



# ST. ROSE OF LIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 11 2020



We Welcome our  
Newly Confirmed



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Ava *Mary* Mitchell  
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Talia *Elizabeth* Ondy  
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Emilie *Teresa* Parris  
Brianna-Lee *Zoe* Pellicone  
Thomas *Matthew* Phelan  
Luke *Paul* Phelps  
Michael *Poidomani*  
John *Rose* Popowich  
Sara *Teresa* Premus  
Declan *Sebastian* Regan  
Sean *Peter* Reilly  
Emily *Caroline* Rerick  
Christopher *Peter* Rice  
Meaghan *Joan of Arc* Richard  
Madeline *Cecilia* Roe  
Kyle *Anthony* Ruddy  
Christine *Marie Amandine* Salvo  
Alexander *Nicholas* Savo  
Alexander *Sebastian* Schmidt  
Kaelen *Anthony* Schmitt  
Jaclyn *Mary Magdalene* Schultz  
Joshua *Francis* Schumacher  
Rachael *Francis* Shepard  
Lauren *Adjutor* Smiley  
Deirdre *Brigid of Kildare* Smith  
Joseph *André* Socci  
Mary *Cecilia* Socci  
Catherine *Colette* Sollose  
Gabrielle *Elizabeth* Soltis  
Hannah *Catherine* Sonido  
Carissa *Catherine* Soriano  
Madison *Elizabeth* Stewart  
Jonathan *Peter* Stuart  
Katelyn *Marie Amandine* Sullivan  
Rachael *Kateri* Szor  
Paige *Victoria* Tarpey  
Tyler *George* Telesca  
Matthew *John the Baptist* Tomaj  
Hannah *Joan of Arc* Van Rijnsouw  
Renee *Michael the Archangel* Vas  
Geno *Augustine* Ventresca  
Sofia *Catherine* Verdi  
Timothy *Michael the Archangel* Via  
Jonathan *Maximilian Kolbe* Voskov  
Jason *Adjutor* Wasilnak  
Lily *Mary* Wasilnak  
Jennifer *Elizabeth* Waters  
Madalynn *Catherine* Watson  
Tyler *Hubert* White  
Brooke *Catherine* Williams

# **Mass Intentions for the Week**

## Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day)

6:45 Pilar Ufret . . . . . The Long Family  
9:00 Jean Castelot . . . . . Suzette & Paul  
Olivia Helgeson . . . . . Liz & Lindsay Brestovansky

## Tuesday, October 13

6:45 Mary Haughney . . . . . The Long Family  
Jack Obre. . . . . Mary Obre & Family  
9:00 Douglas Mahoney. . . . . Maria & Rich Bergan  
Joseph Geraghty . . . . . Alice & Edward Walsh

## Wednesday, October 14

6:45 Douglas Mahoney . . . . . Lou & Debbie Terlizzi  
Geraldine McNulty . . . . . John & Joan Borruso  
9:00 Nicholas Eisele . . . . . St. Rose Religious Ed.  
Barbara Cicco . . . . . The Hettenbach Family

## Thursday, October 15

6:45 Martha Hitchcock. . . . . The Mosher Family  
9:00 Thomas DeMarchi . . . . . The Maturo Family  
Robert S. Kinnally . . . . . Mark, Bernadette,  
. . . Chris & Sean Nuelle

## Friday, October 16

6:45 Intentions of Eileen Cashin . . . . . Rahtelli Family  
9:00 Joseph Antonazzo . . . . . Nicolina Antonazzo  
Ernestine Dillon . . . . . Peter & Jane McNulty

## Saturday, October 17

4:00 Elaine LaBocchetta . . . . . Lorraine Laremore  
Nademie & Herbert Bistany . . . . . Carol Bistany  
Joseph McHugh . . . . . Billy & Teresa Tully

## Sunday, October 18

7:30 Mary Ellen Murphy-Linden. . . . . Anthony & Arlene D'Aquila  
Leland McLean. . . . . Gary & Blanca Sheehan  
10:30 Anthony John Lombardi . . . . . Tracy Brady  
Christopher Lemone . . . . . Family  
John Catapano . . . . . Salvatore & Linda Novellino  
Rose Majeski. . . . . The Sippin Family  
5:00 Frank Tomaiuolo. . . . . Jo-Ann Scebold  
Bob Wallin. . . . . The Deleon Family

## Wedding Banns

Banns III Kelly Brassard & Kory Kling  
Banns II . . . Christina Andrews & Colter Morgan  
Banns II. . . Jennifer Miller & Scott Boardman



## Thanks to the following parishioners for their support of PROJECT 2020

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 11, 2020

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet?  
I think I'd like to come. ©LPi

