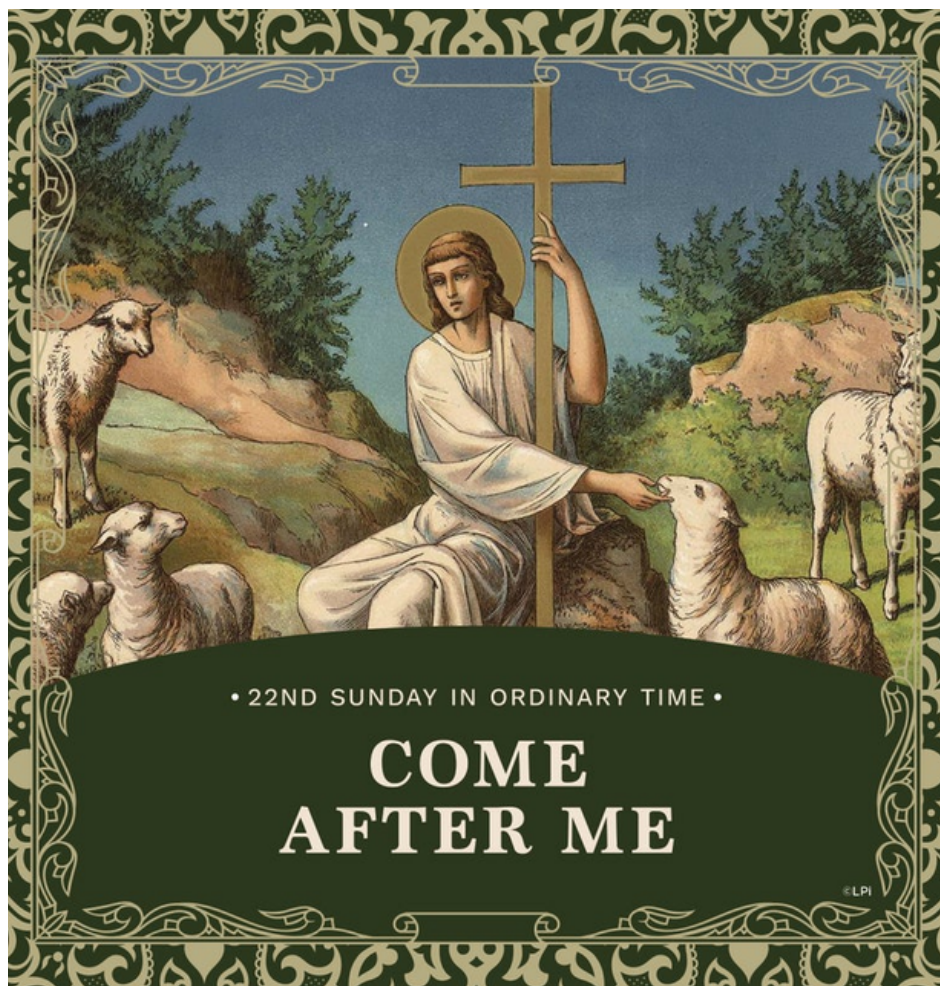


St. Rose of Lima Parish

The Original Church on Chester Pike

A Roman Catholic Church



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm

Sunday | 7:30am, 10:30am & 12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday | 9:00 am

CONFESSION

Tuesday | 7:00pm - 7:30pm

Saturday | 3:30pm - 4:15pm

HOLY DAYS

AS ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

Reverend James E. Goerner

PASTOR EMERITUS

Reverend Gerald D. Canavan

RETIRED PARISH DEACON

Deacon Fred Ryan

WEEKEND CLERGY ASSISTANCE

Provided by local parishes

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS ED

Marianne Jefferis

BUSINESS MANAGER

Jennifer Knott

PARISH SECRETARY

JoAn Palesano

PARISH ASSISTANT

Donna Evans

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. Please call the parish office to register. Letters of Eligibility for Catholic Godparents are due prior to scheduling a Baptism.

SACRAMENTS OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION VISITS

Father Goerner is happy to visit anyone who wishes to receive the anointing of the sick or Holy Communion. For more information, please call the parish office.

