



# ST. ROSE OF LIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday, 8:00 am, 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  
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.

April 5, 2020

### REGISTRATION

All parishioners are asked to be formally registered with the parish. Registration is required to receive parish mailings, sponsor certificates, and sacraments. Call the Rectory office for information or go to [strosecchurch.com/register](http://strosecchurch.com/register).

### PENANCE

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. A pre-Baptism class is required for those wishing to baptize a child. For other important parent and sponsor related pre-requisites, please call the Rectory office or go to [strosecchurch.com/baptism](http://strosecchurch.com/baptism).

### 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. For more information and pre-requisites for these sacraments, go to [strosecchurch.com](http://strosecchurch.com).

### 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. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to [strosecchurch.com/marriage](http://strosecchurch.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, please contact the Rectory Office.



# PALM SUNDAY

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." —Mt 21:10-11

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**Palm Sunday**

**Question:**

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

**Answer:**

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy “outside” the church, we symbolically reenact Christ’s entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches – a symbol of royalty – to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn’t end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year’s Ash Wednesday service.

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The **St. Rose Memorial Fund** has graciously been chosen by the following family in memory of a loved one. We are most grateful for their generosity.

**Gift of Sherri & Thomas Orr in memory of Elaine Kelly**

**BAPTISMS**

*We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of March, 2020.*

**Nicholas Salvatore Jaronko  
Sofia Cano Marin  
Nora Scott Ohlson**



**A MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHTS**

Since we are not able to hold our fish fry's, including takeout, due to the coronavirus, please take the opportunity to support one of the many fine food service establishments in Newtown with carry out or delivery service.  
**Virgilius Council #185**

**Everyday Stewardship**

As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late.

During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Good stewardship calls us to not only give of that which can be seen, but also that which cannot be seen. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, Liturgical Publications Inc

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Teresa Lobdell as requested by the St. Rose Women’s Club.**



**The Pro-Life & Family Vigil Candle will be lit this week in memory of Alberto Calafell as requested by Charles and Jennie Perry.**

**ATTENTION ST. ROSE PARISHIONERS**

If you are in need of assistance with grocery shopping or simple tasks during this coronavirus crisis, please call the rectory and leave your name, phone and the nature of your need. We have nurses and volunteers who are willing to help. (203-426-1014). Thank you.

**For those looking for a complete list of postponed or cancelled diocesan events, please go to:**  
<https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/coronavirus-resources-and-information/>.



**Please also send notice to the Office of Communications if you plan on cancelling or postponing an event that is listed on our Diocesan Calendar**  
<https://dobcalendar.bridgeportdiocese.org/>

**A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR WEISS**

Dear Parish Family,

While the earth is coming back to life and we are about to celebrate the most significant and holy days of our faith, many of us are caught up in anxiety, worry and concern about what lies ahead for us as a world, as a country and as a family. We are experiencing something unprecedented and we are not sure what to do. I know that we are earnestly trying to follow the guidelines and directives offered by the federal and state governments as well as the Diocese of Bridgeport. They are not easy for many of us to observe but they are necessary for the good health of each other. Not following them can put someone in harm's way of suffering from this virus. My first request to all of us as a parish family is that we do our best to be part of the solution by observing these directives.

As a priest, this is a most unusual time for me and I am certain for all of us who are Catholic. I would never in my life expect that churches would be closed for such an extensive period of time. We are rooted in coming together as believers and celebrating our relationship with Jesus Christ through the Holy Eucharist. Not having that available to us is absolutely overwhelming. Not being able to recall the life-saving events of Jesus Christ in our traditional manner during Holy Week and the new found joy that Easter holds for us is astounding and disappointing. As we listen to the many voices telling us to not be afraid, to hold tight to our faith, to keep the Gospel alive in our hearts and to pray for the Lord's intercession, we must join in the effort to keep faith alive in the midst of so much confusion. As a community, we have shown the world what resiliency in the face of crisis can accomplish and how vital the bonds of faith, family and friendship are in the face of times like this. We have been a sterling example to the world when we were at one of the lowest moments in our community's history. It is that strength, resiliency and faith that we must embrace once again.

