## St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church

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**August 25 2019** 



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#### THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – August 25, 2019

Sunday, August 25	
12:00 noon	Mass & Church Rededication
6:00 p.m.	Sr. Youth Group
Monday, August 26	
7:00 p.m.	Kennedy's Rosary Project (2)
Tuesday, August 27	
7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (2)
Wednesday, August 28	
7:00 p.m.	Cancer Support Group (11)
$7:00^{\circ}p.m.$	C & L(2)
Thursday, August 29	
3:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (1)
Friday, August 30	` /
3:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (1)
Saturday, August 31	
7:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry (11)
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#### **LOCATION:**

6:30 p.m.

1. Church	/. Chapei
2. 38 Church Hill Road	8. Msgr. Conroy Room
3 Msgr Weiss Hall	9. K of C Hall

4. Science Room
5. Parish Center/Safe place
10. Rectory Conference Room
11. Holy Innocents Center

AA Meeting (2)

6. St. Rose School

## **SAVE THE DATE**MOTHER DOLORES HART

ST. Rose Women's Club is privileged to present a talk by Mother Dolores Hart on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Holy Innocents Hall.

Accompanying Mother Dolores will be her good friend, Ree Howell, who recently published a book entitled, *Loving Mother Dolores*, the story of their friendship.

After the talk, both Mother Dolores and Ree will be available to autograph the book, and refreshments will be served.

Mother Dolores was a famous movie star in the 1950's, starring in many movies, including *Loving You* in 1957, in which she gave Elvis Presley his first screen kiss. At the height of her career, she decided to become a cloistered nun, and entered the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT, where she has been a nun for 53 years.

Mother Dolores is a wonderful speaker. Please do not miss this opportunity to hear her speak. Admission is \$10. Tickets will be on sale in the near future.

#### DOROTHY DAY HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY-

Spring St., Danbury, CT. We are seeking new volunteers the **third Wednesday** of every month from 1-5 p.m. to set up, serve and clean up. Must be **16** years of age. **Must be dependable**. Contact Marcia Izzo at 203-733-9655.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 26				
6:45	Mary GauciPam & John Arsenault			
9:00	Jill LearyBrian Leary & Family			
Tuesday, August 27				
6:45				
9:00	Renata CastellettiCarmela Castelletti			
Wednesday, August 28				
6:45	Frank SaidisPeggy & Tony Baiad			
9:00	Thomas DrewsRuth & Rusty Ayers			
Thursday, August 29				
6:45	Declan Brown Tim & Debbie Reilly			
9:00	Richard WesselbrandThe DeCanio Family			
Friday, August 30				
6:45	Andrew CiaccioSteve & Sandi Bodnar			
9:00	Renzo Gauci Family			
Saturday, August 31				
8:00	Mary GauciThe Tucker Family			
4:00				
5:30	Michael Lucas Anne Pellicano			
Sunday, September 1				
7:30	Clarence, Jule, Joseph			
	& Robin WilliamsPat & Debbie Pepe			
9:00	Gail Read The Bodie Family			
10:30				
12:00	Mary Maye Mary Williams			
5:00	Ed Gutkowski Carol Bistany			
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The Sanctuary candle will be lit this week for the intentions of a catechist as requested by St. Rose Religious Ed.

#### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, all bulletin submissions are due on Friday, August 30th at 10 a.m. for the September 8th bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wedding Banns

Banns: I Kevin Troy and Bria Innaurato



Dorothy Day Shelter Team —Looking for a few good men Please consider joining our team in providing coverage at the Dorothy Day Shelter in Danbury. Participants stay overnight at the shelter 3-4 nights a year, from about 9:00 pm to 6:30 am. Responsibilities include supervision, laundry overnight, and light housekeeping in the morning. Before committing to a fixed schedule of nights, you will receive a night of training with an experienced volunteer to see if this is a ministry you would like to pursue. Please contact Deacon Norm at 203-739-0175 or normroosjr@aol.com if you are interested in joining the team or want additional information.

#### A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

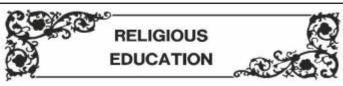
May the Lord bless the work of our hands!

