December 8, 2019

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm Monday - Friday, 6:45 and 9:00 am Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Days—Vigil Mass 7:30 pm Holy Day- 6:45 & 9:00 a.m. 5:30 & 7:30 pm Holidays - 8:00 a.m.

#### REGISTRATION

All parishioners are asked to be formally registered with the parish. Call the Rectory Office for information. Registration is required to receive parish mailings, sponsor certificates, and sacraments.

Confessions are celebrated each Saturday from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. or by special appointment with one of the priests.

#### **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Parish Office for information. (A pre-Baptism class is required for those wishing to baptize a child. Classes will be held at 12:15 p.m. Dates to be determined. Contact the rectory to register 203-426-1014. Godparent must be at least 16 years old; received Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation; attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion regularly, sincerely try to follow the moral teaching of the Catholic Church; and if married, was married in the Catholic Church.

#### FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE and CONFIRMATION

Religious education classes begin at age 4. First grade is a pre-requisite for First Communion and First Penance. Attendance is required in each grade for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in grade 8.

#### **MARRIAGE**

The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. All couples must attend a diocesan sponsored Marriage Preparation Workshop. Weddings can be scheduled on Friday, Saturday or Sunday at a time convenient to the parish schedule.

#### 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 parish cemetery is located on the corner of Cherry and Black Cherry Streets in Sandy Hook. For more info, please contact the Rectory Office.











#### THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE - December 8, 2019

Sunday, December 8		
This weekend	Collection for Dorothy Day House (1)	
1:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for Live Nativity (11)	
6:00 p.m.	Advent Candlelight Event (11)	
$6:00^{2} p.m.$	United Sr. High School Youth Group	
Monday, December 9 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)		
9:00 a.m.	Teach Me to PrayPlay (11)	
7:00 p.m.	Alpha (9)	
$7:00^{2} p.m.$	New Beginnings Meeting (10)	
Tuesday, December 10		
7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (2)	
$7:00^{2}p.m.$	Walking With Purpose (11)	
8:30 p.m.	Adult Holy Hour (1)	
Wednesday, December 11		
9:00 a.m.	Teach Me to PrayPlay (11)	
7:00 p.m.	Cancer Support Group (11)	
7:00 p.m.	C & L(2)	
7:00 p.m.	Folk Choir (1)	
7:30p.m.	RCIA (school library)	
Thursday, December 12		
10:15 p.m.	Spiritual Journey (11)	
3:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (1)	
6:45 p.m.	Women's Club (Armando's)	
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir (1)	
Friday, December 13		
10:00 а.т.	Friday Bible Study (2)	
3:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (1)	
Saturday, December 14		
7:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry (11)	
12 noon	AA Mass (1)	
After 4:00 p.m. Mass		
6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting (2)	
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#### LOCATION:

1. Church 7. Chapel

2. 38 Church Hill Road 8. Msgr. Conroy Room

3. Msgr. Weiss Hall 9. K of C Hall

4. Science Room 10.Rectory Conference Room

5. Parish Center/Safe place 11. Holy Innocents Center

6. St. Rose School



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION December 9, 2019

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception are at 6:45 & 9:00 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

**Deaconate Discovery Evenings Return** 

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, December 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. at St. Jude Church, 707 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe. 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.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday,	<b>December 9 (Immaculate Conception)</b>	
6:45	Dina Maiocco	
9:00	Edward & Marilyn MontrayFamily	
5:30		
7:30	Harry DieckFamily	
Tuesday, December 10		
6:45	Colin W. ReevesKathy & Jim Filan	
9:00	Aloise Mulvihill K of C Council #185	
Wednesday, December 11		
6:45	Celia Ulrich Marlene Wittick	
9:00	Carol GiannettinoDave & Ginny Jess	
Thursday, December 12		
6:45	Richard L. Scinto, SrJoan Gilbertie	
9:00	Peter & Camillo DiCrecenzo Mary DiCrescenzo	
Friday, December 13		
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9:00	Clark & Matthews FamiliesPat Matthews	
Saturday, December 14		
8:00	Sandy Hook Victims	
9:30	Sandy Hook Victims	
4:00	Robert BiscoeJoy Biscoe & Family	
5:30	Brian GibbonsEllen Klaus	
Sunday, December 15		
7:30	Carol Giannettino Sue & Bob Murray & Family	
9:00	Patricia Durkin Barbara Lombardi	
10:30	Jerry Kuhn, Jr Mike & Valerie Giarratano	
12:00	Intentions of Ryan & Katie Keogler Ortega Family	
5:00	Daniel & Veronica Staib Eleanor Staib	

The **Sanctuary Candle** will be lit this week in memory of Joan Heady as requested by Anna Figliola.



