



November 29, 2020

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.

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

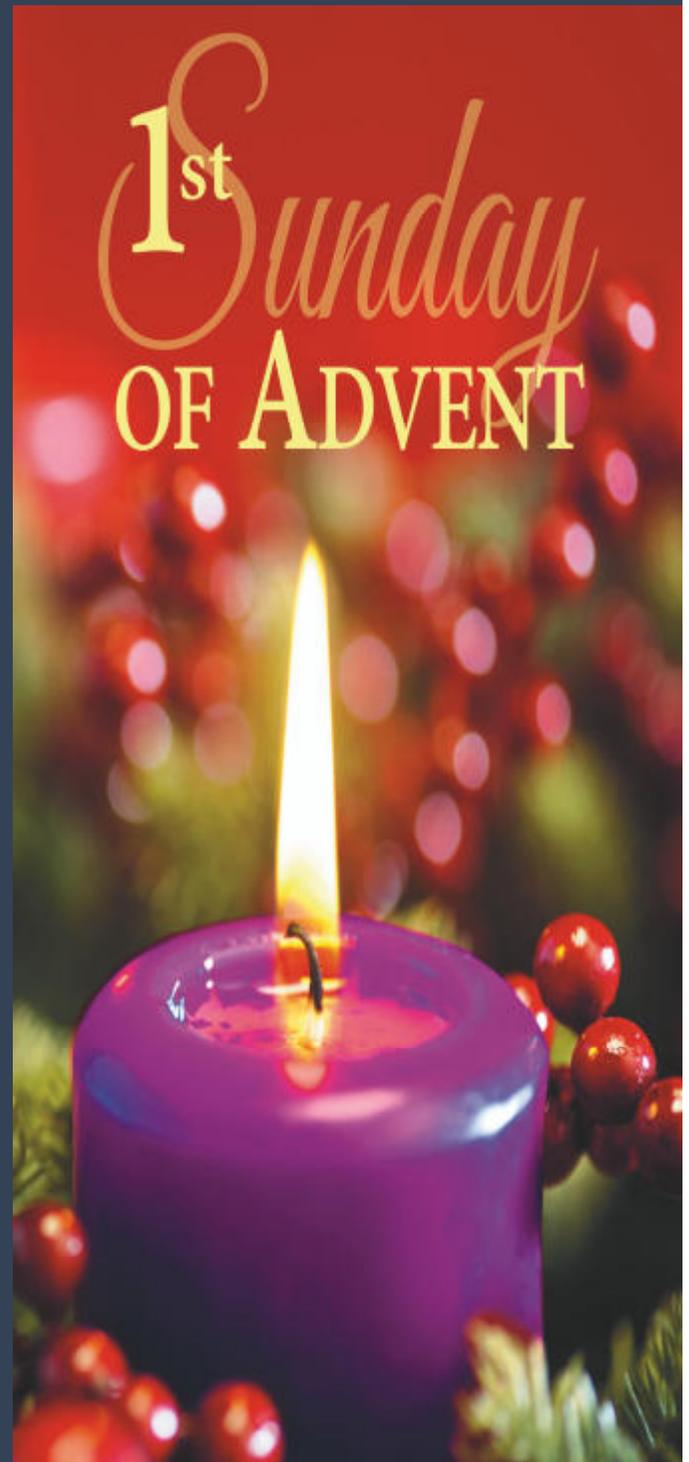
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

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, November 30

- 6:45 Jim Davis The Gerbo Family
- 9:00 Dennis Gilhooly Nancy & Tim Cawley
- John Grimardi Julie Birch

Tuesday, December 1

- 6:45 Edgar Pelletier Joan Gilbertie
- 9:00 Eleanor & Tom Cunningham Ellen Klaus

Wednesday, December 2

- 6:45 Thomas Murtagh Michele Murtagh
- 9:00 Marion Wesselbrand The DeCanio Family
- Robert Scuba The Brestovansky Family

Thursday, December 3

- 6:45 Donald Martinelli, Jr. Meg Soto
- 9:00 Amy Gilbertie Joan Gilbertie
- Gerard Collins Mary Twohy

Friday, December 4 (First Friday)

- 6:45 Helen Perillo Flip & Knettie Archard
- 9:00 Salvatore Furnari Savarese, Murray & Kelly Families
- Margaret McMurrer The Vodola Family

