentions of Helen Stretton Tom Stretton	

# Wedding Banns

BANNS II: Kelly Allen & Nicholas Costa

# The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Ann Mennino as requested by Joan Gilbertie.



### 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.

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A MESSAGE FROM Father Peter

Do you hear what Mary hears?

The Responsorial Psalm for the Immaculate Conception: "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds." We all know the uplifting and invigorating pleasure a good song produces in the heart.

Prior to the coming of Christ this was the state of the world: "Long lay the world/ In sin and error pining/ Till He appeared/ and the soul felt it's worth./ A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices..."

But before the weary world rejoices it was the Immaculate Mary who would sing that new song...the boldest, the most encouraging and most hopeful: her Magnificat. "And Mary **sang,** 'My soul magnifies the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior...for this day all generations will call me blessed." And how true, for the echoing of that hymn continues each time we pray the Hail Mary.

Or perhaps this song: "Said the night wind to the little lamb/ Do you see what I see?/ Way up in the sky little lamb/ Do you see what I see?/ A star, a star/ Dancing in the night/ With a tail as big as a kite./ Do you hear what I hear..."

Many people mistakenly assume this Christmas classic has been around for years. But it was written in 1962 as a powerful plea for peace by a man who had experienced the horrors of WWII.

A brilliant musical career seemed assured for the French-born Noel Regney. Then came that war, when France was overwhelmed by Hitler's troops. In the late '50s, Noel Regney married pianist Gloria Shayne and lived in Manhattan.

In October 1962, the Soviet Union and the United States were involved in a crisis centered on missiles the Russians had installed in Cuba. The United States threatened military action if the missiles were not removed. The world trembled and prayed as these two nuclear powers stood eyeball-to-eyeball.

The climate was terrifying. How many people had purchased bomb shelters? What a far cry from the lights and pageantry of the Christmas season; more than a year without a Santa, it had turned into a nightmare more real...a world without Jesus Christ, the prince of peace.

That October, as Noel Regney walked through the streets of New York, a sense of despair was in the air. No one smiled.

Regney had endured the horrors of war. He knew the fear and terror of being close to death. The safe and secure life he had built for himself and his family in the United States was on the verge of ending.

Christmas, which was supposed to be a time of peace and goodwill, was approaching and Noel had been asked by a record producer to write a holiday song.

"I had thought I'd never write a Christmas song," he recalled. "Christmas had become so commercial. But this was the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. In the studio, the producer was listening to the radio to see if and when we would all be obliterated."

"En route to my home, I saw two mothers with their babies in strollers. The little angels were looking at each other and smiling. All of a sudden, my mood was extraordinary."

A glimpse of these babies filled Noel's heart with poetry. The little ones reminded him of newborn lambs. Thus, the song begins, "Said the night wind to the little lamb...."

And why it is that Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God? "Wherever that little Lamb went Mary was sure to go." In receiving Jesus in Holy Communion He goes wherever we are sure to go.

As soon as Noel arrived home, he jotted down the lyrics. Then he asked Gloria to write the music.

"Do You Hear What I Hear?" carried a beautiful message close to people in all walks of life. It became a popular Christmas carol, "a song high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea." But the message of peace was lost on many people...as it seems so sadly to be more and more today.

"I am amazed that people can think they know the song and not know it is a prayer for peace," Noel Regney once told an interviewer. "But we are so bombarded by sounds and our attention spans are so short."

Christ first came to His own people who were a beleaguered nation under the cruel oppression of not only their own ruler, King Herod, but the tyranny of Rome which was an empire of oppression. If only King Herod had seen Jesus for who He truly is, not a threat to his power, but its source to rule and guide with a gentle hand and gentler heart...how these lyrics may have applied to him:

"Said the king to the people everywhere/ Listen to what I say/ Pray for peace people everywhere/ Listen to what I say/ The child, the child/ Sleeping in the night/ He will bring us goodness and light."

Establishing the presence of Christ in one's life by faith is to cultivate the peace that will improve the condition of the environments one occupies and people one encounters and prays for every day. And the celebration of the Immaculate Conception reminds us no one brings that goodness, that Godness, that light and hope more so than Mary.