As we gather to celebrate our 160th anniversary with the blessing and dedication of our church and campus, how blessed we are as a people of God and a strong faith community. Today's celebration is the result of many prayers, hard work and extraordinary generosity on the part of many. The list of thanks to all those who contributed to our success in any way would take an entire bulletin, maybe two! Please know how grateful and blessed I am to stand in your midst as your pastor. I thank God for His providence in helping us move forward with our WE STAND WITH CHRIST..... AN INVITATION TO FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP CAMPAIGN. The outpouring of good will is a testimony to the faith of the parishioners of Saint Rose, a parish who has truly made a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people throughout our 160 years. Our church has been a source of celebration, a place of consolation and a respite from the trials and challenges parishioners face in their everyday lives. Millions of prayers have been offered and thousands of candles have been lit to bring hope, peace, strength and continued faith and trust in God's love for each of us. I am especially grateful to Bishop Caggiano who encouraged this project from its very beginning and has been a source of guidance and support. His presence at our planning meeting, our groundbreaking and our dedication is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank an incredibly dedicated clergy, religious and lay staff for their patience and endurance throughout the process as well as their encouragement and support of me. This was truly a "team effort"! As we gather in celebration and prayer, let us be mindful of the many blessings that are ours everyday from the hand of the Lord. And may the Lord continue to bless the work of our hands to whom all honor and glory belong on this day and everyday! extraordinary generosity on the part of many. The list of thanks to all those who contributed to our success in any way

Did you know.....

- +Some of the granite steps in front of the church are original from the 1882 church.
- +The windows installed in the wall of the vestibule are also original to the 1882 church. They were retrieved from the dumpster during the demolition of the church and recently restored for display.
- +The stained glass panels depicting the story of creation were created by a Mexican artist in the 1920's/1930's and were used at a display at a world exhibition in Canada during the 1960's. Following the exhibition, they were donated to the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate where they were installed in one of their schools in New York. When the school closed, the windows were removed and given to us. They were in the rectory basement for a number of years until we could find a place to showcase them. They are a treasure in many ways and a gift most appreciated.
- +The "Love One Another" sign over the center vestibule door has been part of the 1969 church almost from its beginning. Many couples have had a wedding photo taken while standing under it!
- +The vases near the Saint Ann, Saint Rose and Holy Family statues as well as the candleholders next to the relic of Saint Rose were original from the 1882 church as well. When I arrived her in 1999, I found an "attic above the attic" in the rectory. A variety of vases and candleholders from our original church were piled there. I have had them restored and are using them as part of our celebration this weekend.
- +The Holy Water font in the center of the vestibule is also from our first church. It was a gift from one of the founding families, the Egan's (no relation to our former Cardinal Egan!). I found it tucked away in the boiler room and had it restored as well.
- +The stained glass panel on the Penance Room door is from the church in which I was baptized, All Saints in Baltimore, Maryland. My maternal grandfather was head usher of the parish. The Sacred Heart window was being removed when the church was being renovated. He asked if he might have it to give to me. It has been under my bed for 47 years and now has a new home in our church.
- +The bells are a gift to us from the Franciscan Community. They represent a variety of reasons why we need to continually pray in the spirit of Saint Francis for peace in our families, our communities and our world. One bell is in honor of those who perished in the 9/11 attacks on our country, a reminder to pray for an end to terrorism. Another is to honor the victims and families of the Sandy Hook School shooting, seeking an end to the senseless gun violence that has overtaken our country. The third is for children throughout the world who suffer everyday from hunger, poverty and lack of opportunity that they might find a safe harbor in which to grow in wisdom, age and grace and have a fulfilling life. The fourth bell is to honor our military and first responders, keeping us aware of the risk they take by putting their lives on the line for the safety and well-being of all of us. The floor of the upper garden area is a sacred place. Many items related to the Sandy Hook tragedy are placed in a burial vault there. Please gather there and pray for peace.
- +The cross in front of the rectory is not a marker for a grave. The fourth pastor of Saint Rose, Fr. McCartan, was originally buried in front of the church. His body was later exhumed and buried in the priest circle of the cemetery which is why many believe it remains his grave. The cross is a marker for a time capsule buried by our Cub Scouts in the year 2000.
- +The statue of Saint Rose has been given a prominent space. This statue was originally in a grotto located at the entrance of our first church. The statue is in amazing condition considering its exposure to the elements all these years.
- + We have created a plaque which now hangs in the vestibule which lists the donors for the 1969 church as a reminder of their generosity.

