



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 10:30 , 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.

June 28 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 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

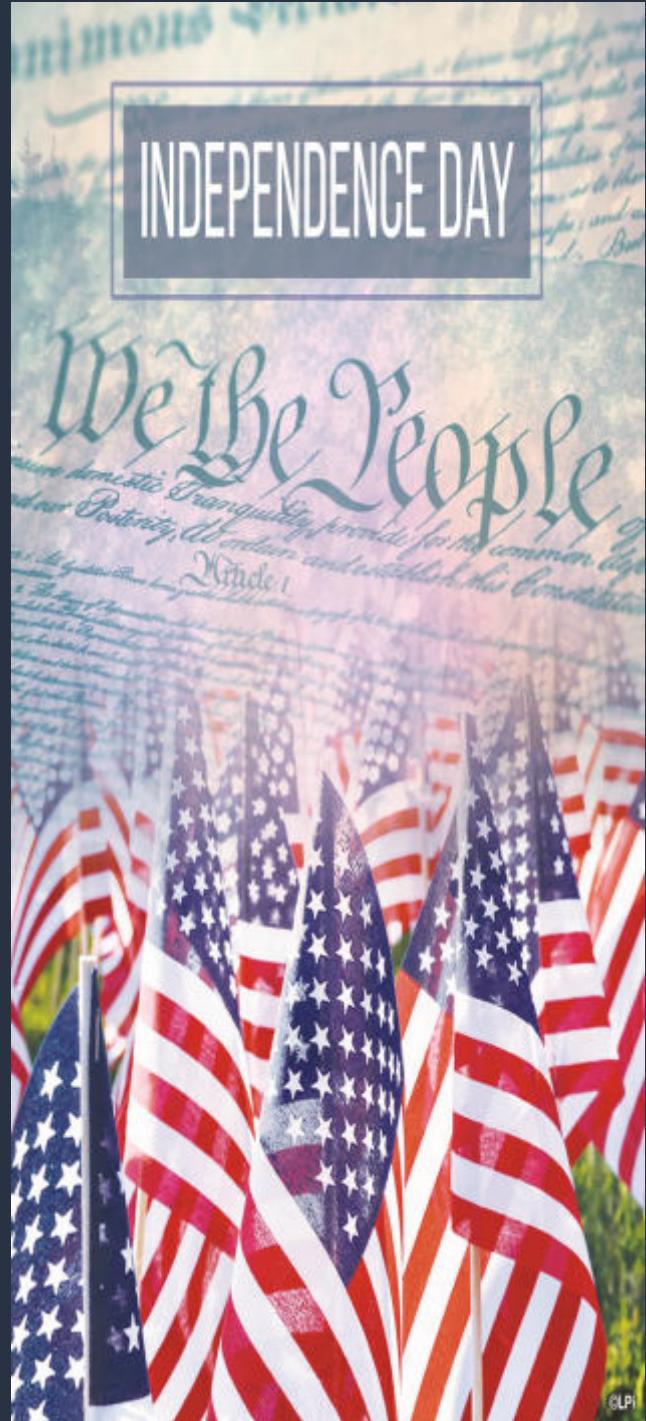
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

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.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 29

6:45 Stanley Perrone..... Dick Giannettino
9:00 Elaine Kelly Mary Obre

Tuesday, June 30

6:45 Paul Muhs. The Taylor Family
9:00 Lisa Cascone St. Rose Rel. Ed.
9:00 Gerald Ringes. The Kirkman Family

Wednesday, July 1

6:45 Teresa Lobdell Brian Leary & Family
9:00 Marie Villano MaryLee & Bob Cannone

Thursday, July 2

6:45 Joan Morrissey Sharon Hoyt
9:00 Anna Maye & Carol Gaulin-McKenzie
Winslow & Lydia Orabona

Friday, July 3

6:45 Marianne Savarese. Jan & Bruce
9:00 Paul Ford Communion & Liberation group

Saturday, July 4

4:00 Paul Ford &
Winslow & Lydia Orabona. K of C #185
Anthony & Anna DeSimone Family
Patrick Henry Grimes Rebecka & Carl Tucker

Sunday, July 5

7:30 Roger Wood. Burton Clark
Laura & Reuban Tanner. Blanca & Gary Sheehan
10:30 St. Rose Parishioners
John Pavia, Marilyn Imbimbo &
Bernadette Pavia Nella Pavia
5:00 Edward Cashin The Rahtelli Family

Wedding Banns


Banns: II Danielle Norris & Joseph Adamovich

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION July 3, 2020

"There is no greater love given to Catholics than Christ present in the Eucharist." Pope John Paul II

Come and adore Jesus, here in St. Rose of Lima Church. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after 9 a.m. Mass, the Rosary group prays a rosary at 9:30 and then silent adoration follows until 3 p.m. From 3 p.m. to Benediction at 4 p.m., we will pray The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Evening Prayers. "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will give you rest."