The **Chapel candle** will be lit this week in memory of John Morgera as requested by family.

## THAT THEIR LIGHT MAY ALWAYS SHINE......

Compassionate Friends Annual Candle Lighting Memorial

Please light a candle on December 8th, 7PM, wherever you may be, to remember our children who have left this world to spend eternity with Jesus. Held annually the second Sunday in December, The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age, from any cause. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time in your home, hundreds of thousands of persons honor children in a way that transcends all ethnic, cultural, religious, and political boundaries creating a wave of light around the world in our children's memory.

#### **WEDDING BANNS**

Banns II Kristen Carino & Mark Malia



#### A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR WEISS

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE TWO. THINK OF THE HUMBLE SHEPHERDS, WHO FILLED WITH WONDER AT THE SIGHT OF THE CHILD ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT. CANDLE, CANDLE BURNING BRIGHT SHINING IN THE COLD WINTER NIGHT; CANDLE, CANDLE BURNING BRIGHT FILL OUR HEARTS WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHT.

We continue our journey through Advent as we begin our second week in this holy season. I know that many are becoming very stressed about Christmas and all that goes with the preparations that holy day requires. The decorations, the cards, the shopping, the wrapping, the baking consume so much of our time and attention. When we listen to the Scriptures for this weekend, it really helps us keep everything associated with Christmas in perspective. Isaiah speaks to us of the promised Savior that will be born among us. He describes the long awaited Messiah. "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord." These are all the things our society is calling forth from us in these times of so much division. They all rest in Jesus Christ, and their fulfillment is promised to those who are faithful. The beautiful vision that Isaiah portrays for us has been the subject of Christmas cards, hymns and Christmas displays. "Then the wolf will be the guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest, the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." What more could we want than for the world to be filled with peace and justice. tice, with harmony and love? And so we listen to the voice of John the Baptist calling out to us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Take the time to put the stress aside. We all know that somehow it always works out come Christmas morning. On that day we know that God is with us. He comes to bring peace and all that we long for. Let's not get lost in things that matter little; let's rejoice that all that is right and good and holy is born again in our hearts and our lives.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States. Our country has been put under the protection of Mary in the title of Immaculate Conception. Because December 8 falls on Sunday, the observance has been moved to Monday, December 9. Masses will be celebrated at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Just a reminder....

Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 p.m. in Church

4:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall 4:00 p.m. at Newtown High School Children's Pageant 6:00 p.m. in Church

11:00 p.m. in Church

Choir Concert at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

#### FIVE GOLDEN RINGS SWEEPSTAKES

We will be pulling the winning tickets for this year's Sweepstakes following the 5:00 p.m. Mass this Sunday. Please return your tickets if you have not yet done so. Tickets will be available after all the Masses this weekend.

A word of thanks for all the support you have been giving to the many requests to help others during the holiday season. Your generosity has been extraordinary. The Coat Drive, Food Drive, Caroline's Toy Chest, Adopt-A-Family, Seminarian Fund, Dorothy Day House, Sock and Glove Drive...all very successful because of your support and generosity. May your goodness come back to you a hundredfold!

A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE SANDY HOOK SCHOOL SHOOTING WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 9:30 A.M. PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER AND HOPE.

Men, will we see you at Men's Night at Hollandia this Thursday? Take some time for yourself and gather with other men from the parish for some fellowship and holiday spirit!

Please join us for our annual Living Nativity following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 14. The children's portrayal of the Christmas story is precious to witness. Bring your family and join us on the field.

Don't forget to join us for BREAKFAST WITH SANTA after the Masses next Sunday morning!