I ask you to hold in prayer our national and state leaders as they strive to guide us through these times. To me, it is not a time for name calling or finger pointing; rather it is a time to heal and unite. I especially ask that you hold our Holy Father and Bishop Caggiano in prayer as they make these very difficult decisions for our faith lives during these days. I, like many of you, watched that beautiful and moving prayer service the Holy Father offered in the empty square of Saint Peter's. His steps have slowed and his pace is hesitant, but he walked in faith to bring us a message of healing and hope. He is a powerful example of keeping faith no matter how weak or frightened or anxious we are. Our God is with us. I am also certain that Bishop Caggiano is exhausted in praying and making decisions for all of us in these times. Having spoken to him personally, I can hear it in his voice, yet I know his heart is filled with concern for the well-being of all in this diocese. I would simply ask once again that we all do what is being asked of us. I know that some always feel they are above the law, but that is a very selfish decision in times such as these. We are called to humility and sacrifice for our sake and for the sake of all those around us. This virus knows no boundaries, so all of us are at risk. I have been in isolation for a number of weeks due to my age and my recovery from some rather extensive surgery. I know it is not easy, but it is necessary. Do what you have to do, but in all decisions let prudence and your concern for others be your guide.

As you know, we will continue the procedures given to us through April 30, when they will be revisited and revised based on what we are experiencing as a result of this virus. In the interim, please pray for the patience and resiliency you and your family need. It will be strange not to come to Mass on Palm Sunday and walk away with the palm that heralded Jesus as our Messiah and the simple palm crosses made by our children during Mass. It will be somewhat difficult to celebrate the Triduum without all of our beautiful liturgies, recalling the Last Supper, the Passion of our Lord and the joy of the new life that His Resurrection brings to us. The church will be empty following the Mass on Holy Thursday when so many come to pray and watch as the first disciples were asked to do. We will not venerate the cross on which Jesus died and listen to the horrors of His judgment and suffering on Good Friday. We will not witness a new fire of faith being lit on Holy Saturday, holding the promises of new life given to us by Jesus. We will not be able to gather during the first light of Easter morning to celebrate the dawn of our salvation and to come together as a family of believers on that great and awesome Easter day. So much seems to be taken from us, and yet so much is still given to us. We need to find a way to keep these days alive in our hearts by our own special observances of them. Above all, do not let them become just another day. Remind yourself and one another of what each of them means to us who believe. I know that receiving the Eucharist spiritually is a unique experience for us, but it reminds us that Christ is always with us.

Let us also pray for all those who are sacrificing so much of themselves to serve and protect us in these times. Certainly, all of our health professionals need special prayers and gratitude for their willingness to put their own good health in jeopardy to care for others. We pray for our first responders, grocery store employees, truck drivers, food

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service providers and all those in essential jobs that are critical for the well-being of our country. I truly hope that each of us takes the time to say thanks to as many of them as possible. I would ask that in a very special way we pray for those in our educational system. These are challenging times for each of them in providing ongoing and essential learning for our students. I know many of them are going far beyond expectations in providing services to us. Let us also pray for those who are alone. Having a brief experience in a nursing home while rehabbing from surgery, I saw countless men and women sitting alone. I remember being on the elevator with a fellow resident listening to my aide jokingly commenting on how many guests I had visiting me. The woman next to me in her wheelchair broke down in tears and simply said, "No one ever comes to see me." It is not easy to be alone, especially at times like this. While we are limited with physical contact, we are never limited by prayer or our creativity in reaching out to them.

For many this time home and away from the ordinary activities has created a great deal of stress. Our young people are a particular concern in how they are living through this and understanding the magnitude of this crisis. It is taking a great deal of patience on the part of every family member. We need to remember what the young people of this community have lived through during just the past 20 years: the terrorist attack on 9/11, the Sandy Hook School shooting, severe weather devastation and now this virus. This creates a great deal of questioning by them about their future and their ability to trust that they will be okay. I have no definite answers how to resolve some of their upsetment, but I do know it is important to create a dialogue so that they are free to ask the questions that trouble them and to the best of our ability to answer them. Reminding them that they are not alone in their feelings can bring them much reassurance and hope. I also am aware of their disappointment about so many cancellations that are important stepping stones and hallmarks in their lives. We need to show compassion and understanding. There is no one book on how to be a healthy, faith-filled and stable family, but love, understanding, patience and commitment are stepping stones toward success. I also am aware of the frustration parents are having trying to help our students with their remote learning. Do the best you can and reach out for the help that is available. We keep hearing that we are in this together, so let us work to make togetherness our goal.

On a very practical note, this continued situation is affecting families financially as well. It is also impacting the parish! I am doing my best not to lay off any staff and to maintain the property and campus. If your financial situation is stable, may I ask that you please keep up with your financial support either through online giving or dropping off your envelopes and donations. We are in critical times and we need your financial support more than ever. Also, if you are aware of any parishioner or family who could use some assistance during this crisis, please contact us and we will do our best to reach out to them. We receive calls daily from folks who want to help, so please do not hesitate.

