



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 10, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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 strosechurch.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 strosechurch.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 strosechurch.com.

MARRIAGE

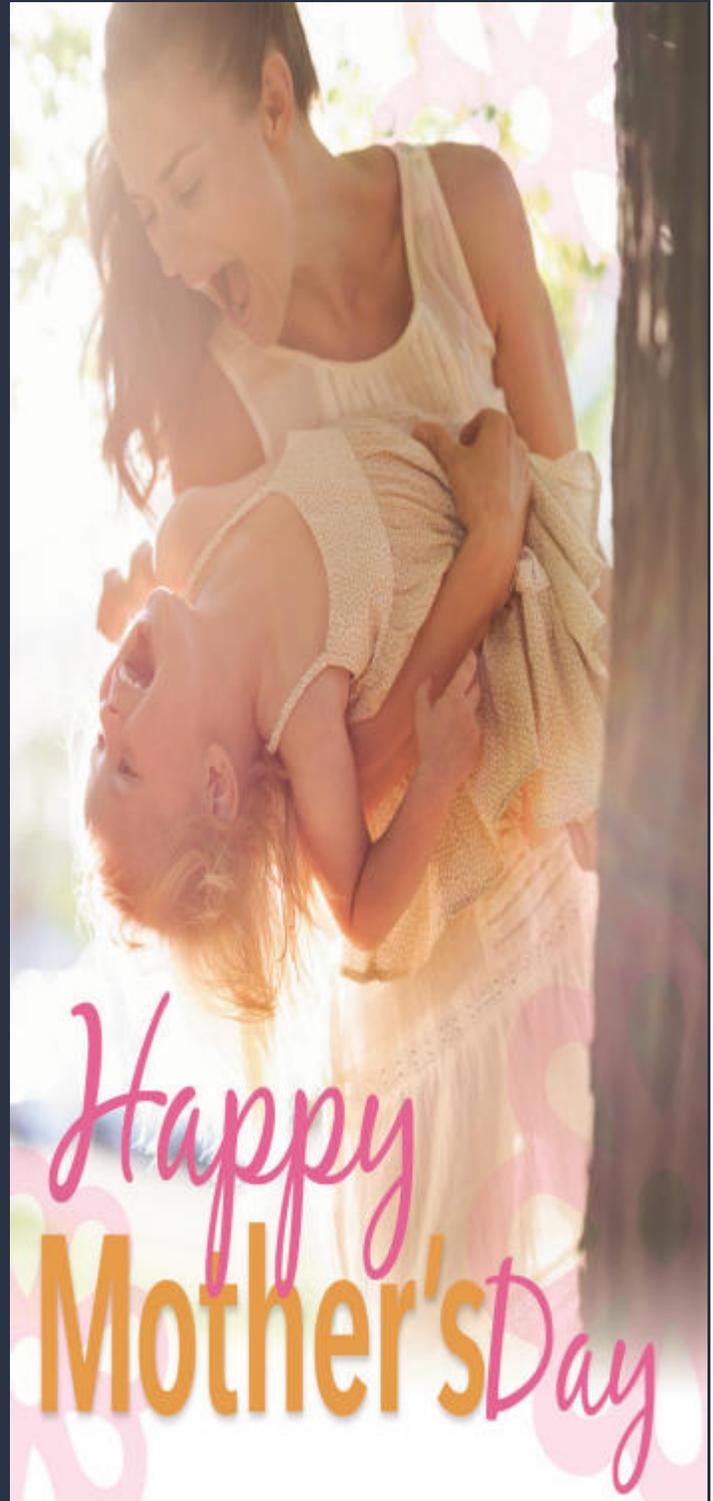
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory office if you wish to receive this sacrament or if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your home.

SAINT ROSE CEMETERY

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



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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In Loving Memory



The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Jack Obre as requested by family.

The Pro-Life & Family Vigil Candle will be lit this week in memory of John Morgera as requested by family.

WEDDING BANNES



BANNES: I & II Jillian Jagoe & Nicholas Quintans
I Carolyn Onorato & Brendan McGannon

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

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HELP NEEDED for Newtown area parishioner who needs a personal care aide for 3 hours a day. For more information call 203-364-0085.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Thank You, Creator of us all, for my mother.
I thank You that she gave me life
and nurtured me for all my years.
She gave me my faith,
helping me to know and to love Jesus
and His ways.
She taught me how to love and
how to sacrifice for others.
She taught me that it was okay to cry
and that I should always tell the truth.
Bless her with all the graces she needs
and which You want to give her today.
Help her to feel precious in Your eyes today
and to know that I love her.
Give her strength and courage,
compassion and peace.
Bless her this day with Your love.*

We have been diligent in acknowledging the heroes of these days helping to keep us healthy and safe and well provided for. Today we turn our attention not to just a hero for these days, but an everyday hero in the lives of each of us, our mothers. We too often falter in showing her the appreciation she so richly deserves every day as she cares and guides us and provides for our needs. On this special holiday let us pause to show our gratitude to all our mothers for all they do for us at every turn in our lives. We also pray for our grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, stepmothers and those women who nurture us with their love. We remember in a special way those mothers who live in the peace and love of our Lord for their eternal rest and comfort. Like so many things lately, this will be a day we may not be able to see or be with our mothers, but do not let the day pass by without taking time to simply say thanks and remind them of our gratitude and love for them.

