



ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2022



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 8:00 AM SUNDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 7:30 9:30 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM
DAILY 6:45 9:00 AM
HOLY DAY VIGIL 7:30 PM 6:45 9:00 AM 5:30 PM
HOLIDAY 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO FORMALLY REGISTER WITH THE PARISH AS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE MAILINGS, SPONSOR CERTIFICATES AND SACRAMENTS. VISIT WEBSITE OR CALL THE OFFICE.

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Mass Intentions
for the Week



Monday, April 25

6:45 Mr. SanderWaltraud Pantan
9:00 St. Rose Parishioners

Tuesday, April 26

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Kathleen Tully Bill & Teresa Tully
Tom Halligan Brian & Mariotte Corson

Wednesday, April 27

6:45 Paul Pollock Family
9:00 Anthony Pale Silvia & Scott Harper
Helen Huber The Corson Family

Thursday, April 28

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Antonio & Rafaella Mascolo Family
Intentions of Harry & Gerry Waterbury Marie
& Dan Piselli

Friday, April 29

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Ann Gallagher Mary & Paul O'Donnell
George Whalen Pam Mulrane

Saturday, April 30

4:00 John Masella (1 Year Anniversary) Family
Nancy Briscoe The Moulder Family

Sunday, May 1

7:30 Joan Masella Carl & Mariann Morales
Karen Ormsby Anthony & Arlene D'Aquila
Michael Whalen Hettenbach & Rutter Families
9:30 Bethany Mass
11:30 Antonio Farao & Frank Alagna Nella Pavia
Mary Jo DiMattia Nancy DeCanio
5:00 Mary Elizabeth Socci The Velsmid Family
Tom Halligan The Gosselin Family

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, May 1st, at the 9:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way Patricia Civale, Michael Prall, August D'Alessandro, Elizabeth Paes, Robert Cannone and Marie Cuomo whom we have served during the past month. Although we miss their physical 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.

PENANCE

Confessions are celebrated Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00PM or by special appointment with one of the priests.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are 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 PENANCE and CONFIRMATION

Religious education classes begin at age 4. First Grade is a prerequisite for First Communion and Penance. Attendance is required in each grade for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in grade 8. For more information go to strosechurch.com, click on Sacraments.

MARRIAGE

The couple is asked to contact the Rectory to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made 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 office if you wish to receive this sacrament or if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your home.

SAINT ROSE CEMETERY

The cemetery is located on the corner of Cherry and Black Cherry Streets in Sandy Hook. For more information contact the Office.



Welcome!

to our parish!
For complete information on 'all things' St. Rose including all ministries and happenings, please go to strosechurch.com.





A Message from *Monsignor Bob*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 2022

Saint Faustina was born Helen Kowalska on August 25, 1905 in Glogowicz, Poland, to a poor, religious family. Helen was the third of 10 children and was baptized in the parish church of Swince, Warckie. From a young age, she was known for her love of prayer, diligence and obedience and her concern for the poor. She was called to the religious life during a vision of the suffering Christ. Then on August 1, 1925, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. She lived as a member of the Congregation for 13 years, residing in Cracow, Plock and Vilnius, where she worked as a cook, gardener and porter. Externally nothing revealed her rich, mystical interior life. She zealously performed her tasks and faithfully observed the rule of religious life. She was recollected, yet very natural, serene and full of kindness. She hid within herself an extraordinary union with God. The mystery of God's mercy, which she contemplated in the word of God as well as in her everyday activities forms the basis of her spirituality. By contemplating and getting to know the mystery of God's mercy, she developed the attitude of childlike trust in God and of mercy towards her neighbor. Sister Faustina was also a faithful daughter of the Church. Conscious of her role in the Church, she cooperated with God's mercy in the task of saving poor sinners. At the specific request of the Lord Jesus and following His example, she made a sacrifice of her own life for the sake of sinners. Her spiritual life was distinguished as well by a deep love of the Holy Eucharist and a special devotion to Mary as the Mother of Mercy. The years she spent in the convent were filled with extraordinary gifts, such as revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, participation in the Passion of the Lord, bilocation, the reading of human souls, prophecy and the rare gift of mystical espousal and marriage. Her relationship with God, the Blessed Mother, the angels, the saints, the souls in purgatory.. with the entire supernatural world...was as real for her as the world she perceived with the senses.

The Lord chose Sister Faustina as the Apostle Secretary of His mercy, so she would share the urgent message of Divine Mercy with our troubled world. Her mission consisted in three main tasks:

- + Reminding the world and the Church of the truth of God's mercy for every human being as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.
- + Entreating Divine Mercy for the whole world especially for poor sinners through the practice of new forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy.
- + Imitating the apostolic movement of Divine Mercy, the followers of which proclaim and entreat Divine Mercy for the world and strive to practice the works of mercy following the example of Sister Faustina.

Sister Faustina recorded the various aspects of her mission in a diary which she kept at the specific request of her confessor and spiritual director, Fr. Michael Sopocko, and later at the command of the Lord Himself. In it, she faithfully wrote down all of the Lord's wishes and described the encounters between her soul and the Lord.