Saturday, December 5

- 4:00 Elizabeth Briscoe Family
- Carmela Russo & Lisa Camen Carol Bistany

Sunday, December 6

- 7:30 John Morgera Family
- Geraldine McNulty Joy & Gene Previdi
- Amelia Perez Blanca & Gary Sheehan
- Mary Patricia Lewandowski Renzi Family
- 10:30 Alice McGowan The Hill Family
- St. Rose Parishioners
- 5:00 John Pavia, Marilyn Imbimbo & Anthony & Luisa Pavia Nella Pavia
- Laurena McCarthy Family

WEDDING BANNS



Banns I: Evan Kohlsaas & Rachel Williams

Banns I: Taylor Brady & Peter Fahan

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—December 4, 2020

“There is no greater love given to Catholics than Christ present in the Eucharist.” St. 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 4p.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.”

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it’s time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It’s where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don’t concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn’t accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God’s loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That’s why we need Advent. Let’s face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. “Now” moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It’s the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God’s now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ’s second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us. ©LPi

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Ellen Ronan as requested by Joan Gilbertie.



The Chapel Candle will be lit this week in memory of Kyung Sook Ruth (Soo) Hyeon as requested by The Ringes Family.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

WATCH

One word speaks volumes as we begin the great season of Advent! We need this season of grace for many reasons in these times in which we are living, for this is the season of hope and patience. Jesus calls us to carefully watch, to stand ready for we never know what will come our way. We are living in times of great uncertainty. Each minute of each day can make a difference in the way we are living our lives which is why Christ calls us to be ready to accept what comes to us. We begin that readiness with thanksgiving for the love that God holds for each of us. As Saint Paul writes: **“God is faithful, and by him you are called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”** That bond of love and fellowship will see us through every moment of our lives. We need to be aware how deep and real and unconditional that love is for us. It is a bond of love we will never experience in a human relationship. And so we listen to the great prophet Isaiah: **“Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants.”** It is most obvious that we are living in a post Christian era, in a society that has embraced the culture of death and darkness rather than light and goodness. That is not about just one single issue, but it embraces the hate, violence, lack of morality and regard for life that surrounds us. God gave us free will to make the life we choose for ourselves, but free will comes with responsibility for our actions. Do our actions help achieve the common good and the building up of God’s kingdom on earth. We see that in the midst of this pandemic. There are protests about wearing masks, disregard for travel restrictions, ignoring social distancing and falling into the mindset that this is all a hoax or a political ploy. Yet we also see millions of people becoming ill and hundreds of thousands dying. What are our eyes seeing in the midst of all this? What are our hearts telling us about our respect for ourselves and others? Isaiah continues with a rather graphic description of life, but a realistic one: **“Behold, you are angry and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves and our guilt carries us like the wind.”** Of course, and not be forgotten or overlooked, there is much goodness in this world and there are many who strive to live a life in Christ. It is time for Advent. Our Christ is willing to be born again into a culture that is rapidly turning their backs to Him, but His love is so surpassing that even the hardest heart can be changed. We use this holy season of our Church to seek the hope that only God can give and to bring the world a hope we so desperately need. **WATCH and LISTEN and BELIEVE**

Do you see what I see?

Do you hear what I hear?

Do you know what I know?

The Child sleeping in the night,

He will bring us goodness and light!

With the temporary suspension of face-to-face Religious Education classes, I want to say a special word of thanks to our volunteer security team. As you may remember, this group was formed following the tragedy at Sandy Hook School. We realized very quickly the need to keep our children safe when they are on campus for organized activities. Thanks to the leadership of Andy Buzzi, we were given permission to organize a security team. These men and women stand at the ready during religious education classes, special sacramental programs, the celebration of sacraments, Fan the Fire and whenever security is needed to protect our youth. They are the folks in red standing guard! Our thanks to: John Bazzoni, Jr., Bill Brunetti, Sr., Andy Buzzi, Tom Catalina, Dave Cicchesi, Rich Colonel, Jeff DePinto, Dick Giannettino, Joe Girasky, Tiffany Hawley, Rob Hawley, Rudy Kraus, Chris Locke, Mike Long, Steve Lucas, Paul Viesto, Ernie Vitarbo, John Wefer and Rick Wood. We are truly blessed in each of them. Let us continue to pray for their safety. If you see one of these parishioners, take a moment to say thanks!

Again, thank you for your generosity to our **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**. Because of your generosity we were able to purchase thousands of dollars of gift cards to distribute to local food pantries, shelters and parishes.

