



## ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### 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.

July 19, 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](http://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](http://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](http://strosechurch.com).

### MARRIAGE

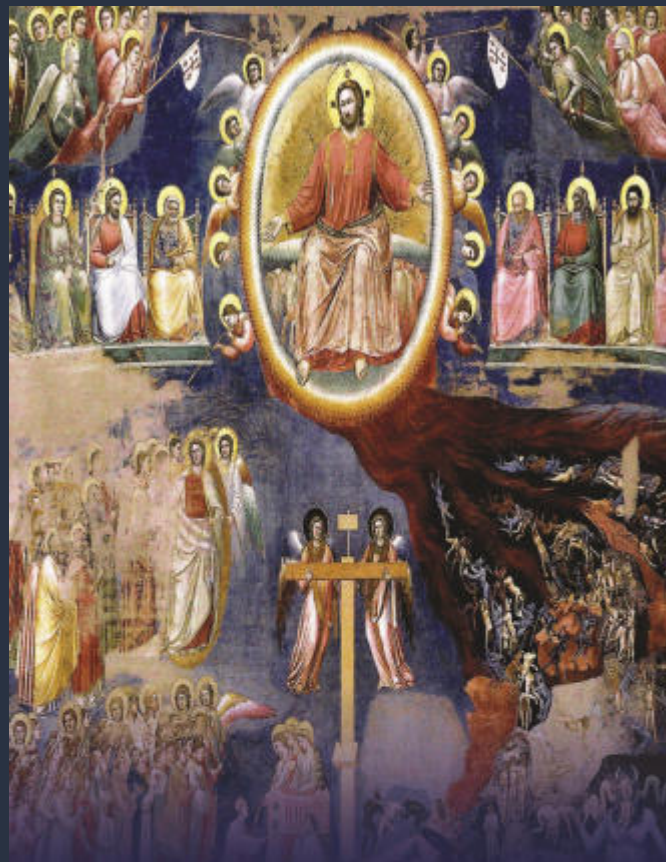
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to [strosechurch.com/marriage](http://strosechurch.com/marriage).

### 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.



## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of  
their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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# **Mass Intentions for the Week**

## Monday, July 20

6:45 Paul Muhs . . . . . Joan Gilbertie  
9:00 Jose Mingachos . . . . . Mary & Kevin Maloney

## Tuesday, July 21

6:45 John Sherry . . . . . Regis Buckley  
Marie Valladares . . . . . Regis Buckley  
9:00 Marie Villano . . . . . MaryLee & Bob Cannone  
Arline Mary Angell . . . . . Jennifer Magin

## Wednesday, July 22

6:45 Bernard J. Rafferty . . . . . Sheila & Cosmo Civala  
9:00 Anna Lavelle . . . . . Joan Brand

## Thursday, July 23

6:45 Julie Halligan . . . . . The Gerbo Family  
9:00 Barbara Oravec . . . . . Mary Beth & Gary Sippin

## Friday, July 24

6:45 Jean Maday . . . . . Virginia & Dave Jess  
9:00 Henry Michael Johnson . . . . . Solheim & Johnson Families

## Saturday, July 25

4:00 Barbara Oravez . . . . . K of C Council 185  
Vincent Cicchesi, Sr. . . . . K of C Council 185  
John Morgera . . . . . Family  
Donald Lajoie . . . . . Mo & Sean Kerins

## Sunday, July 26

7:30 Carrell McNulty . . . . . St. Rose Women's Club  
Michael Hudak . . . . . Bob & Karen Walker  
10:30 Anthony Juliano . . . . . Daughter, Dolores Pruefer  
George Zaharek . . . . . Dennis & Conni Murray  
Pat Figliola . . . . . Family  
5:00 Jim, Aileen, & Kevin Comerford . . . . . Lovely Family

## St. Teresa of Calcutta's Lay Movement

### Holy Hour - July 20, 7-8 p.m.

We invite you to come with us to be in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament for one hour the 3rd Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m.

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." St. Teresa of Calcutta.

We invite you to also come to one of our meetings to see how you can grow in holiness by becoming a member of the LMC Family. We offer morning or evening times here in the parish. Come and see!

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



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

**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.**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 19, 2020

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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## PLEASE NOTE NEW OFFICE HOURS

**July and August—9a.m.—3p.m.  
After Labor Day—9 a.m.—4 p.m.**



## A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

WE HAVE SOME VERY BUSY DAYS AHEAD OF US!