P.S. Texts and e-mails are okay for some things but this is a day to pick up the phone and listen to each other's voice!

A word of thanks to all those who continue to serve us in these times. We are at the point of trying to discern the best way to re-enter into life while safeguarding each other's health and safety. Please pray for those tasked with making these decisions. Whatever this "new normal" may be, let us do our best to cooperate.

This past Thursday, Bishop Caggiano met with the pastors of the diocese in a ZOOM chat. The topic, of course, what do we do to begin again. It is not as easy as just opening the church doors and going back to our normal schedule. That is a long way off, if ever! In keeping with the Federal and State guidelines regarding social distancing and limiting any meeting to 50 people (as of May 21), it will be a challenge. The Bishop's first and highest priority in this entire process is the safety and well-being of parishioners and the clergy. You have to remember that a significant number of practicing Catholics as well as the clergy are over age 60. All decisions will be based on that priority. All Rites for RCIA, First Communions and Confirmations will be celebrated in the fall. We will begin working out details for those celebrations based on the limitations given to us. The Bishop specifically mentioned our parish in regards to Confirmation with the largest number of Confirmation candidates in the diocese. This could easily allow for 12-14 ceremonies with a somewhat lesser number for First Communion. I will be delegated to celebrate Confirmations here due to the large number of ceremonies. We figure we can confirm 15-16 students with one sponsor and two parents at each ceremony! There are also several other issues at stake in terms of Mass attendance. We have been given permission to do outdoor Masses as long as parishioners remain in their cars as well as to celebrate Mass in the Church and live stream it to Holy Innocents and the Gathering Hall which would allow for 150 parishioners to attend! We have a lot to work out for this re-entry. It is going to be a demanding, stressful and confusing experience, so we need to rely on God's grace, the Bishop's wisdom and the pastor's resiliency!! And we are going to need the help of all of you! The Bishop is concerned with the rush to get things going again. He feels that very few realize the devastating effects of this virus on individuals, marriages, families and communities. He encourages you to walk through New York and witness for yourself the tractor trailers loaded with unburied bodies or to talk to someone who suffered from it or who witnessed a loved one dying and they could not be there with them. Rushing could lead to another surge that could push us back to square one again! Remember we are sandwiched between two states with some of the highest rates. Just think when the casinos open what could happen when the buses start rolling in!

No one really knows, except the Lord Himself, the when and why's, so we need to trust Him and those He put in authority. There is so much to be discussed and decided over the next few months. I am sure there will be many more ZOOM meetings! The Bishop realizes that the composition of each parish is different based on size, nationality, location and facilities, so he is establishing principles that we will all follow implementing them in the best way possible in each parish. It will require patience and understanding as we all walk to what will be the "new normal" both in the Church and the world!

A SIMPLE THOUGHT.....WHEN LIFE MAKES IT TOO HARD TO STAND TALL.. KNEEL!



Happy Mothers Day! We wish all of our St. Rose of Lima Parish Moms a beautiful day, being pampered by your family or maybe left alone for the day to relax and take a break from all of your ongoing responsibilities. For those who are essential workers, "Thank You for your work in the midst of the battle." For those with a sick family member, we are always here to pray with you. For those who have lost a loved one due to the virus or whose mom has already passed from this earthly life, "May they enjoy eternal peace in Heaven".

REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES - We are working hard to prepare for Registration. In the wake of the Coronavirus, we are doing our part to keep families safe by rolling out an on-line registration process. We will communicate to all families via email, our website, and social media when Registration will begin.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - As you read this, the coordinators are making a decision about VBS WEEK, planned for July 6 - 10. Once a decision has been made, we will post an announcement on our website, via social media and through Religious Education's Constant Contact. We appreciate Laura Brennan and Julie Mauri's powerful commitment to VBS last year, and we hope to keep the momentum going in the future.

MAY IS FOR MARY - Please dedicate time each day, praying to Our Blessed Mother in Heaven. Name one thing you are thankful for, name one thing you need help with, name one person who you want to pray for. All these prayers and more should be given to Mary. She is our intercessor to her Son, Jesus. And He delights in hearing our prayers.

Please refer to the publishers of our textbooks (Sadlier, Loyola Press and Ascension Press) for wonderful ways to honor Mary in the month of May.

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.



Happy Mother's Day to all of the lovely ladies in our school and parish community whose dedication to motherhood is a gift. May God bless you always. We hope you get lots of TLC today!

Thank you to all who supported the #Giving Tuesday Now outreach. We realize that times are difficult for all right now so we greatly appreciate your prayers and donations -- every gift makes a BIG difference and helps to strengthen St. Rose School for a bright future. God bless!

Attention parents of children in Preschool - 8th grade: Take a virtual tour of St. Rose School and see why it 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/virtual-tour and/or contact Admissions Director Mrs. Karen Coppola admissions@srles.com. A Warm welcome awaits you!