Remember the word "concept" in "conception" implies an idea, and God can form in His eternal mind only perfect ideas. All our lives began as concepts in God's Divine Mind until that concept became a conception in the womb of each of our Mothers: we became flesh that with Jesus we might dwell amongst each other, bringing to each other and this weary world a Marian peace, comfort, healing, hope and ever-rejoicing joy.











### 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 10:00AM. 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.

# Fr. Peter has subscribed our Parish to Hallow for Advent 2025!

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### 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, email johnbarryitech@gmail.com











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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.

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### Have a Minute?

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# Bethany Mass

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those persons who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. On Sunday, December 7th, at the 11:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way Gilda Geanuracos, Infant Luca Lajoie, Harriet Hussian, Sandra Michaud, Vincent O'Donnell, Fina DeLorenzo, Francis Arnone, Stanley Kugler, Logan Szulewski, Joseph Ziehl, Priscilla Vayan, Robert McGuire, Irene McCrory, John Amderson, Dorothy Lambert, Anthony Jacozzi, Francis Jacozzi, and Tyler Delaney, whom we have served since our last Bethany Mass. Although we miss their presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased, their families, and their friends.



# 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.











### Religious Education is collecting used children's books.

Thank you to every family that has donated to our Advent Book Collection. We have collected 16 bags of books and many homemade bookmarks in our first week. Our grade 4 - 6 students are still 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, 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.

### Calendar of Events

### 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

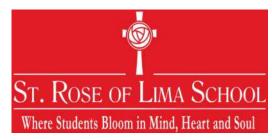
Since our Religion classes fall on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our Monday students will attend a Mass in the church from 4:30 to 5:15 pm. Classes will then be sent to their classrooms for dismissal due to the incoming Mass at 5:30 pm. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms.

### **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 News



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our parish community for your incredible support of our recent fundraising efforts, including our Holiday Greenery Sale, Mill Fudge Factory Fundraiser, and Giving Tuesday appeal. Your generosity continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. The success of St. Rose School is truly dependent on the commitment and partnership of our parish families, and we are deeply grateful.

This past weekend, we were also delighted to host our Second Annual Christmas Craft Fair. We hope you had an opportunity to stop by and enjoy the many talented vendors who joined us. It was a wonderful day celebrating local crafters, small businesses, and the vibrant spirit of our community.

During this Advent season, St. Rose School is collecting toys for the Caroline Previdi Toy Drive, a cherished local tradition that brings joy to children in need. In the coming week, our seventh graders will also take part in a meaningful service project by preparing sandwiches for the Dorothy Day House

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the gift of a Catholic education at St. Rose School, serving students from Pre-K through 8th grade, we invite you to reach out to our Admissions Office at admissions@srles.com. We would love to welcome you into our St. Rose family.

**Thank you again** for your continued prayers and support. May this Advent season bring peace, hope, and joy to all. For more information about attending St. Rose School, visit www.stroseschool.com or call 203-426-5102.



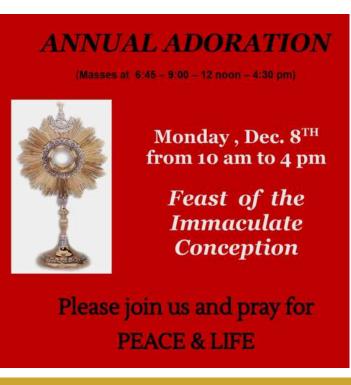
















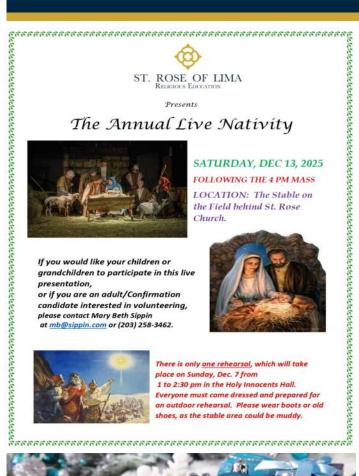
















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# Looking for Participants for Christmas Eve Pageant – 4pm Mass at NHS

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.

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