Due to the many cancellations of sacramental celebrations in the spring, we are about begin to bring our children home for their First Communion and our young adults for their Confirmation. These special celebrations will cause some alteration in our Covid-19 schedule, so once again I ask your patience, understanding and cooperation.

### FIRST COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Saturday, July 25	First Communion at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 26	First Communion at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 1	First Communion at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 2	First Communion at 2:00 p.m.
Friday, August 28	Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 29	Confirmation at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 30	Confirmation at 2:00 p.m.
Friday, September 11	Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 12	Confirmation at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 13	Confirmation at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 19	First Communion at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 20	First Communion at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 4	Confirmation at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 10	Confirmation at 10:00 a.m.

### WEDDINGS

Thursday, September 17	Casey-Rose Kearns & Christopher Teri
Saturday, September 26	Moira Collier & Robert Kiernan (St. Ann, Bpt.)
Saturday, October 3	Kelly Yorio and Mason Everlith (Fairfield U)
Saturday, October 10	Jennifer Spanedda & Patrick Shirley
Saturday, October 17	Kelly Brassard & Kory Kling
Friday, October 23	Christina Andrews & Colter Morgan (R.I.)
Saturday, October 24	Jennifer Miller & Scott Boardman
Friday, November 27	Tammy Mulrooney & Francisco D'Auria
Sunday, December 20	Taylor Brady & Peter Fahan

There are also several BAPTISMS and Memorial MASSES to be scheduled based on family availability and travel plans.







**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE!**

- You should have received an email regarding registering for the coming year for Religious Ed., but if you have not, please go to the St. Rose of Lima website and look for the Religious Ed. web page under MINISTRIES. You will find all of the pertinent information and link to online registration. Please call Kate Kunze, Registration Coordinator, if you have any questions (203-426-2333, Ext. 3).

**CATECHISTS: WE STILL NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

We are so happy to hear from catechists that they will be back to teach this coming Fall. BUT, we need to hear from ALL of our catechists. Please return the form - whether you choose to teach or do not choose to teach, so that we may form classes. If you want to loop up with your students, we especially need to know right away.

**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 Education 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.

**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.



**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, /virtual-tour and/or contact Admissions Director Mrs. Karen Coppola .

**We welcome all of our newly registered families -- we are delighted that you will be joining the St. Rose School community!** Parent ambassadors will be in touch to say hello; Stay tuned for information about Summer Meet & Greet as well as details about the return to school. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com).

**Summer Bridge Work.** Studies show that doing a bit of reading and math each day over the summer is key to helping students retain what they learned during the year and readies 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.** Your contributions enable us to keep the heart of St. Rose School beating strong! 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>

**Attention St. Rose School Alumni -- we'd love to hear from you!** Contact [advancement@srles.com](mailto:advancement@srles.com) to share your favorite memories and tell us what you've been doing since leaving our halls. You are an important part of the St. Rose School family and our rich history! Like us on Facebook, [Stroseoflimaschool](https://www.facebook.com/Stroseoflimaschool), and follow us on Instagram, [srsnewtownct](https://www.instagram.com/srsnewtownct).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:flsequenzia@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, August 11 at 6 p.m. Please join us for an elevator speech workshop where John Barry will provide a worksheet and discuss the 6 key steps in creating an elevator speech. The attendees will have the opportunity to practice their elevator speech and connect on any potential leads. Meet and network with peers, managers, and professionals.

To request the zoom link for the elevator speech workshop, please e-mail [john@itechcp.com](mailto:john@itechcp.com)

### 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](mailto: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, email: [normroosjr@aol.com](mailto: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 [mariottcorson@gmail.com](mailto:mariottcorson@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](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 meetings are postponed until further notice.** 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. **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](http://strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study) or contact Beth Groonell at [elizabethgroonell@me.com](mailto: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. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Call President Eileen Gallo (203-426-8223) today with any questions! **(No meetings on campus until further notice).**





This week is Natural Family Planning week in conjunction with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* on July 25. This encyclical “articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, married love, and responsible parenthood.” For more info, visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/index.cfm>

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/>

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,  
“Married Love and the Gift of Life”



**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 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 Necoechea  
LCpl Lucas T. Vendel  
PFC Patrick Zingaro





**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.**  
**BY APPOINTMENT**



**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, 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](mailto:@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](mailto: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](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)

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### **Fish on Friday**

#### **Question:**

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

#### **Answer:**

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy. ©LPi

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### Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, “Do the drill,” meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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