Consumed by tuberculosis and innumerable sufferings, Sr. Faustina died in Cracow at the age of 33 on October 5, 1938 and is buried in Lagiewniki near Cracow. Devotion to her grew steadily during the Second World War as people throughout Poland and Lithuania turned to the merciful Savior for comfort and hope.

On April 18, 1993, Pope Saint John Paul II beatified Sr. Faustina at Saint Peter's Square in Rome. It was the first Sunday after Easter which is now referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday. On April 30, 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina as the first saint of the new millennium and the Great Jubilee Year.

What are the ABC's of Mercy?

- +ASK for His mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world**
- +BE merciful to others. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.**
- +COMPLETELY trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.**

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.**

**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us
and on the whole world.**





Regular Meetings

Adoration.

Worship the Lord Tuesdays at 7:00PM, Thursdays/Fridays at 2:45PM, and first Fridays from 10:00AM-4:00PM in church.

Alcoholics Anonymous.

Meets weekly on Saturdays at 6:30PM in the upper room at 38 Church Hill Road.

Cancer Support Group.

Meets second Wednesday of month 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 at 38 Church Hill Road.

Children's Rosary.

Meets every third Thursday of the month in the church at 4:30PM.

Divine Mercy Cenacle.

Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00PM in the Chapel.

Job Networking.

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:45PM in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Guest speakers featured.

Knights of Columbus.

Meets the first Thursday of every month at Knights Hall.

Lay Missionaries of Charity.

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month after 9:00AM Mass and 5:00PM 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 in Holy Innocents bldg.

Men's Praise and Worship.

Meets Wednesdays at 10:00AM at 38 Church Hill Road.

Parish Health Council.

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in the Rectory Conference Room

Pro-Life and Family.

Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Rectory conference room.

Rosary Recitation.

Pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Mother daily after 9:00AM Mass.

Spiritual Journey.

Meets every Thursday at 10:15 in Holy Innocents bldg.

Squires.

Meets second Thursday of the month at 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. Book Group meets third Thursday at 10:00AM in Holy Innocents bldg.

Women's Enrichment Book Study.

Meets Thursdays at 10:00AM in Holy Innocents bldg.

Walking with Purpose.

Visit website to read about programs which meet Wednesdays at 10:00AM or 7:00PM.

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

Tech Support Position Opportunity at St. Rose

St. Rose School needs a qualified individual to support the school's Information Technology (IT) needs on a part time AM basis. The position starts with volunteer status while a grant is secured to transition job into a paid position. An understanding of Chromebooks, iPads, and general knowledge of IT related topics and hardware is required. Schedule: 3 days/week for 2-3 AM hours. Interested? Please contact Mr. G (Principal) at 203-426-5102.

Baby Bottle Drive March 19 – April 24

Please return your baby bottles this weekend! Help those facing unplanned pregnancies to choose life by filling the baby bottle with your loose change, bills or a check and returning it after Mass. Donations will support Birthright and The Sisters of Life. Thank you!



Watch...Listen...live and archive.

Go to Strosechurch.com/live-stream. Watch daily and weekend Mass plus Catholic community content on audio-only stream from the Vatican and other sources. Special celebrations at St. Rose can be live-streamed for a fee. We are always looking for operators. Call the office for all the info.

Attend Parking Lot Mass.

Available 4:00PM Saturday and 9:30AM Sunday. Tune to 89.9 FM to listen. Communion will be offered outside.

Stay Connected with St. Rose Parish.

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

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 Monsignor Bob. In our **Weiss Wednesday** series Monsignor Bob 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.

Attention Extraordinary Ministers:

Please check your emails for a brief survey from rosymarge@gmail.com. The minister list is being updated, and the summer and fall schedule is being created. We would love to have more of you rejoin the ministry if you're ready. If you haven't received the survey link, please send an email to rosymarge@gmail.com

Bereavement Counseling and Funeral Planning.

Please call the office to schedule a meeting with Sister Mary Ellen Genova.

Faith Community Nurse Ministry.

- ◆ The Health Council meets monthly and supports health-related special events and services.
- ◆ Blood pressure screenings held after Masses on the second weekend of the month.
- ◆ Seminars on informative health topics are scheduled periodically. See the website for details.

Friendly Visitors.

Spent 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 first Saturday September through May in the Rectory Conference Room 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 11:00AM in Holy 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: items available free—you just need to arrange pick up.
Available: _____ Needed: _____

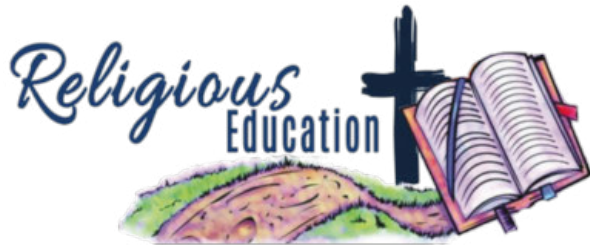
St. Joseph Project.

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 all Outreach Ministries.