Cate Gosselin DRE@strosechurch.com

## Dec. 8 (Sun) - LIVE NATIVITY volunteers - Service

hours for students!
We are in need of 7th and 8th graders to help us with the Live Nativity on Dec. 14. If you are able to lend a hand with passing out song sheets and candles and also helping with our younger students, please contact Cate Gosselin at (203) 426-2333, Ext 1 as soon as possible.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY - Adult Assistants needed

We are looking for adults to assist with the preparation, practice and performance of our Christmas Eve Nativity which takes place during the 4 pm mass on Christmas Eve. If you can help us out and want to take advantage of signing your children up early, please call Elisabeth Gietz at 203-526-0890 or email at elisabeth@gietz.org. Thanks!

#### Children's Christmas Eve Nativity at the 4:00 Mass Every year, the Christmas Eve Mass features a

children's Nativity Pageant. This year it will take place at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass at Newtown High School. Children in grades K through three are shepherds, angels, innkeepers, and wisemen. Pre-K are a cow, camel, lamb, or donkey (4 only). If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate in this prayerful pageant, or if you are an adult interested to volunteer - please call/text Elisabeth Gietz at 203-526-0890 or e-mail her at elisabeth@gietz.org. There is one rehearsal, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 1:00 in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center. What a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy-filled gift of God's Son!

#### Participants Needed For 19th Annual Live Nativity -Saturday, December 14

Once a year, the stable at St. Rose field comes alive in the tradition started by St. Francis of Assisi. Shepherds, angels, wisemen, and live animals greet the weary travelers, Mary and Joseph, as they re-enact the evening of Jesus' coming over 2000 years ago. Children of all ages (6 and older) are invited to participate in the Nativity presentation, which begins immediately after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, December 14. Singers are also needed. There is one rehearsal on Sunday, December 8 from 1-2:30 p.m. which begins at Holy Innocents and proceeds to the stable, which is on the St. Rose field (to the left of the gathering hall by the white cross. Please call Mary Beth Sippin at (203) 258-3462 or email her at mb@sippin.com to participate this year.

Congratulations to the St. Rose School Advanced Math Club for receiving the Silver Level Status from the National Math Club for the 10th consecutive year. Students are now working toward the Gold Level award which will be announced in the Spring. These awards are earned through the dedicated work of students under the guidance of Middle School Math Teacher Ms. Elaine Smith.

Mark your calendars: December 10th School wide Christmas concert in the church, 6:00 p.m.; December 11<sup>th</sup>  $-8^{th}$  grade trip to New York City – both events are wonderful school traditions. There will be a half day of school on Friday December 20th beginning with Mass and followed by the ever popular and traditional Christmas Bingo with Buddies. School will be closed December 23, 2019 - January 1, 2020 and resume Thursday January 2, 2020.

Children in Preschool through 8th grade BLOOM in mind, heart and soul at St. Rose School. In these halls children are challenged academically in a faith focused environment where teachers are dedicated to bringing each student to their full, God given potential. Many alumni report that the foundation they received at St. Rose School set them on the path for future successes in education, careers and family/community life. Please consider a donation to our Blooms Fund to help keep the heart of this school beating strong. St. Rose School, 40 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT. www.stroseschool.com/ giving. Thank you and God bless!

Playdate at the Preschool will resume Monday, January 6, 2020, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. These will take place the first Monday of every month in the St. Rose Preschool building. Enjoy story time and crafts. Meet teachers and Middle School students from St. Rose School who assist with the activities. FREE! All 2, 3 and 4 year olds (with their parents/caregivers) are welcome. Registration not reauired. Contact admissions@srles.com visit www.stroseschool.com. We hope to see you there!

Open House at St. Rose School -- Sunday January 26, **2020, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Come take a walk in our halls and see why St. Rose School could be the right fit for your family. Administrators, teachers, current parents and students will be on site to give tours and answer questions. Registration encouraged. Visit www.stroseschool.com/ admissions or call admissions@srles.com. A warm welcome awaits you!

The RAMS basketball season is underway! Our players love a good crowd in the stands and our cheerleaders add great spirit to the games. The Danbury Parochial League season schedule can be found www.leagueathletics.com/Schedule.asp? org=DANBURYPAROCHIALLEAGUE.ORG For infor-

mation call 203-426-5102.

#### **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.



The Outreach Ministry program meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center at 6:30 p.m. The next program will be in March, 2020.

#### 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 February 1st. 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.