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

**Gift of Gordon & Virginia Everstine in memory of Joan Dwyer**

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

NEXT WEEKEND, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

**LIFE IS OPPORTUNITY,  
BENEFIT FROM IT.  
LIFE IS BEAUTY,  
ADMIRE IT.  
LIFE IS A DREAM,  
REALIZE IT.  
LIFE IS A CHALLENGE,  
MEET IT.  
LIFE IS A DUTY,  
COMPLETE IT.  
LIFE IS A GAME,  
PLAY IT.  
LIFE IS A PROMISE,  
FULFILL IT.  
LIFE IS SORROW,  
OVERCOME IT.  
LIFE IS A SONG,  
SING IT.  
LIFE IS A STRUGGLE,  
ACCEPT IT.  
LIFE IS A TRAGEDY,  
CONFRONT IT.  
LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE,  
DARE IT.  
LIFE IS LUCK,  
MAKE IT.  
LIFE IS TOO PRECIOUS,  
DO NOT DESTROY IT.  
LIFE IS LIFE,  
FIGHT FOR IT**

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

As we continue our observance of Respect Life Month, these words of St. Teresa of Calcutta are very timely. Living in a world of convenience as we do, we are always seeking the easy, quick way to resolve our issues and conflicts. As a result of this, the value of human life has been diminished. We do not want to deal with the consequences that result from some of our decisions, so we choose what we think is the easiest way to resolve them, oftentimes not realizing the long term effects those decisions have on our lives. For example, a few years ago I met a woman who deeply regrets her decision to abort her baby. She was young when she became sexually active and pregnant. She was pressured by her father and by the young man involved to "get rid of the baby." That seemed the easiest way to save everyone embarrassment and would enable her to pursue the dream she had for her future. To this day, at age 62, she goes to a cemetery on the date when she aborted her baby, spending the day in tears and sadness, wondering why she did what she did and what would her child be like had she brought him/her to full term. I am certain this is not an unusual reaction for many women who chose the culture of death over the culture of life. It is obvious to all of us living in these times that the values and choices put forth by the culture of death are in direct conflict with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Respect Life movement is a powerful instrument to help us value the life of every person. The issues at hand today consistently violate life: euthanasia, abortion, capital punishment, sex trafficking, pornography, war, health care issues, assisted suicide, human cloning, conscience rights, disabilities, murder and gun violence. These are the realities that are slowly bringing us into the darkness rather than the light that brings life. Realizing that we are living with these issues already in place in our country should be reason enough to become more active in the pro-life movement. Let us heed the wisdom of Mother Teresa and embrace what is right, good and holy rather than destruction, the violation of life and hate.

Just a quick word of thanks for all the good wishes I received for my 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am most grateful for the kind words, assurance of prayers and generosity. This is a big year ahead for me. When a pastor turns 75, he must submit a letter to the Bishop resigning his administrative responsibilities as a pastor. As much as I would like to stay until my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Spring, 2023, that decision is not mine to make.





### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, OCT. 11**

The classes are meeting in person on a rotating schedule. Therefore, please refer to the information provided by your catechist as to which weeks your child/ren will be on campus. The students will not be coming to campus every week. If you have any questions, please contact Cate Gosselin at 203-426-2333, Ext. 1

### **WE STILL NEED CATECHISTS AND AIDES**

Though most of our classes have a catechist, we still have openings in grades 3, 4 and 5. Please contact Meg Arena at (203) 426-2333, Ext. 2. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important service to St. Rose Parish.

### **FINAL CONFIRMATION CEREMONY OF 2020**

On October 10 we celebrate the final sacrament ceremony for 2020. Our thanks to everyone who helped us lead, coordinate, assist or pray for the students receiving the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. We especially thank Monsignor Robert Weiss for his patience to lead the ceremonies and his dedication to make each ceremony sacred, special, and an intimate gathering. Thank you to Meg Arena and Mary Craig for your coordination "behind the scenes". God bless our new Communicants and Confirmands with the gifts that only our Lord Jesus Christ can bestow upon them.



### **Stay Connected with our Parish through Email, Social Media**

Stay informed about important announcements and happenings at our Parish! We share COVID-19 related news and other important events via email and social media. Write to [content@strosechurch.com](mailto:content@strosechurch.com) if you'd like to join our Parish-wide email list, or go to our website at [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com) to get connected to our social media!



**Help Wanted -- Kindergarten Assistant.** Part time (25 hours/week). Candidate should love working with young children, be organized and a team player. Works directly with the Kindergarten teacher to implement lessons in the classroom. Bachelors Degree with Education experience preferred. Please submit your resume to [secretary@srles.com](mailto:secretary@srles.com).

**Light, Learning and Love -- That's what your 2-5 year olds will find at St. Rose Preschool!** Our dedicated, experienced teachers offer a dynamic curriculum, in a nurturing environment, that helps children build a strong foundation. Visit <https://www.stroseschool.com/academics/preschool> for more information.

**St. Rose Preschool is having an Open House! Please Join us on October 14th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Rain date October 16th, 10:00-11:00 a.m. a.m.** Explore our 2-, 3-, 4- and 5- (Transitional Kindergarten) programs. Contact [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com) to register. A warm welcome awaits you!