If you have any questions about anything in the church, please do not hesitate to ask.



Cate Gosselin DRE@strosechurch.com

## **Do you still need to register for this year's Religious Education?**

Many spaces have filled up and some sessions are now closed. Please call the Religious Education office as soon as possible to register your child(ren) for the upcoming year. Please consider teaching and take advantage of our catechist discount.

#### **New Catechist Supply Bags**

At all masses this weekend, we are handing out canvass school supply bags. We kindly ask that you take a bag and fill it up with school supplies, facial tissues, hand sanitizer, and anything else you think our new catechists could use to start their school year. Please pray for these new catechists as they begin their new assignment. *Thank you for your generosity.* 

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

<u>Sept 12: New Catechists</u> at 7 - 8 pm in Holy Innocents This meeting is for anyone new to teaching at St. Rose.

Sept 15: Catechist Kick-off Meeting at 3 - 4:45 pm in Holy Innocents followed by Catechist Commissioning Mass at 5 pm in Church.

Mandatory meeting for ALL catechists. You will receive your class list as well as your textbooks for teaching. Important information for ALL catechists will be distributed. We have a new book series this year!

Sept 22 - 24: First week of classes for Catechists ONLY 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Our first classes will be for Professional Development. You <u>must attend</u> the day and time you teach.

Sept 29 - Oct 1: First week of classes for ALL students
Parents letter will be emailed shortly from our office. Check your email for this important letter that will
confirm the time and day your child will be attending
class.

#### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR:

**Sunday 9:15-10:15** Grades 1, 5

**Monday 4:30-5:30** Grade 7

**Tuesday 4:30-5:30** Grades K, 1,3, 6, 7, 8

#### SCHOOL NEWS

Get ready for the 2019-2020 school year! We are excited to welcome students back in to our halls on the first day, August 28th. There will be early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

The bus schedule is now available on the school website, www.stroseschool.com

Mark your calendars for the Labor Day Parade, September 2! Building a float and marching in the parade are a special tradition at St. Rose School. If you would like to be on the float committee, please contact advancement@srles.com All painters, builders and decorators welcome - let's make this an awesome float to represent our awesome school.

**Upcoming dates to note: August 28th** - First day of school, K-8. This is a half day, dismissal will be 11:30 a.m. **August 29th** -- Preschool Orientation, 6:30 p.m. **September** 12th --Back to School Night/First HSA Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Why is St. Rose School a GREAT fit for your family?

A 60 year history of providing stellar academics in a faith focused environment; an active Buddy program where upper grade students are paired with younger grade students to enhance the overall learning experience; caring, credentialed teachers who go the extra mile to ensure that every student meets their potential; weekly Friday Mass where the entire school gathers together to worship and partake in aspects of the Mass including altar serving, choir, gift bearers and readers; exceptional enrichment programs such as Mock Trial, Model UN, Advanced Math Club, Band and Musical Theater; a vibrant community that is truly like a second family. When you walk through the doors of St. Rose School you enter the heart of a community that is a home away from home and remains that way long after graduation.

Curious? Visit www.stroseschool.com for more information; contact admissions@srles.com or call 203-416-5102 for questions and to arrange tours. A warm welcome awaits you.

FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS. CHECK THE INTERNET FOR MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS AT www.masstimes.org.



#### **PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

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#### PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

#### PASTORAL VISITS

Are you or a family member Homebound, or in a short-term facility for Rehabilitation, in a Nursing Home, Hospital or on Hospice Care? Would you like a Pastoral/



Eucharistic Minister to visit you &/or bring you **Communion?** Because of HIPPA regulations, we have no means of knowing if you are in any of the above situations unless you notify us. Please feel free to call Sister Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. We are looking forward to your call and to serving you.

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRY PROGRAM**

The Outreach Ministry program meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center at 6:00 p.m. The next program will be in the fall.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room at 10 a.m. The next meeting is September 7th. Please consider joining us! Do you know someone who is sick, grieving or lonely? Consider blessing them with a prayer shawl. Call Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572 with your requests.

#### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Parishioner to Parishioner: ("Available" items are offered without charge; just make arrangements to pick them up)

For information please call: Joan Dwyer, 203-426-9337, weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please do not call on holidays or weekends. Available: Ethan Allan Loveseat, excellent condition: 37"D X 65" W: Navy with floral design.