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.

Special thanks to and prayers for Monsignor Bob, Father Alphonse, Deacon Norm, Deacon Rick and Deacon Mike. We are grateful for their guidance during these difficult times. May God grant them all the special graces they and their families need.

St. Rose School continues to thrive as teachers and students engage in distance learning. 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.

Now Enrolling! Visit www.stroseschool.com/admissions/admissions-registration to join us for the 2020-2021 school year.

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/>

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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

Religious articles, the St. Rose Cares box and Parishioner to Parishioner will resume when the church reopens.

Do you know of an elderly Newtowner or a struggling family who needs food? Or a neighbor wishing for a shopping volunteer to pick up food or prescriptions? Anyone who needs help during the pandemic should contact **Newtown Helping Hands**. Parishioner Matthew Rahtelli and our Knights of Columbus have partnered with ten local groups for this initiative. If you know of any Newtown neighbors in need during this crisis, please give them the contact information: 203-270-4297 or e-mail at newtownhelpinghands@gmail.com.

For Social Concerns 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



PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES



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 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. Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) ZOOM meeting 6 – 7:15 pm on Tuesday, May 12. Our guest speaker, Stacey Cohen, will present on “Marketing of YOU for career success”. Please email John Barry at john@itechcp.com for the link to the Zoom meeting.

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. Until the end of the coronavirus, meetings are held via conference call.

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, May 27th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

C&L (Communion and Liberation) is an ecclesial movement in the Catholic Church based on the premise that Faith lived out in communion, is the foundation of the true liberation of man. CL website: <https://english.clonline.org/>. We meet every Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 pm. For more information, please call at 203-426-9275 or email at mariottecorson@gmail.com We’re meeting via Zoom every Wednesday from our homes but will meet at 38 Church Hill after May 20th.

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

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 meetings are postponed until further notice.** 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.

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. Meetings are postponed until further notice.

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.

ST. ROSE WOMEN’S CLUB

We are an organization of women united in faith and fellowship. We welcome any women of St. Rose Parish who have an interest in attending our monthly meetings, which are always held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the Holy Innocents Center. This fall we will meet on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 for MASS at church to start our 49th year. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

On the second Tuesday of each month, some members meet in the new chapel of the vestibule after the 9 a.m. Mass to pray the ROSARY together. On the first Thursday of each month, interested members of the SRWC meet in Holy Innocents Center for our BOOK GROUP, led by Renee Baade.

Call President Eileen Gallo (203-26-8223) today with any questions!



In response to the need to cancel the Connecticut March for Life, the sponsors of the original March decided to hold an internet event on April 15 featuring state level presenters discussing current pro-life issues in Connecticut, information on lobbying elected officials, and questions by participants. If you missed the webinar and would like to watch it, please visit <https://action.ctcatholicpac.org/>

Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of life. It calls us to cherish the gift of life that we receive from our mothers and to pray for all women to whom God has entrusted life in a very special way. We also specifically remember mothers experiencing unexpected or difficult pregnancies and pray they may find support and encouragement in choosing life for their children."

-USCCB Mother's Day Action Guide, <https://www.respectlife.org/may>

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

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



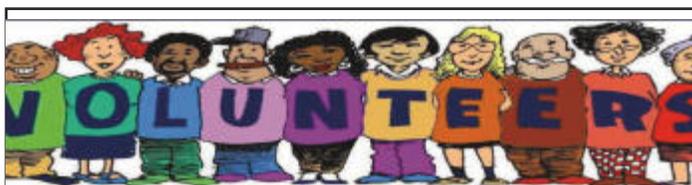
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so we can stay
united in prayer!



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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. 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 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 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, June 11, 2020 at 7 p.m. at St. Jude Church, 707 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, 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.

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

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE #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 Matt Rahtelli, (203) 885 4987, or email him at 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

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 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.

Saints or Sinners?

Question:

Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would someone so holy think they had such serious sin?

Answer:

Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness and their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive, and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned into the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls.

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attend 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://www.mectw.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 if you are interested in joining the team or want additional information.

Have a Minute?

It only takes that long to watch a weekly spiritual and inspirational message from Monsignor Bob & Father Andy.

Weiss Wednesdays: Monsignor Weiss offers thoughts and reflections on what it means to live a faith-filled life as a Roman Catholic and navigate through the challenging world around us.

Saint of the Week: Father Andy teaches us about a different Saint each week, sharing their history, deep devotion to God and importance to the Church.

You can **see and share** these weekly messages on our St. Rose of Lima website strosec church.com, **YouTube channel, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.**

FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS. CHECK THE INTERNET FOR MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS AT 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 \$400per camper. Early bird rates (before 4/1/2020) are \$400 and \$450 after that. More details can be found at 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, MAY 20TH. ALSO, ALL RECTORIES IN THE DIOCESE ARE CLOSED.

ST. ROSE WILL LIVE-STREAM 6:45 MASS MON. - FRI., 4 P.M. SATURDAY, AND 10:30 ON SUNDAY WHICH YOU CAN VIEW ON YOUTUBE OR THROUGH OUR WEBSITE:

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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 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 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.



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