PARISH PAROCHIAL SCHOOL POLICY

Parishioners with Elementary School aged children who are enrolled in St. James Regional Catholic School (or another local Catholic School) may be eligible to receive a parish subsidy to help defray the cost of tuition. Weekly Parish Support is required. For more information, please call the parish office.

PREP / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children who attend public school are requested to register in our PREP Program beginning in first grade through seventh. There is a minimal tuition requested to defray costs of the materials. If tuition assistance is needed, please ask to speak with Father privately.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should contact the Rectory at least 6 months in advance of the intended wedding date. Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is required in accord with Archdiocesan Policy.

LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

If you need a Letter of Eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered member of the Parish & be Baptized, Received 1st Communion and Confirmation. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

CONTACT US!

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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-2:30

Gospel Meditation - September 6, 2026 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 18:15-20

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily together with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "Go and tell your brother his fault," He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother," we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

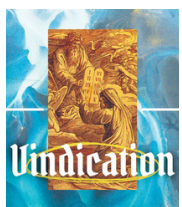
— Father John Muir



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ?



VIRTUES

Vindication

Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth.



DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

Lectio Divina

Lectio divina ("divine reading") is a practice of praying through the reading of Scripture, opening oneself to the inspiration and communication of the Holy Spirit.

The practice of Lectio divina dates to ancient monastic communities, but it has gained popularity in modern times as a way to meaningfully engage with the word of God.

The formula for Lectio divina is simple and follows four steps. The text of the Scripture is read (lectio) multiple times, and the reader takes note of any words or phrases that resonate with him in a particular way. The reader then reflects deeply on the passage (meditatio) and the words that he noticed, turning them over in his mind. Following this, the reader prays with the passage (oratio), and dialogues with God, inviting him to illuminate the reader's understanding of the text. Finally, there is rest and contemplation (contemplatio).

PRAYER

Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God,

We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared. Amen.

Observances for the Week

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Friday: Patriot Day

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

PRAY FOR THE SICK

As a Catholic Parish Community, we pray for our relatives and friends who are sick, and those who have asked for our prayers, especially the following:

John Furey, Patricia Kennealy,
Sue McCullough, Tom Pilson and all
the sick and suffering of our Parish.

Please contact the Parish Center 610-876-6170, if you would like to be added to the sick list.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC: *RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS*

Treat Him Like a Gentile

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

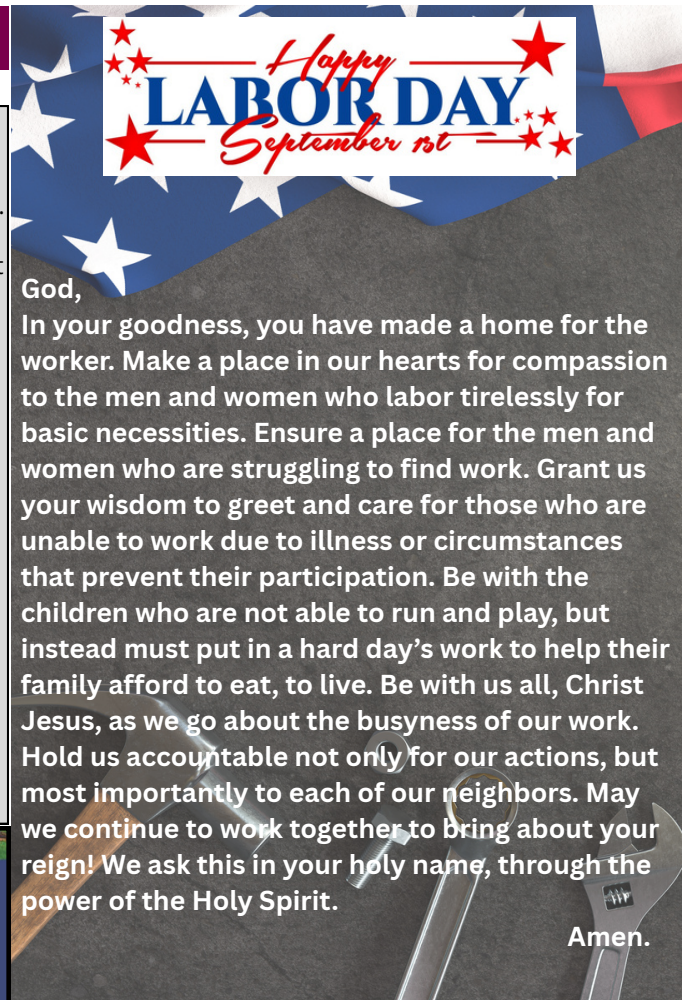
Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past.