My personal thanks go to Fr. Alphonse who has been a rock throughout this time. His faith is deep and his commitment to the priesthood is a great witness for all of us. Thanks as well to Deacons Rick Scinto, Norm Roos and Mike Ronan for their unfailing support and presence. We are blessed in our Saint Rose School principal, Mr. G, for his steady guidance of our faculty and his encouragement to our students and their families. We are also blessed by our Religious Education staff: Mrs. Cate Gosselin, Mrs. Meg Arena, Mrs. Mary Craig and Ms. Kate Kunze as well as our grade level coordinators who are providing resources for continual faith formation. I thank the parents for their cooperation and understanding during these days. I know that we are still waiting to provide dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is a daily concern for us all, and we are doing our best to address these celebrations. Finally, a word of thanks to the parish staff. They are working from home maintaining the parish office and business.

On a closing note, I apologize for my lengthy absence in these days. The surgery I underwent was far more extensive than I anticipated. I was on the operating table for 6 hours in order to accomplish 8 surgeries at once. Then I threw a blood clot which added to the length of stay in the hospital. Being admitted to a nursing facility following the hospital was another event, but a necessary one. I am home, but I am in isolation due to my age and vulnerability as a result of surgery. I am constantly thinking about this whole situation and what I can do. The only thing I am able to do from the rectory living room right now is to assure each of you of daily prayer and thank you for the incredible faith you possess and by which you live. I am very grateful for the many prayers, cards, well wishes, gifts, flowers, balloons and goodies that I received reminding me that I am not alone but very much cared for by so many.

My greatest prayer is that this Holy Week is a channel of grace and hope for each of us as this virus continues to invade us. Let us pray for those infected for their healing and for eternal rest for those whose lives this virus has claimed. Stay strong in faith and hope, heed the warnings, observe the guidelines and truly commit to working together to bring an end to this crisis in our lives. I know how blessed I am, and I pray that you recognize the blessings in your lives.

God bless,  
Monsignor Bob Weiss, Pastor

## 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 6:30 p.m. The program is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room at 10 a.m. Meetings are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.



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*)

**Available:** Blood pressure monitors (2), canes (2), crutches, walker, commode lift

**Available:** Card table and 8 folding chairs

**Available:** 2 small (2-shelves) bookcases

**For information** please call: Kathleen Belmont, 203-426-3227, and leave a message. Please do not call after 7pm.

#### FRIENDLY VISITORS

Become a Friendly Visitor and spend time once a month with elderly who are isolated due to illness or infirmity. Please contact Sister Mary Ellen Genova 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 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: 203-456-6303.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We meet on the third Sunday of the month @38 Church Hill Road in the back entrance conference room. Please use back door. For information, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 914-409-6236. Meetings are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

### 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, email: flsequenzia@gmail.com or Anne Pelicano 1-203-228-4719 email: apelican4@gmail.com. Meetings are postponed until further notice.

### 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. Meetings are postponed until further notice.

### 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**

Meetings are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The meetings are postponed until further notice due to the Coronavirus. 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 5:45 to 8 pm at the Knights hall. Our next NFP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14. Our guest speaker is Tucker Mays. His topic is "Differentiate You in Your Job Search to Win the Job."

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

We meet every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Rd. 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 Evertz at tevertz@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158.

**PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING**

The next Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus. For info, please contact Deacon Norm Roos, 203-739-0175, normroosjr@aol.com.

**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 in the Bride's room .

**WEBS - WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY**

Due to the coronavirus, meetings are postponed until further notice. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-994-5106 with questions or sign-ups.

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY**

The next children's rosary will be in the chapel on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.



**MEETINGS**

**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](mailto: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. **DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, THE MARCH MEETING IS CANCELLED.** For more info [www.meetup.com/widows-ct](http://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.

**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](http://strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study) or contact Beth Groomell at [elizabethgroomell@me.com](mailto:elizabethgroomell@me.com) with any questions.

**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.





Due to the Coronavirus, the 40 Days for Life vigil outside the Planned Parenthood in Danbury has been cancelled. However, you can still sign up for vigil hours to pray from home! Please visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/danbury/> to sign up.

“Even amid rising business restrictions, Planned Parenthood is considered an "essential business" and is still in operation in most states right now. Please take an hour (or more!) and pray for the women & teens, their babies, and an end to abortion. We need prayer now more than ever!” - Danbury 40 Days for Life

Also due to the Coronavirus and the subsequent banning of large events in CT, the CT March for Life scheduled for April 15th has been cancelled.