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week
in memory of Jeffrey White as requested
by Jim and Dolores White.**


PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**June 28, 2020
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

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**Do you need assistance as a patient of COVID-19?
We have a parishioner willing to assist. Please contact the rectory office at 203-426-1014.**

**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 MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

GO WITH GOD AND WITH OUR THANKS AND LOVE

I am sad to share with you that Fr. Alphonse will be leaving us on July 1 to take a new assignment at Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish in Ridgefield. We will miss him and his ministry greatly. Fr. Alphonse joined us in the fall of 2014 and has brought to our parish many blessings. In addition to his homilies which are most inspiring, he has truly helped all of us see the beauty of faith in all that we do. Fr. Alphonse never took a day off so that he might be available to minister to the parish. He has celebrated Masses at the local nursing homes and senior facilities, brought the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Eucharist to countless parishioners, brought healing through the Sacrament of Penance, visited the hospital on a regular basis, taken a lead in our faith formation program for children and adults, celebrated Mass with our Saint Rose School students, brought the gift of faith to our children through Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, personally counselled many parishioners in their time of need and has been an active presence at our many parish events, especially the Carnival. Fr. Alphonse has been my right and left hand during our building campaign and construction, and, most recently, my surgery and recovery. The word “no” is not part of his vocabulary when it comes to serving the Church and this parish. There is no doubt of the void he will leave in our parish community. He lives the faith he preaches with a pure spirit and gentle heart, and we are all better for it and for him.

Because of the pandemic, we are not able to have a thank you reception or farewell gathering to honor him. I would ask that you take a minute and drop him a note or a card of thanks for his service to us and love for us. His new address is:

Reverend Alphonse Arokiam
Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish
520 Ridgebury Road
Ridgefield, CT 06877

WELCOME TO SAINT ROSE FR. MICHAEL CLARK

The happy news is that Reverend Michael Clark has been assigned to our parish as our Parochial Vicar. Fr. Michael was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bridgeport in 2019. He was assigned as chaplain to Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford, which unfortunately closed at the end of this school year and as a resident at Saint Thomas More Parish in Darien.

Fr. Clark grew up in Cornwall, which is the southwestern part of the United Kingdom, in a family of three siblings: two older sisters and himself. He was raised Anglican by his parents but was not very religious until university. He studied at Cambridge and became interested in the “Radical Orthodoxy” movement which led him to revisit the claims of Christianity. In time, he came to the firm conviction that God exists, that God loves and that God desires some kind of relationship with His creatures. The more he learned about history and the more he became familiar with the beauty he saw in the music and architecture of the Latin Rite, the more he realized that he agreed with what the Catholic Church claims about herself. In February, 2007 he was received into the Catholic Church.

Along with Theology, he studied Law at Cambridge and was called to the bar in 2009. He worked as the Director of Music at Buckfast Abbey beginning in 2010 and eventually felt a call to the priesthood. He joined the formation program for his local diocese which sent him for theological studies in Rome, where he lived and received his formation at the Venerable English College. While in Rome he had the opportunity to visit the Diocese of Bridgeport, an experience that “unexpectedly changed my life.” He was staying with a priest friend at one of our parishes where he encountered an energy in the faith life of the parish that he had not encountered in his home parish. He was struck by the diversity of the Diocese of Bridgeport and the opportunities for ministry that such diversity affords.

After returning to seminary, his experience of our diocese stayed with him. He began to consider whether God was calling him to serve as a priest in our diocese. He reached out to Bishop Caggiano and shared his experience and conviction that he was not called to be a priest in his home diocese. In 2018 he was accepted as a seminarian for our diocese. His path to Bridgeport certainly was not a conventional one, but it has taught him to trust the Lord and to follow Him wherever He calls.

We are blessed to have this young priest. He is a gifted man of faith and a deeply committed priest. Please keep him in prayer as we welcome him to our parish community.