Available: 2 End tables (dark) square 26" x 21" high and Octagonal 25" x 28" x 18" high.

Whatever you did to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me". Mt. 25:4



## ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

If the economy, job loss, illness or an unexpected emergency has caused your family to have difficulty regarding housing issues for

St. Rose parishioners, please contact Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. Everything is strictly confidential. St. Joseph, pray for us! Praise the Lord! He takes care of His children!

#### LIFT-A-SPIRIT MEAL MINISTRY

There is nothing nicer than a home-cooked meal! For many members of our St. Rose parish family who are dealing with chronic illnesses or who are facing medical emergencies, a hot meal, made with love and prayers, is nourishing to the body and soul. Please consider joining our

group. Contact Kathy: 203-426-4521.

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be September 15th at 7 p.m. at 38 Church Hill Road in the back entrance conference room. Please use back door. For information, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 914-409-6236.

#### **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

Do you have cancer? Are you a cancer survivor? Are you a family member of someone who has cancer? Have you lost a loved one to cancer? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are encouraged to attend a support group being held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center. For more information please contact Frank Sequenzia at 203-948-1369 or email: flsequenzia@gmail.com

ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP Meeting is held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Holy Innocents Building for caregivers and family of those living with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Please contact Michael Guido with any questions or suggestions 203-948-8251 or Guido.michael@gmail.com

#### ROSARY RECITATION IN CHURCH

Join us in front of the Blessed Mother statue Mon.-Fri. after 9 a.m. Mass and Sat. after 8 a.m. Mass.





#### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Spiritual Journey is on break for the summer and will start again in the fall.

The FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. Meetings will be postponed until September 6. We will be starting with Corinthians. Questions, call Blanca Sheehan at 203-426-3253.

ST. ROSE JOB NETWORKING
The Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP), a networking group of business professionals who are in transition or looking to expand connections, meets every second Tuesday of the month from 5:45to 8 pm at the Knights hall. Our next NFP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10. Contact John at johnp@itechcp.com.

ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING We meet every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the down-stairs room at 38 Church Hill Road. Men's Praise & Worship meeting is every Thursday at 10 a.m. at Holy Innocents. Are you a man having trouble forgiving? The Our Father says if we forgive, God will forgive us but sometimes for-giving is not as easy as it sounds. So if this speaks to you come join us on Thursdays and we can share our stories in a safe place with men that are dealing with forgiving so we can be who we were created to be! Because you have obeyed the voice of the HOLY SPIRIT, you will see a shift in your family. You are taking the proper place and "NOW GOD" can begin to move, to restore and heal. GOD BLESS" For additional information contact. Tony Evertex BLESS" For additional information contact Tony Evertez at tevertez@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158.

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING

The first Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting of the season will take place on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory conference room. Help plan a great year! For info, please 203-739contact Deacon Norm Roos, 0175, normroosjr@aol.com.

#### CHILDREN'S ROSARY

This is a worldwide movement to promote the most powerful prayer in the world, "the greatest weapon we have on earth" (St. John Paul II). All children and their parents/ caretakers are invited to pray the Holy Rosary. Children lead the prayer service.

WEBS (WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY)

The Women's Enrichment Bible Study (WEBS) group will begin a new bible study in the fall entitled, "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come", by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith. It is an 11 week study and will include the viewing of a weekly video streaming segment. WEBS meets on Tuesdays from 9:45 - 11:30 am in the Holy Innocents building beginning September 10th. The cost of the workbook will be approximately \$28 and we will need to order the books by August 28th. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch for any additional info or to order a book, at 203-994-5106.

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Mornings: 1st Tuesday of each month after 9 a.m. Mass **Evenings**: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Both meetings are in the Holy Innocents building.

## MEETINGS

#### <u>ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK</u>

The Men's Faith Network is designed to help parish men of all ages explore what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Our primary mission is to help men grow in faith, accountability, and fellowship; emphasizing real-life application. We meet each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Holy Innocents building. All parish men are welcome! Contact Mike Ryan at mryan9497@gmail.com

YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP meets at Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center on the fourth Tuesday of the month to present and discuss a topic relevant to widowhood. Find help dealing with the significant changes a spouse's death brings. Meet people in similar circumstances for support, friendship and understanding. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. at the Holy **Innocents Building.** For more info www.meetup.com/ widows-ct or call 203-426-0481.