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2019-2020 Respect Life Reflection (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

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**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 Stephen Gardner  
MAJ Rachel (Askue) Hoffman  
CPT 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  
1LT Liam Thies  
LTC Benjamin Wallen  
COL Peter J. Whalen  
CPT Daniel Wilcox

**United States Air Force**  
SSgt. Daniel Carlson  
Capt. Keegan Frobey Matchett  
AIC 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 Meredith 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  
CAPT 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 Necochea  
LCpl Lucas T. Vendel  
PFC Patrick Zingaro

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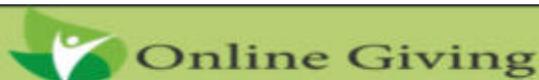


FACEBOOK.COM/CTUNITEDYOUTH  
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We will be doing live streams including:  
Sunday evening Rosaries, reflection posts,  
& more!



**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](http://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](http://StRoseChurch.com) 2-Click on the Giving Link on the top 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.)

**Hours: Tues. 9:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**Thurs. 6-7:30 p.m.**



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

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

**Deaconate Discovery Evenings Return**

Have you ever wondered if you were being "called" to become a deacon? Monthly Deaconate 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, April 9, 2020 at 7 p.m. at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, 138 Candlewood Lake Rd., Brookfield, CT. 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](mailto:@dnbolton@diobpt.org).

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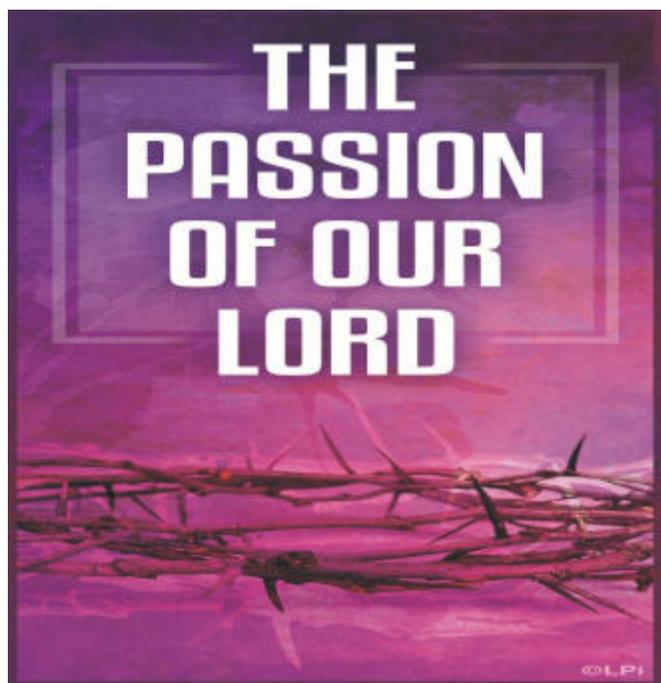


The male youth division of the Knights of Columbus, serving St. Rose and the community, is the largest circle in North America. Want to join the group? Contact Matt Rahtelli, (203) 885 4987, [mrahtelli2@gmail.com](mailto:mrahtelli2@gmail.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information please contact Jon Starr, General Agent at 203-803-6433 or [JonStarr@kofc.org](mailto:JonStarr@kofc.org)

**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 Izzy at 203-733-9655.



**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](http://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](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org) for confidential information.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

“The Lord, God is my help.” Let God help your marriage be the Sacrament He intended. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT and Nov 6-8, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**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](mailto:normroosjr@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the team or want additional information.



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\* Photos with Bishop Caggiano will take start at 2:15pm before Mass begins. Every couple that participates will receive a complimentary photo and certificate sent via US Mail to their parish for distribution.

\* A reception will follow the concert for all couples, their families, and choir members.

To register to attend, please contact your local parish or visit: [www.bridgeportdiocese.org/JubileeMass](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/JubileeMass)

Space is limited; please register before April 16th

For questions, please contact [SpecialEventsOf@diobpt.org](mailto:SpecialEventsOf@diobpt.org) or (203) 416-1670



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You can see and share these weekly messages on our St. Rose of Lima website [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com), YouTube channel, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS. CHECK THE INTERNET FOR MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS AT [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).**



**VERITAS CATHOLIC RADIO**

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.