**Peek-A-Boo 2's classes now available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00-10:30 a.m. (pick up to 3 sessions per week).** Enjoy story time, crafts and play time with the Preschool teacher in the Preschool classroom. A great opportunity to acclimate your child to Preschool in a nurturing, safe, socially distanced environment. Pre-registration required. Contact [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com) for more information. A warm welcome awaits you!

**Can you help students at St. Rose School BLOOM?** Tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating a child. The St. Rose Blooms Fund was established to raise money for operating expenses, professional development, enrichment programs, technology updates and all of the programs/materials that enable us to offer students in Preschool through 8th grade a stellar academic, faith focused education. We cannot do it without you! Every gift makes a BIG difference! **Thank you for your support. God Bless!** <https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/blooms-fund>

**Mark your calendars:** Friday, October 9th, early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. for Teacher Professional Development. Monday, October 12th school is closed. Friday October 30th Trunk or Treat in the parking lot for St. Rose School families (stay tuned for details from HSA).

**Heartfelt thanks to our administrators, teachers, clergy, religious, students, parents and parishioners (past and present) for your commitment to St. Rose School. We have a rich history and a bright future because of you!**

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## 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.*

The purpose of the Social Concerns Committee is to support our parishioners and neighbors in need. In the past, we have relied on monthly religious articles sales, contributions to our semi-annual food drives, and donations to our Cares Box. Religious articles sales and the food drives have been suspended for now due to Covid-19, but our Cares Box is in the back of the church. On the 3rd week-end of every month, you'll find it in the front of the church to the left of the altar. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to support our local organizations.

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

*"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. 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.

### 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.



## **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, October 13 from 6-7:30 PM.

To request the zoom link for the next Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) meeting, please e-mail [john@itechcp.com](mailto:john@itechcp.com). We will have a panel discussion with Talent Acquisition professionals from local area employers. **Join us for an in-person, interactive panel discussion** which will provide insight on best practices for working with recruiters and corporations, along with discussing hiring trends in today's job market. The panel will also discuss the process used to screen and qualify candidates as well as misconceptions that have surfaced in regards to the process. Other discussion topics may include recommendations for candidates, social media and networking. Please come prepared with questions to ask the panel.

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

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. Meetings are on Thursdays **outside Holy Innocents at 10 a.m.**

### **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 at the Bell Garden**. The aim is to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the Cross for the love of souls. The Special Mission is to work for the salvation and the sanctification of the members of their own Families and of the poorest of the poor of the whole world. Come see.

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

Meetings are on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the **Bell Garden**. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-994-5106 with questions or sign-ups.

**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 [mariottectorson@gmail.com](mailto:mariottectorson@gmail.com).

## **MEETINGS**

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

Due to the coronavirus, meetings on campus are postponed. 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 [mrryan9497@gmail.com](mailto:mrryan9497@gmail.com)

### **YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP**

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

The 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. For more info [www.meetup.com/widows-ct](http://www.meetup.com/widows-ct) or call 203-426-0481.

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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

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 starting Tues. October 6 7-8:30 p.m. and Wed. October 7 @10: a.m.. Meetings are virtual. Course: *Fearless and Free*, is an 11-week course. There is no registration fee. The registration form is online at our St. Rose website. 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.

### **DIVINE MERCY CENACLE**

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

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**

**(No meetings on campus until further notice).**

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 Eileen Gallo (203-426-8223) or the parish office today with questions!

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY-** The Children's Rosary will be postponed until further notice.





October is Respect Life Month! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating throughout October. Learn how you can participate at [www.respectlife.org/celebrate](http://www.respectlife.org/celebrate)

“This year the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of the landmark pro-life encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Written by Pope St. John Paul II, this prophetic document passionately reaffirmed the Church’s constant teaching on the value and sacredness of every human life. It remains a foundational text for all our efforts to ensure that the life of every human person is protected and cherished.” -Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Thank you to all who participated in this year’s baby bottle drive! We appreciate your support for the Sisters of Life and Birthright of Danbury. Due to the advent of the pandemic the drive had been put on hold, but you can still return your bottle filled with your donation! You may place it in the offering basket when you come to Mass, or bring it to the parish office between 9:00am and 4:00pm on Monday through Friday.

The life-saving prayer campaign of 40 Days for Life is taking place right now until Sunday, November 1. The prayer vigil will take place at the public right-of-way entrance to Commerce Park, 4697 Main Street, Bridgeport. For more information about the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, and to volunteer, please visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) or contact Lenore Opalak at [snowdenopalak@icloud.com](mailto:snowdenopalak@icloud.com).

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

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### **THE FACE OF PRAYER**

The Face of Prayer recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people. Visit [www.thefaceofprayer.com](http://www.thefaceofprayer.com) to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders across the country. Be sure to also join the movement by texting **PRAY** to **55778** to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

### **Can We Chew Gum at Mass?**

**Question: Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?**

#### **Answer:**

If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.

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What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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