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meets every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. in the upper room at 38 Church Hill Road. AA is a fellowship of men and women who help each other from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help others achieve sobriety. Come join us.

#### ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB

St. Rose Women's Club will start our 2019-2020 year on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Msgr. Weiss will celebrate Mass for us at 6:30 in the church, followed by a meeting and social in Holy Innocent's Hall.

Our club is open to all women of our parish. Please join us and learn what we are about and what we have scheduled for the year. We have a lot of exciting programs planned, and it is a great way to meet other women from our parish. Hope to see you on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Feel free to call Eileen Gallo at 203-426-8223 if you have any questions. **There will not be a Fall Vendor Fair at St. Rose this** 

#### WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking With Purpose, a bible study for women, meets on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. We have a variety of courses available, so whether you are a beginner or looking for a more in depth study, there is something for you! New women are welcome to join us at any time and free childcare is available. For more information, go to strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womensbible-study or contact Beth Groonell at elizabethgroonell@me.com with any questions.

NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for the divorced and separated.

We meet on the second Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen McGarry at 203-491-7817 or melle.mcgarry@gmail.com.

#### PRO-LIFE CORNER

Help plan a great year! Attend the first Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting of the season on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory conference room! For more inforcontact Deacon Norm Roos, 0175, normroosjr@aol.com.

The next 40 Days for Life campaign will begin September 25 and end November 3. Please consider joining us to pray outside the Planned Parenthood on Main Street in Danbury.

Entering Canaan ministers to women, men, and siblings on their journey to healing from the pain, isolation and silent suffering of abortion to the freedom of forgiveness, healing, and peace through Christ. The Diocese of Bridgeport is committed to assisting those who are seeking help through the Entering Canaan model of healing. There are many upcoming Entering Canaan Retreats this summer. Please contact our confidential phone line at 203.416.1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org for more information. Entering Canaan Retreat Day will take place Saturday, September 28. For confidential reservations contact Theresa at Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion <a href="mailto:lumina@postabortionhelp.org">lumina@postabortionhelp.org</a> or (877) 586-4621.

"Our concern is only intensified by the realization that a policy and practice that result in well over a million deaths from abortions each year cannot but diminish respect for life in other areas. In this pastoral plan, then, 'we are guided by a key insight regarding the linkage between abortion and these other important issues: Precisely because all issues involving human life are interdependent, a society which destroys human life by abortion under the mantle of law unavoidably undermines respect for life in all other contexts."

-USCCB, "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities"



Give Blood Tues Sept 3, 8:30a-6:30p, at Newtown Congregational Church, 14 West St, Newtown. Every two seconds, someone needs blood and every 30 seconds, someone needs platelets in the U.S. Donate blood to save lives! Prospective donors can walk in or sign up via 1.800.733.2767 www.redcrossblood.org/ or (1.800.REDCROSS). Sponsored by Newtown Lions Club with NCC. Refreshments generously provided by Dunkin Donuts and Women Involved in Newtown.

#### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SERVING US May God keep special watch over these men and women serving in the United States Military

United States Army LTC Andra Allison MAJ Robert A. Bassett, DO PFC Ryan J. Bepko PVT Jack Carello 2LT Patrick Carello SGT Daniel Cartisano PVT Ronald Corris SSG Anthony T. D'Aquila 1LT Daniel DeLaVega 1LT Stephen Gardner ILT Daniel DeLaVega
ILT Stephen Gardner
MAJ Rachel (Askue) Hoffman
2LT Michael Hubbard
CPT Tucker Hughes
CPT Paul M. Kearney
MAJ Matthew A. LaRocca
WO Rylan McCullom
SGT Thomas J. Merrifield
LTC Sean Pond
PFC Matthew Rahtelli
ILT Liam Thies
LTC Benjamin Wallen
COL Peter J. Whalen
CPT Daniel Wilcox

United States Air Force
SSgt. Daniel Carlson
Capt. Keegan Frobey Matchett
A1°C Alexandria Matjievic
SSgt. Travis Mueller
Lt Co John Murphy
SrA Emily Pieretti
MSgt James Rebman
Capt Drew Taylor
Capt Katie Taylor
SSgt Daniel West
Capt Kimberly Solheim West
Capt Jessica Zencey
Capt Gregory Zencey
Maj Philip Zencey **United States Air Force** 