GOING ON NOW.....

ADOPT-A-FAMILY is a program we adopted several years ago to help our parishioners in need. Prior to the pandemic, I was able to distribute sheets with family profiles. I am not allowed to do that this year, so if you would like to adopt a parish family in need simply address a check to **SAINT ROSE PARISH and on the memo line write ADOPT-A-FAMILY**. We then use your donations to purchase gift cards that are suited to that particular family’s needs.

CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKES will be held on Saturday, December 5 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please be sure to return your tickets and your chance to win a \$500 American Express Gift Card.

CAROLINE’S TOY CHEST is our opportunity to keep the spirit of Caroline Previdi alive! The trailer will be in the church parking lot from November 28 through December 19 to accept your donations and gifts. The trailer will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and throughout the weekends. New unwrapped toys only!



ADVENT PREPARATION FOR OUR STUDENTS

- As we enter the season of Advent, we ask all families to prepare for Jesus' birth. How do we do that? What would you do to prepare for the birth of a child that is coming in 4 weeks? How do we prepare for guests that will visit?

We clean up our homes; we want guests to feel welcome; we pray for a safe journey (or birth). The same with Jesus - Cleanse your heart's "home" of sins and bad decisions; Welcome Jesus into your life; Pray to Him and ask Him to pray for you. Most of all, come together as a family and share the gifts of love, faith and hope - the same gifts He gives to us over and over.

DID YOU READ THE NEWSLETTER? - We are so excited to launch the first issue of our Weekly Newsletter for Religious Education on October 23. The Newsletter is sent via Constant Contact to all registered Religious Education families. We appreciate your feedback, suggestions, and questions. **If you did not receive the newsletter, please call or email Cate Gosselin (203) 426-2333, Ext. 1 or dre@strosechurch.com.**

NOVEMBER MONTHLY COLLECTION - Thank you to everyone for donating to the St. Rose Monthly Collection, which is for the needs of St. Rose Religious Education and to support the many scholarships that are requested, especially in this difficult year. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Boy Scout Troop 770 Wreath Sale 2020

Boy Scout Troop 770, which is sponsored by St. Rose of Lima Church, will be holding its annual Christmas wreath sale Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 28th and 29th, after Mass on Saturday and Sunday. The wreaths are 22-inch fresh balsam fir and cost \$20 each. Cash and checks payable to Troop 770 accepted. All proceeds benefit Troop 770 and help fund troop activities like community service projects, monthly campouts, leadership training, troop supplies and equipment. New scouts are always welcome to join our troop!



Advent is here! At St. Rose School we will prepare for Jesus' birth through special prayers and acts of service. We join with our parish community in anticipating the arrival of our Savior and reminding ourselves that He is the reason for the season, the light that overcomes darkness. It is a great blessing to be able to practice our faith in school. Christ is at the center of all we do!

St. Rose School could be the right fit for your family! Take a virtual tour, <https://www.stroseschool.com/virtual-tour> and/or email admission@srles.com with questions. We blend innovation and tradition to create enlightened students. Come join our family -- a warm welcome awaits you.

Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus sponsored Essay and Poster Contest "What it means to be a Veteran." Benjamin Haddad (First place essay), Alexis Keane (2nd place essay), Lily Fagan (Third place, essay). And to the top 3 poster contest winners, Ethan Kravec (1st), Anna Campolettano (2nd) and Chloe Geloso (3rd). The Knights were impressed with all submissions which showed a great reverence to our veterans. St. Rose School is deeply grateful to the Knights for their ongoing support of the school and parish community. Many Knights are also Veterans. Thank you for your service!

Incredible prize, incredible odds, incredible cause! **The St. Rose of Lima School Tuition Raffle is running now through January 31st.** By purchasing one ticket for \$100 you have the chance to win \$10,000 to be used for tuition at any K-12 school, college/university accredited in the United States or to pay back student loans. Only 350 tickets will be sold so the odds are very favorable. This is an important fundraiser for St. Rose of Lima School and an awesome opportunity for the lucky winner -- we hope you will consider purchasing a ticket. Questions? Email raffle@srles.com.

Get ready for #Giving Tuesday, December 1st! Help us raise \$10,000 in 24 hours so that children in Pre-school through 8th grade can continue to BLOOM in mind, heart and soul. **Donations can be made online, <https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/blooms-fund>.** Or via check, made payable to St. Rose School and sent to 40 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470 Attn: Advancement. Thank you for your support. God Bless!