**Needed:** Electric clothes dryer for family of 4.

#### FRIENDLY VISITORS

Become a Friendly Visitor and spend time once a month with elderly who are isolated due to illness or infirmity. Please contact <u>Sister Mary Ellen Genova</u> at 203-426-2572 or Mariotte Corson at 203-426-9275.

"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

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

We meet on the third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be December 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 Heather Luizzi at 1-203-460-6332 with any questions or suggestions.

#### ROSARY RECITATION IN CHURCH

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



# (MEETINGS)

#### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Spiritual Journey meets every Thursday during the school year from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Holy Innocents Center. Father Andy leads the group of men and women to a better understanding of our Church and our Faith, and encourages them as they continue on their journey to become more spiritual. Father also provides the reading material for discussion. This year we will be using another book from the Didache series entitled "Our Moral Life." The first session began on Thurs. Oct. 3rd. Everyone is welcome. Please come join us for coffee and refreshments at 10:15. We look forward to seeing old friends and making new.

The **FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. 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, December 10. Our guest speaker, Rich Kuepper, will present on "Thrive in a World of Exponential Change - *Mastering Your Mindset*". Contact John Barry johnp@itechcp.com.

#### ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING

We meet every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Innocents. Are you interested in being involved with men seeking the Lord asking for His guidance to fulfill the calling on your Life? Then this men's group is what you are looking for. Hope to see you soon! For additional information, contact Tony Evertez at tevertez@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158.

#### PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING

The next Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting will take place on Monday, January 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory conference room. For info, please contact Deacon Norm Roos, 203-739-0175, <a href="mailto:normroosjr@aol.com">normroosjr@aol.com</a>.

#### 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 Church.

#### **CHILDREN'S ROSARY**

The next children's rosary will be in the church on Wednesday, December 18th at 4:30 p.m.



#### ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK

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, January 28th at 7 p.m. at the Holy Innocents Building. For more info <a href="https://www.meetup.com/">www.meetup.com/</a> 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

The St. Rose Women's Club Christmas Dinner will be held at ARMANDO'S on Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 PM. Members are urged to make their reservation as soon as possible.

#### 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-womens-bible-study or contact Beth Groonell at elizabethgroonell@me.com with any questions.

## <u>NEW BEGINNINGS</u> - A support group for the divorced and separated.

We meet on the second Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room (note change of location). The next meeting is December 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen McGarry at 203-491-7817 or melle.mcgarry@gmail.com.

**DIVINE MERCY CENACLE** prayer meetings meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We meet from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

#### PRO-LIFE CORNER

Come join us at the next Pro-life, Pro-family Committee meeting in January!

Monday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. "In this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began at the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of conception, lovingly knit together by God the Father". -USCCB December Word of Life

The March for Life is coming up on January 24, 2020. Consider joining people from around the country in Washington D.C. to march in defense of life. If you cannot travel to the March, please pray for all those who will be there and for the pro-life movement in America.

"On Nov. 7th, the Connecticut Catholic Conference "revealed today that 75% of abortions performed in Connecticut during 2018 were paid for with taxpayer dollars."... In 2018 there were 9,294 abortions in Connecticut, 6,995 of which were to low-income women. Connecticut taxpayers covered the expenses of the latter, which totaled \$4.2 million dollars. A call to the Conference confirms that this is in addition to the almost \$3 million that Planned Parenthood gets annually from state taxpayers. In other words, taxpayers are paying far more to the abortion industry in Connecticut than was previously known." -CT Family Institute of CT <a href="http://www.ctfamily.org/ct-taxpayers-pay-for-75-of-ct-abortions/">http://www.ctfamily.org/ct-taxpayers-pay-for-75-of-ct-abortions/</a>

"We are in need of your immaculate gaze,

To rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things With respect and awareness,

Without egotistical or hypocritical interests.