U.S. Coast Guard SN Charles Agius LTJG Logan C. Mars LT Scott B. Nichols LT Meridith A. Palo LCDR Paul D. Tessitore

United States Navy
ENS Julia Davis
SN Philip DeMayo
SN Danielle Godejohn
MIDN Andrew Golankiewicz LT Alex Islin LT Allison Kirk Islin CPO Daniel J. Kearns, Sr. CPO Daniel J. Kearns, Sr. LT Daniel Kirk ENS Michael Kirk CDR Timothy Krippendorf LT Brian Murphy CDR John Porado SN Eric Ralson, Jr. CPO Matthew Sidor CDR Joseph P. Smith POI Christopher Szabbo

Army National Guard WO2 Matthew Bergquist LTC Todd Bookless PFC Louis Enriquez SPC Charles Mallico SGT Thomas Monckton CPT Matthew D. Seibert

United States Marines Cpl Thomas E. L. Catalina WO1 Michael Costello WO1 Michael Costello
Cpl Sean C. Decker
2ndLT Jackie Fisher
Cpl Robert W. Hoyt, Jr.
Pvt Christopher Manfredi
PFC Luke T. Miller
LCpl Ian Montgomery
Cof David L. Morgan II
Sgt Emmanuel Necoechea
LCpl John Tamborino
LCpl Lucas T. Vendel
PFC Patrick Zingaro

#### SAINT ROSE YOUTH

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

New and transformative changes are taking place for middle school. Please see below for changes to our program. Please note that there will no longer be a ministry called Edge. Also, these ministries are offered to grades 6,

EXCITE: OPEN TO GRADES 6 AND 7

This ministry will give all those in grades 6 and 7 a chance to have tons of fun, spend some time with Jesus, and share some snacks with friends. We will meet in the Hall on Fridays unless otherwise noted. Our kick-off event will be Friday, September 20 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Monsignor Weiss Gathering Hall. Questions? Email Jenna Donovan at jdonovanym@gmail.com.

8TH GRADE UNITED: OPEN TO ALL 8TH GRADERS FROM ST ROSE, ST MARY'S IN BETHEL, AND ST JOSEPH'S IN BROOKFIELD

This brand new ministry will help those preparing for Confirmation to truly make their Faith their own and get them ready to join the High School United Youth Ministry the following year. First Life Night will be Friday, November 8 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Hall.

To be added to the email list for updates on this ministry

please email Jenna Donovan at jdonovanym@gmail.com.



ALL VOLUNTEERS in the Diocese of Bridgeport are required to comply with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. Part of this policy is attending the program, Protecting God's Children. If you wish to help in any way within the parish or Diocese, please register at www.virtus.org. If you attended the class more than 5 years ago, you need to be recertified. If you have any questions or need help with recertification, please contact Doreen or Kelly in the Rectory office 203-426-1014.



If you haven't already, please consider making your contributions through Online Giving, a convenient, safe, secure option which makes use of current technology and security standards. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. It is simple and flexible, and allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. How: 1-Visit our website: StRoseChurch.com 2-Click on the Online Giving Link—scroll down and find it on the right side of page 3-Complete the online registration form.

Call Doreen at the rectory 203-426-5250 for assistance or more info.

#### **FAITH FOOD PANTRY**

Has Moved to St. Rose Campus 46 Church Hill Rd. (Next to Knights of Columbus Hall.)



Thurs. 6-7:30 p.m.

If questions, call 203-426-5604 Or 203-837-0816

Food can be dropped off at Village Perk, Booth Library, The Newtown Bee, Caraluzzi's Market, Fisio Therapy, Popowich Chiropractor, Barre Boutique. Volunteers must be 21 and over and Virtus trained.

#### **Diaconate Discovery Evenings**

Have you ever wondered if you were being "called" to become a deacon? Monthly, **Diaconate Discovery Evenings** will be a consistent space to wonder, explore, pray and share with other men of faith regarding serving the Church as a Permanent Deacon. Join me and explore some of these questions and others that you may have about the Diaconate. Our next gathering is Thursday, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Phillip's Church, 1Fr. Conlan Pl., Norwalk in the Mansion. If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Deacon Tim Bolton, Coordinator of Diaconate Vocations, @dnbolton@diobpt.org.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #185

Do you know a neighbor in need? The Knights are here to help. Contact Community Service Committee Member, Harold Brennan at 203-704-0083 or 203-426-3661. Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information contact Guy Mascolo at 203-837-0466 or mascologuy@yahoo.com

## <u>COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE</u> #1307:

The male youth division of the Knights of Columbus, serving St. Rose and the community, is the largest circle in North America. Want to join the group? Contact Bill Manfredonia at 203-313-5855, billmanfredonia@aol.com.