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

PASTORAL VISITS

Are you or a family member Homebound, or in a short-term facility for Rehabilitation, in a Nursing Home, Hospital or on Hospice Care? Would you like a Pastoral/Eucharistic Minister to visit you &/or bring you **Communion**? Because of HIPPA regulations, we have no means of knowing if you are in any of the above situations unless you notify us. Please feel free to call Sister Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. We are looking forward to your call and to serving you.



OUTREACH MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Outreach Ministry program meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center at 6:30 p.m. The program is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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



Do you know someone who is sick, grieving or lonely? Consider blessing them with a prayer shawl. Call Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572 with your requests.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Religious Articles and Parishioner to Parishioner are suspended until further notice. 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. Our Cares Box is in the back of the church. On the 3rd weekend of every month, you'll find it in the vestibule. 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



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, December 8th from 6-7:30 PM. Melanie Sziucha, our guest speaker will present on "How to Fix a Broken Resume". This is a free network group for people looking for new opportunities or interested in professional development. *To request the zoom link for the next Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) meeting, please e-mail john@itechp.com.*

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 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.

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 mariottcorson@gmail.com.

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

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.

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

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 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 or contact Beth Groonell at elizabethgroonell@me.com with questions.

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 becoming a member. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are all experiencing many changes in our previous schedules. SRWC is not meeting in person.

For the past 8 months SRWC members have been supporting each other and our parish by praying for the sick, the hospitalized, the recovering, and reaching out to the lonely, the needy, the elderly, who are staying home alone. We write, call, visit if possible, inform members where there is a need, and pray for each other. Everyone is welcome to join us. On the second Tuesday of each month, some of our members meet in a home to pray the ROSARY together. On the third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP, led by Renee Baade. Call President Eileen Gallo (203-426-8223) to join any of these groups.



Please continue to pray for our country, especially in the wake of our elections, that our government may pursue policies that respect and defend life.

“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.

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary” www.respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary



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
 SPC 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
 LT 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
 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
 LCpl Lucas T. Vendel
 PFC Patrick Zingaro

• UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS EVERY SUNDAY 6:30PM •

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram so we can stay united in prayer!

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 @CTUNITEDYOUTH
 WWW.CTUNITEDYOUTH.COM

United meets on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.



ALL VOLUNTEERS in the Diocese of Bridgeport are required to comply with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. Part of this policy is attending the program, Protecting God’s Children. If you wish to help in any way within the parish or Diocese, please register at www.virtus.org. If you attended the class more than 5 years ago, you need to be recertified. If you have any questions or need help with recertification, please contact Doreen or Kelly in the Rectory office 203-426-1014.



If you haven’t already, please consider making your contributions through Online Giving, a convenient, safe, secure option which makes use of current technology and security standards. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. It is simple and flexible, and allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. How: 1- Visit our website: StRoseChurch.com 2-Click on the Giving Link on the top right side of page 3-Complete the online registration form.

Call Doreen at the rectory 203-426-5250 for assistance or more info.

FAITH FOOD PANTRY
Has Moved to St. Rose Campus
46 Church Hill Rd. (Next to Knights of Columbus Hall.)



Hours: Tues. 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thurs. 4-6 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.

DIACONATE DISCOVERY EVENINGS

Watch for future dates and meanwhile speak to any of the clergy if you are having a sense of a call to the diaconate.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #185



Do you know a neighbor in need? The Knights are here to help. Contact Community Service Committee Member, Harold Brennan at 203-704-0083 or 203-426-3661. Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information contact Guy Mascolo at 203-837-0466 or mascologuy@yahoo.com

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE #1307:



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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

DOROTHY DAY HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY— Spring St., Danbury, CT. We are seeking new volunteers the **third Wednesday** of every month from 1-5 p.m. to set up, serve and clean up. Must be 16 years of age. **Must be dependable.** Contact Marcia Izzo at 203-733-9655.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE FACE OF PRAYER