GOODBYE AND BEST WISHES FATHER ALPHONSE - As we anticipate the beginning of a new month, there are some things we wish would not change. Our hearts are heavy with the announcement that Father Alphonse will be leaving us for his new assignment at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Ridgefield. Fr. Alphonse has become a very welcomed, friendly face around the Religious Ed. classrooms and office. He was the Spiritual Director of our Board of Religious Education, an instrumental member of our 7th grade retreat team, a priestly presence at our RE classes, an advisor to our RE office staff; but most of all, he was a friend. If you had the opportunity to be in his presence and you got to know him, you knew of his warmth, humility, wonderful humor, and love of all things sacred or chocolate! To Fr. Alphonse: we know we must say goodbye, but please know we will come to visit you in Ridgefield and we look forward to your return visit to St. Rose Parish.
God's blessings, from the RE office staff, Coordinators, Catechists and Board of RE.

ONLINE REGISTRATION SHOULD OPEN 6/29! - We anticipate ONLINE registration will begin Monday, June 29. Since the bulletin goes to press as we are still completing final details, we appreciate your patience and understanding with this new online process. Please look for an email announcement to all registered families, as well as announcements through social media and on the St. Rose of Lima website.

ST. ROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR
Our office is currently working on a 2020-21 school year calendar. Though most events will follow last year's calendar and format, due to the COVID virus, some events will be postponed until the Spring. Please be assured that we are following state and diocesan guidelines for social distancing and space limitations, and the wearing of masks. The calendar will be available on the St. Rose Religious Ed. webpage sometime this summer.

WE ARE COLLECTING CATECHIST MANUALS AND SUPPLIES - Thank you to all catechists that have dropped off your materials from past school years. The bins will continue (24/7) to be located at the rear entrance of the Religious Education office. These bins are checked daily.

DO NOT place your catechist/volunteer form in these boxes, as we are not sorting the items at this time. Catechist/volunteer forms should be placed in the black mailbox (also at the rear entrance of our office) with Meg Arena's name on the envelope. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.



Congratulations to the St. Rose School Class of 2020! You did it! As you begin the next chapter of your education and life, know that you go with our love and prayers. Each of you are uniquely talented and promise to make an impact wherever you go. We will miss you in our halls but you are forever in our hearts as cherished members of the St. Rose School family. We can't wait for you to visit and share news of your new adventures and discoveries with us. God bless you!

Summer break is here! After a remarkable year of learning and growth it is time to decompress and embark on summer adventures. While stepping away from the daily routine is refreshing and important, studies show that doing a bit of reading and math each day is key to helping students retain what they learned during the year and prepares them for reentry in the Fall. To this end St. Rose School teachers have prepared grade level summer work that can be found on the website, <https://www.stroseschool.com/admissions/admissions-registration>.

THANK YOU to all of our generous supporters. Whether you donated on #GivingTuesday, at the Blooms Benefit, via a gift to the Blooms Fund or in your assistance with a myriad of school activities, you have contributed to the ongoing vitality of St. Rose School. We could not do it without you and because of you we are able to offer students in Preschool through 8th grade a stellar academic, faith focused education. May God bless you! Every gift makes a BIG difference! <https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/giving-tuesday-1>

Now Enrolling! 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. We welcome all of our newly registered families -- we are delighted that you will be joining the St. Rose School community!

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**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

**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: fsequenzia@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.

The 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

Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker, Don Whittman, will present a Linkedin Teardown Session. Please email John Barry at john@itechcp.com to be added to the evite for this event.

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 Evertez at tevertez@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 Children's Rosary will be postponed until further notice.

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. on Zoom from our homes. For more information, please call at 203-426-9275 or email at mariottecorson@gmail.com .

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. **Meetings are held off campus until further notice.**

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. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are postponed until further notice.

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 (203-426-8223) today with any questions! **(No meetings on campus until Sept. 1)**



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/>

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you."

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

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
A1C 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
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 Necoechea
LCpl Lucas T. Vendel
PFC Patrick Zingaro

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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.



Online Giving

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, July 27, 2020 at 7 p.m. at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, 138 Candlewood Lake Road, 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.

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

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Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Great News! Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual" To support married couples during social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual 3 week marriage experience called "Restore – Rekindle – Renew"; it aims to restore a married couple's communication, rekindle romance and renew their commitment to one another.

The program will meet online for seven sessions on Thursday and Monday nights July 9-30 from 7-9:30 P.M. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and how to keep their relationship a priority. No group discussions are involved. Registration is limited, and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to register, call or email Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or application@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.

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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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

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