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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Do you love children? Have you been searching for a way to give back to others, to lighten someone's load, to make another woman's life just a little bit easier?

Walking With Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible Study.

Walking With Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible Study offered in our parish on Wednesday morning, beginning September 25 - April. We are praying for a few women/young adult volunteers to help our Coordinator - once a week, or once a month- whatever your schedule allows! For more information email Elizabeth Groonell @elizabeth.groonell@me.com

#### KENNEDY'S ROSARY PROJECT—August 26, at 7

<u>p.m.</u>

At age 2, Kennedy was diagnosed with a spinal cord tumor. Since her diagnosis, she has spent countless hours in the MRI. She has received much comfort from praying the rosary in the MRI, but her mom could not find a rosary that was safe to take in with her.

Through the touches of the Holy Spirit, a new ministry called Kennedy's Rosary Project was created to serve this need. KRP's mission is to make hand-knotted MRI-safe nylon twine rosary chaplets to offer consolation and a safe rosary to be prayed anywhere. The MRI-safe Rosaries are packaged with instructions on how to pray the Rosary and are placed in KRP boxes, which share Kennedy's story in MRI centers, sent to soldiers and shared with those who are ill or suffering. Instructions are available in Spanish and English. Please join us on August 26th at 7 p.m. at 38 Church Hill Road.

#### AROUND THE DIOCESE

#### THE FACE OF PRAYER

The Face of Prayer recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people. Visit www.thefaceofprayer.com to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders across the country. Be sure to also join the movement by texting **PRAY** to **55778** to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

#### PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? There is help and hope! The Diocese of Bridgeport Project Rachel Ministry offers referrals, resources, day and weekend retreats for those suffering from a past abortion. Please contact 203-416-1619/203-895-3554 or projectrachel@diobpt.org for confidential information.

As part of **Retired Superior Court Judge Holzberg's** investigation into clergy sexual abuse of minors and the Diocesan response to that abuse, a hotline has been established for those who wish to communicate with the Judge and his team. Survivors or any others affected by abuse are encouraged to contact the hotline to discuss past incidents of abuse or their experience with the Diocese in regards to such abuse. The hotline can be reached as follows.

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When contacting the hotline, an individual may or may not choose to identify him or herself.

REPORTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CARE LINE AT 1-800-842-2288 OR TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE. IN ADDITION, THE DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE ENCOURAGES SURVIVORS WHO HAVE NOT REPORTED ABUSE TO CALL 203-650-3265 OR 203-241-0987

## THE CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE IS LOOKING FOR LEADERS!

We're seeking men to take on the awesome challenge of being a Parish Captain to reach out to your brothers and invite them to this year's Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference on 10/19/2019. If you've experienced the incredible benefits of attending the conference, why not share it with the men of your parish? Please help out by registering at www.ctcatholicmen.org. Go to the Parish Captain section and click "sign up". More questions? Email ctcatholicmensconference@gmail.com.

#### TEACH ME TO PRAY, TEACH ME TO PLAY

Registration is now open for Teach Me to Pray, Teach Me to Play Two Year Old Program Fall 2019 Session Mondays or Wednesdays 9am-11:30am Teach Me to Pray, Teach Me to Play is a faith-based program designed to give children their first



designed to give children their first "classroom" experience with prayer, play, circle time, arts and crafts, story time, snack and outdoor playtime (weather permitting). This is a drop-off program that is located in the Holy Innocents Building. The fall session runs from September through December. Children must be two by October 1st. For more information and to register for this session, please contact Dot Perpignand at 203-417-6646.

Care for the Caregivers Monthly Support Group Meeting

Monday, September  ${\bf 16}^{\rm th}$  at 7pm —St. Thomas the Apostle Church Lower Parish Center 733 Oxford Rd. Oxford, CT

In order to care for a loved one, you need to care for yourself. Easier said than done, or is it? A caregiver faces many challenges; emotional, physical, and financial.