**CAMP VERITAS 2020**

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at five locations in 2020; June 29-July 4 at Clongowes Wood College in Ireland; July 19-25 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 26-Aug. 1 in Emmitsburg, MD; Aug. 2-7 in Lake Placid, FL and Aug. 16-22 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/2020 and enrollment price for each week is only \$400 per camper. Early bird rates (before 4/1/2020) are \$400 and \$450 after that. More details can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

**DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, BISHOP CAGGIANO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY PUBLIC MASSES CELEBRATED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LAY FAITHFUL, ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH. ALSO, ALL RECTORIES IN THE DIOCESE ARE CLOSED.**

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Quick update - as of 3/17 the library and its bookdrops are closed to the public. Staff are still reporting to the library to do the necessary work of serving the public virtually.

The library has a massive amount of digital and streaming options for all ages (see below).

Staff are available Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9:30AM – 5:00PM and we will respond to patron phone calls and email requests.

Your library materials have already been renewed through May 1, 2020. Don't worry about dropping them off at this time -- enjoy those materials at home!

Want to use our digital resources but your library card is expired? Don't have your library card?\* Call us, we'll try to find a way :)

Email [help@chboothlibrary.org](mailto:help@chboothlibrary.org) or call the library if you have questions about anything.

Main library phone number: 203-426-4533  
 Children's Department: 203-426-3851  
 Reference Department: 203-426-8552  
 Young Adult Department: 203-270-6092

Need WiFi? Try the library's brick patio to connect (remember not to linger). While you're there look at the windows for instructions on how to sign on to the Pop-Up Library for free e-books right to your device. No checkouts, no waiting! Grab a title or two and then head out.

**The Voice of St. Rose** is an online streaming Internet Service operated by St. Rose Parish. This provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in and watch the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass live weekly and all parish archives are available through our parish website [strosechurch.com](http://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". For all the details see the St. Rose Parish website.



Cate Gosselin  
DRE@strosechurch.com

**Palm Sunday** - *We prepare for Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. The faithful laid down their cloaks and their palms to make way for the Lord! May we follow their example today and bow down our heads in prayer and make way for the Lord's Resurrection.*

**Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer** - Online Recommendations

*The Rosary for the Sick and the Suffering* - <http://www.catholicTV.org/shows/the-rosary/the-sick-and-suffering>

This presentation with Father (now Bishop) Robert Reed, from Catholic TV is easy to follow and Fr. Reed gives a beautiful contemplation on each mystery of the Holy Rosary.

*The Rosary with Scripture* - Kate and Mike Catholic Crusade -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sILeIsPt4MQ>

This presentation gives you short scripture verses between each Hail Mary, adding fullness to the rosary and understanding to the mysteries. The rosary is said quickly, but the illustrations are very helpful.

*The Chaplet of Divine Mercy* - Posted by Analyln Solano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y48L-yEOPIY>

This is produced by the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA.

An easy to follow presentation. Some photos show the Lord as he takes on the sufferings of sinners on Good Friday; therefore, this video is better for adults and older children.

**CONFIRMATION - Tentative New Date - Saturday, May 23** - More information will be communicated as the Coronavirus is contained, social bans are lifted, and we are able to return to a regular office schedule.

**First Communion - UPDATE** - As the social bans continue until April 30, it is clear the First Communion rehearsals and ceremonies must be changed. We do not have a new date scheduled at this time, but the three ceremonies will be combined into TWO ceremonies.

**Registration** - Will NOT take place in April. We will keep you posted with any update on new dates and procedures.

**Adult Confirmation - (Subject to change)**

Classes will begin on Sunday, April 19 for 6 weeks, with Confirmation taking place on May 31 (Pentecost Sunday) at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact Donna Locke to register or for more information at [d.locke@snet.net](mailto:d.locke@snet.net) or 203-513-0822.

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Let us walk with Jesus on Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week. Let us trust in God's love and mercy. Let us be people of HOPE!

Our school community is so very thankful to all who are on the front lines. We are keeping you and your families in constant prayer. We ask God's blessings on those who are ill and on all of the decision makers -- may we find a way to the light.

St. Rose School continues to thrive as teachers and students engage in distance learning. Our school family is connected -- we may be at a distance from each other but we are close in heart. We are learning, we are growing, we are praying, we are sharing, we are reaching out to others. In unprecedented times like these we are more aware than ever that our school community is a precious gift.

Attention parents of children in Preschool - 8th grade: Take a virtual tour of St. Rose School and see why St. Rose School might be the right fit for your family! Stellar academics, amazing enrichment programs, a faith focused learning environment that is like a second family -- these are some of the many reasons to love St. Rose School.

Visit our website, [www.stroseschool.com](http://www.stroseschool.com) and/or contact Admissions Director Mrs. Karen Coppola [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com). A Warm welcome awaits you!





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