We are in need of your immaculate heart, To love freely,

Without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other"

•Pope Francis's Prayer for the Immaculate Conception <a href="http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-for-the-immaculate-conception.cfm">http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-for-the-immaculate-conception.cfm</a>

Come Celebrate Mass
With Us
For Those Affected by Addiction
December 14, 2019
12:00 Noon
St. Rose of Lima RC Church
46 Church Hill Road
Newtown, CT 06470
Our Celebrant is a Priest In
Recovery
All Are Welcome
Fellowship will Follow

#### 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
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

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.
LT Daniel Kirk
ENS Michael Kirk
CDR Timothy Krippendorf
LT Brian Murphy
CPT John Porado
SN Eric Ralson, Jr.
CPO Matthew Sidor
CDR Joseph P. Smith
PO1 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**

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 Col David L. Morgan II Sgt Emmanuel Necoechea LCpl Lucas T. Vendel PFC Patrick Zingaro

# ST. ROSE YOUTH

6th and 7th Grade

Our next EXCITE NIGHT will be Friday, January 31st

8th Grade United

Save the Date for our next 8th Grade United: Friday, January 10th

Any Q's about middle school ministry contact:

idanovanym@amail.com

United High School

United youth ministry meets every Sunday evening

Any ('s about high school ministry contact: rortega@strosechurch.com



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#### 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.

Prayerful Service and Reflection Opportunity Single, Catholic Women 18-45 January 4--8, 2020 in New Orleans, Louisiana

The Dominican Sisters of Peace are sponsoring a five-day prayerful service and reflection opportunity for single Catholic women between the ages of 18 to 45 who are discerning a possible call to religious life or lay ministry in the church. This experience is scheduled for January 4--8, 2020 in New Orleans, Louisiana and includes prayer, service, community, and fun! Participants will live together in one of our small community houses and will be cooking a meal for several homeless families, rebuilding a house over several days, visiting a Peace Center, and more. We will have group prayer and reflection time on these service experiences to explore the connection between service and justice. You will have time also for individual reflection and to journal your experiences.

Space is limited, so register now! Free room and board provided. Some travel funds to New Orleans are available on a need basis. Visit our website at <a href="https://oppeace.org/mission-immersion-weekend-january-4-8-2019/">https://oppeace.org/mission-immersion-weekend-january-4-8-2019/</a> to register or for more information contact contact Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP by phone or text at 614.400.1275 or email at <a href="mailto:btiboldi@oppeace.org">btiboldi@oppeace.org</a>

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We are on **1350AM on the radio**, and you can also live stream broadcasts through the app which is available at the Apple Store and at the Google Play Store.

## Diocese of Bridgeport Choir 4 Youth *Arise & Shine* Christmas Concert

All are invited to join Bishop Frank Caggiano for the 5th annual C4Y *Arise & Shine* Christmas Concert on Friday, December 20, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfield University Quick Center. Celebrate the season of Advent and prepare your hearts for Christmas by listening and joining in song with over 100 young people from throughout the Diocese who share their gifts and talents so beautifully in both classic and new Christmas pieces. Purchase your tickets online today at http://quickcenter.fairfield.edu/ or call the Box Office at 203-254-4010 or toll free 1-877-ARTS-396.

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.

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Even at a young age, Caroline realized she was blessed. She was a very caring and compassionate child. At Christmas, she would take the money from her piggy bank and donate it to the Toy Chest. She wanted to help children that were in need. Upon her untimely death on 12/14, her parents, Sandy and Jeff, requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Caroline's favorite charity. The response was so overwhelming that the St. Rose Knights of Columbus made the decision to rename the toy chest in her honor.

Our mission for The Caroline Previdi Toy Chest is "To carry on the spirit of Caroline's selfless generosity and to provide, for families of the community, the resources to bring joy and happiness to children in need and to assist with specified charities."

We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys from October 26 – December 14. Donations can be made in the large boxes at the doors of the church, or the vestibule.

This year, our distribution night will be on Sunday, December 15, from 6:00-9:00 PM, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Any parents, in need of assistance this Christmas Season, are welcome to come and select Christmas gifts for their children. May everyone have a Blessed and Merry Christmas! Guy Mascolo 203-837-0466 or Bill Manfredonia 203-313-5855.



# January 24, 2020

# Bus Pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the 47th March for Life

Schedule 5:00 AM | Depart The Cathedral Parish, Bridgeport 5:30 AM | Pick up at St. Thomas Apostle, Norwalk

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11:30 AM | Arrive at March for Life 4:00 PM | Depart for Connecticut

Note: In the event of snow, unless travel is not recommended, the pilgrimage will take place.

Register at www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation by January 17, 2020

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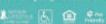








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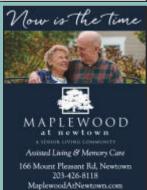
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