Come to the monthly caregiver support group and talk with others who are facing some of the same challenges you are facing. Need more information?

Call Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 121



Do you know someone who is seeking a relationship with God – or who wants to deepen their relationship with God – in a safe, no pressure environment?

ALPHA is a good place to start and it's coming to St. Rose in September!

Meet Mondays, 7:00-8:15 PM, September 30 – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Every week enjoy FREE refreshments, an interesting video and inviting conversation in a <u>NO PRESSURE</u> environment (you do not have to commit to every session).

For more information or to reserve your spot email alphastrosenewtown@gmail.com.

Please share the word!

#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct. 18-20, 2019 in ALBANY, NY and Nov.1-3, 2019 in MAN-CHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127or visit them at https:// wwmectw.org/.

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Are you a Crafter or Vendor? St. Marguerite Parish's 27th Annual Fall Festival will be held Saturday, November 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Vendor Applications are available at stmarguerite.org under "Breaking News". If interested in becoming a vendor, don't delay--spaces have sold out the past two years. For information, contact Jean at 203-775-5117, x213. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is located at 138 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield.

Newtown Youth & Family Services is looking for volunteers to help plan the 34th Annual Holiday Festival! The Holiday Festival is held every year along Main Street in Newtown and features Holiday House Tours, the Festival of Trees, the Nutcracker Ballet and much more! Committee Members will meet twice a month starting in September. If you would like more information please contact Susan Šmith,

SSmith@newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org or 203-270-4335.

#### **Immaculate High School Celebrates 30th Golf Outing** With New Location and Events

Immaculate High School is proud to announce that its 30th Annual Immaculate High School Golf Outing, one of the longest-running golf tournaments in the Danbury area, will be on September 18, 2019 at its new location at Ridgewood Country Club in Danbury.

This year's golf outing features 18 holes of golf on a beautiful course, cart fees, lunch, awards reception, dinner, silent auction and 50/50 raffle; new this year is beer tasting at one of the holes sponsored by Reverie Brewing Company of Newtown, and there will be a few chances to win a brand new car for a hole-in-one. Foursomes as well as individual golfers are welcome.

Sponsors are also invited to help support this special 30th anniversary of the popular Immaculate High School Golf Outing. All proceeds from the golf outing benefit Immaculate High School students and school programs. To reserve your spot and/or sponsor the IHS Golf Outing, go to www.immaculatehs.org/golf. For more information contact Jeannie Demko, Event Coordinator, at jdemko@myimmaculatehs.org.

## Save The Date! Evening with Ben Grainger!

Ben Grainger is coming to St. Rose! 23 year United States Marine Corps veteran, renowned motivational speaker, volunteer for vets and teens in distress discusses Finding Faith in Fallujah at the St. Rose Men's Night on November 3rd at 6:00pm in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center! Details to follow soon on how to reserve your seat for what is sure to be a moving and inspirational evening!



The Voice of St. Rose is an online streaming Internet Service operated by St. Rose Parish. Live Telecasts, Audio streams, and On Demand archives of Mass and special events are now available through internet links found on our Parish Website strosechurch.com. The Project was established primarily to extend our Parish outreach providing Daily Masses Live online from St. Rose to those who cannot attend church on a regular basis but want to be connected to our Parish Community. The Internet Streams can be connected from virtually anywhere in the world through a Smart Phone/TV, Computer or any Internet enabled device. For Students that are away at school, those that have moved away, or Snowbirds that just want to stay connected to the St. Rose community, this provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in and watch. The Sunday 10:30AM Mass is telecast live weekly from St. Rose Parish and all archives are available through our Parish website strosechurch.com or the St. Rose Parish YouTube website. All scheduled Masses are streamed via the Audiocasts over the Voice of St. Rose service affectionately known as "All Things Catholic" There is additional programming carried over this audio stream from the Vatican and many sources between Mass times from around the diocese including our own Monsignor Bob's "Weiss Wednesday", Father Sam's "Faith Friday", Bishop Caggiano's thoughts of the week, and the wonderful messages of "We Stand with Christ". The Voice of St. Rose is accessible through our Parish Website <u>strosechurch.com</u> or our <u>St. Rose Parish YouTube</u> <u>website</u>. For all the details see the St. Rose Parish website.

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