Happy
LABOR DAY
September 1st

God,
In your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Men's Retreat Weekend

St. Joseph/Nativity/Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat

September 11-13, 2026

Retreat from the noise and hear God's Voice

Join us for a men's retreat on our weekend. This Malvern men's retreat includes Mass, Confession, Adoration, conference talks and time for personal prayer and reflection.



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Coming this Fall to Our Lady of Charity

TMIY

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The men's program That Man Is You (TMIY) will have its first meeting on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:15am in the Rectory Meeting Room at Our Lady of Charity. If you're interested, contact Dan Gallo at dnlgallo706@gmail.com or scan the QR Code to register.



Ridley High School Class of 1971 55th High School Reunion

Saturday, October 10th, 2026
6:00pm – 10:00pm
Knights of Columbus Hall – 1195 Haverford Road,
Crum Lynne, PA 19022
610.833.1299

(in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus)

For tickets & more information, please email us @
Ridleyclass71reunion@yahoo.com
Please contact us by August 31, 2026
Casual attire; Buffet Dinner; DJ

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLOW will return to St. Rose on Sunday, September 27 during the 10:30 Mass. **We are looking for volunteers.** There will be a volunteer meeting on Sunday, September 13th after the 10:30 Mass. Clearances will be required. For more information or to sign up, please contact Mrs. Marianne Jefferis at 610-876-6170 ext. 212 or by email atstroseprep@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Peace 40th Annual Women's Retreat

Malvern Retreat House
September 25-27, 2026
To Register, contact Sharon Rottenberk at
610-874-1448

St. Joseph Hall
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Malvern, PA 19335

Malvern
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31st Annual Sisters of St. Francis Golf Tournament

Join the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation for a day of golf, fellowship, and friendly competition in support of the elder care of our sisters at Assisi House. The tournament will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026, at Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester, PA. Whether you golf, sponsor, or simply want to support the event, your participation helps provide compassionate care for our sisters who have devoted their lives to serving others. For event details and sponsorship opportunities, visit:
<https://osfphila.org/events/golf/>

Crafting Begins at Our Lady of Charity

Get your glue guns ready!

Fall Crafting begins

Thursday September 17th,

6-8pm in the rectory

meeting room.

No experience needed. Meeting at 6pm, crafts at 7 pm. Calendars and craft info will be shared. If you are new to the group please email Kathy DeJohn at kdejoh@verizon.net
Come join us! All are welcome.



FLOCKNOTES



Scan the QRcode to sign up for Flocknotes. It's the best way to stay informed of schedule changes and other important Parish information.

Bulletin Submissions

All bulletin submissions should be emailed to srlbusmanager@outlook.com on Fridays the week prior to publishing.

All submissions are subject to approval by the Pastor and will be included should space allow.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5, 2026

4:30pm † Dec'd Members of the Piekarski Family

Sunday, September 6, 2026

7:30am † Gus Palesano

10:30am † Marie Stinson

12:00pm † Dorothy A. Black

Monday, September 7, 2026

9:00am † Peace, Health and Happiness for All

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

9:00am † Chip Cale

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

9:00am † **Communion Service**

Thursday, September 10, 2026

9:00am † Margaret S. Rowland

Friday, September 11, 2026

9:00am † Pro Populo



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Week of August 31, 2026

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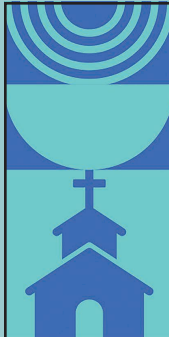
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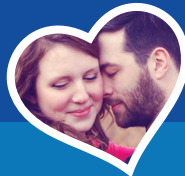
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