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





Week of April 24 - Final Week for "B" Rotation

Upcoming Events:

4/24 - 4/27 - Final Week of Religious Ed. classes.
 4/25 (Mon.) & 4/27 (Wed.) - Confirmation Rehearsals, 7 pm in Church.
 4/30 - Confirmation Ceremonies at 9 am and 12:30 pm.
 5/2 & 5/4 - First Communion Rehearsals, 4:30 pm in Church
 5/5 - National Day of Prayer.
 5/9 & 5/11 - First Communion Rehearsals, 4:30 pm in Church.
 5/7 & 5/14 - First Communion Ceremonies
 5/22 - End of Year Catechist Gathering, 11:30 Mass, 12:30 pm Luncheon in Holy Innocents.

Catechists and Aides - Please return your 2022-23 Volunteer Form to Mary Craig. Thank you for your commitment to teaching the Children of St. Rose Parish during this difficult year.

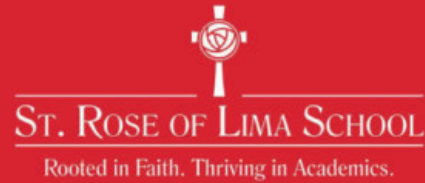
SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE

United Youth Ministry
 is collecting items on
April 24th 6:30-8:30pm
 at St. Rose Newtown

Open to 8th-12th graders!!

Northern Fairfield Professionals Zoom Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 12
 Our guest speaker, Linda Van Valkenburgh, will present on "Building Your Social Network to Make A Great Transition." To receive the zoom link, please e-mail john@itechcp.com



Calling all members of the St. Rose School Class of 2018 – we are collecting information about your next step after high school for the parish bulletin. Please email advancement@srles.com with details. Exciting days are ahead and we have faith you will do well along whichever path you choose because you are capable and God is with you every step of the way!

What makes a great gift AND a lasting memory? Personalized Bricks! Add your loved one's names to the *Blooms Brick Walk* (located in front of the school by the *Angel of Hope* statue) Welcome to St. Rose of Lima School Website (polarengraving.com). Questions? Email bloomsbricks@srles.com.

Heartfelt thanks to our generous supporters whose time, talent and treasure ensures that students in Preschool - 8th grade receive a stellar academic, faith focused education. We have a rich history and a bright future because of YOU. Thank you and God Bless!

Come see why St. Rose School could be a fit for your family. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open! Tours and shadow days are available. Email admissions@srles.com. For more information visit www.stroseschool.com. A warm welcome awaits you!

Help wanted: St. Rose School is in need of substitute teachers (per diem) as well as a monitor for our growing After School Care program, Mondays - Fridays, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Please direct questions and applications to secretary@srles.com.

Steubenville Conference: Fearless

July 15-17 Steubenville, Ohio
 Open to incoming freshmen through graduated seniors!
 Go to ctunitedyouth.com to register.
rortega@ctunitedyouth.com





APRIL 3 - 30

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Newtown Lions Club


STROKE WORKSHOP

May 5, 2022

Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center
(St. Rosa of Lima Campus)
46 Church Street, Newtown

6:30-7:30pm

RSVP to Jean Conover
(203) 426-6146 or email
jconover6146@sbcglobal.net
Please leave you name and contact information in case of cancellation



Fairfield Prep 6th & 7th Grade Information Night

Fairfield Prep is excited to invite parents & their sons to our 6th & 7th Grade Information Night on May 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm. The event will be an opportunity to visit our campus and learn more about Fairfield Prep's mission, values, academics and co-curricular activities. Please register at www.fairfieldprep.org/infonight

Registration for the next Women's Emmaus Retreat is Open

The retreat will take place on April 29th - May 1st at the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point, NY. Please check it out and register for this amazing weekend at <https://www.stmichaelgreenwich.com/emmaus>



Please Join Us For...
Solemnity of The Feast of Divine Mercy

St. Rose of Lima Church: April 24, 2022, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, praying The Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Confession, and Benediction




Jesus' words to St. Faustina "I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My merciful Heart."

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion"

The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday, April 15. Novena Prayers will be available in the Church foyer.

Walking with Purpose
Annual Mass
Wednesday May 4th
6:00 p.m.
ALL Past & Present WWP
participants and
your family are welcome!
**Followed by Refreshments
At Holy Innocents Hall**

Saint Rose of Lima Parish	
2022 Bishop's Appeal as of April 7, 2022	
ABA Goal:	\$204,500
Total Pledged:	\$179,484 (88%)
Donors to Date:	346 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

Thank you to all who donated to the Spring Drive!

Your kindness allows Social Concerns to support our parishioners in need and the many local food banks and shelters we serve. Through your generosity many, many people will have the food and personal care items they need. Thank you sounds inadequate, so we can only say "God bless you all."



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*May God keep special watch over these
 men and women serving in the US Military*

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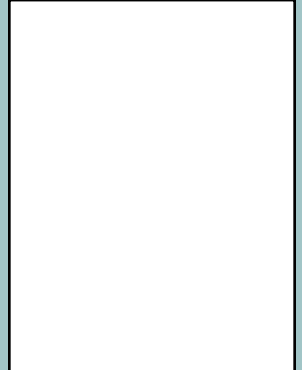
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