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

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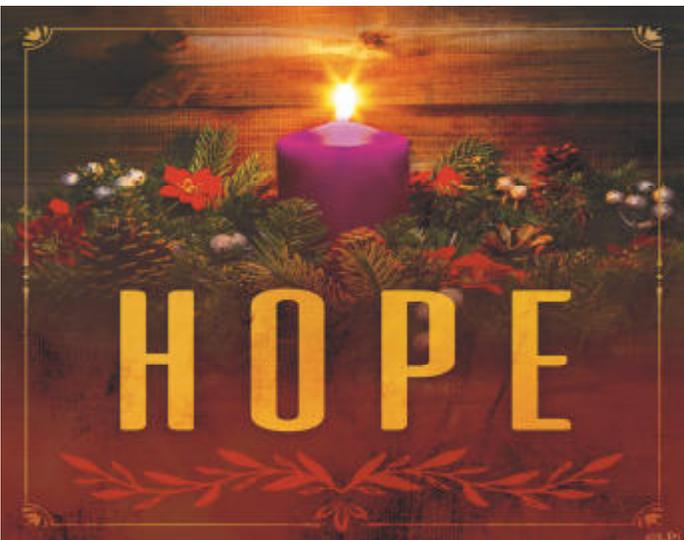
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Dorothy Day Shelter Team –Looking for a few good men. Please consider joining our team in providing coverage at the Dorothy Day Shelter in Danbury. Participants stay overnight at the shelter 3-4 nights a year, from about 9:00 pm to 6:30 am. Responsibilities include supervision, laundry overnight, and light housekeeping in the morning. Before committing to a fixed schedule of nights, you will receive a night of training with an experienced volunteer to see if this is a ministry you would like to pursue.

Please contact Deacon Norm at 203-739-0175 or normroosjr@aol.com if you are interested in joining the team or want additional information.

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

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Strike our Chest: Penitential Act

Question: When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer:

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the “I Confess” of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian’s striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a “humbled contrite heart” or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

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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.

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In the Unexpected

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don’t seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

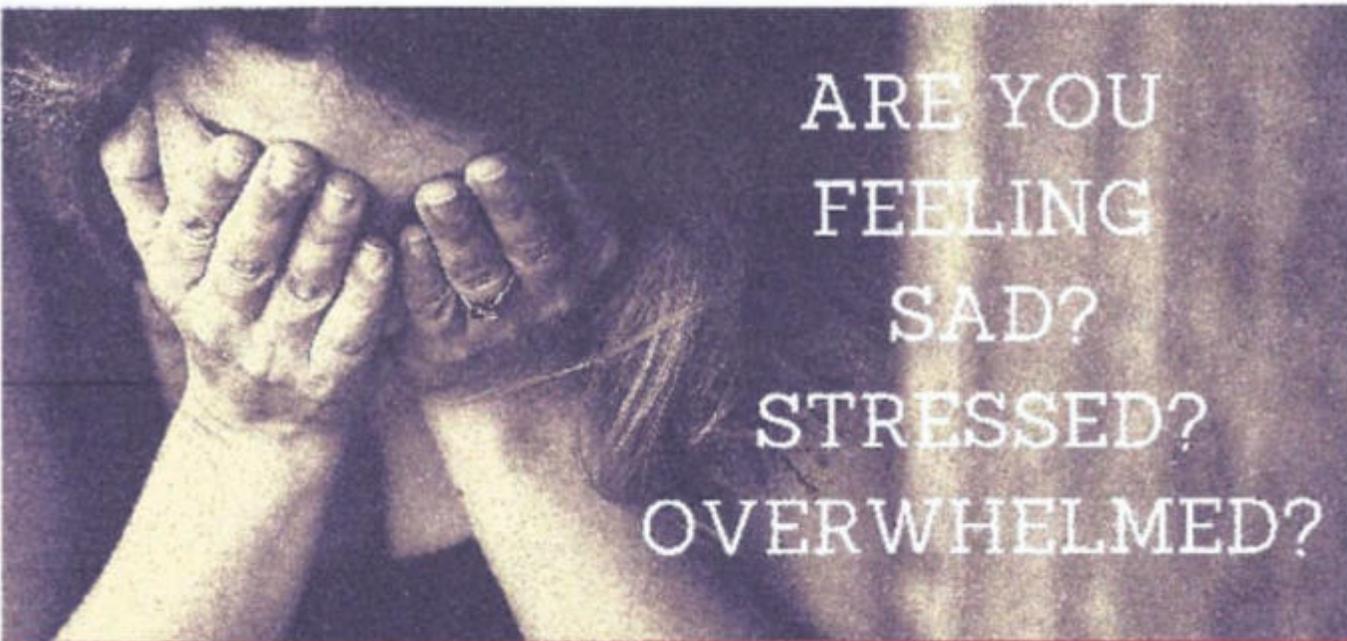
No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected.

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Our mission for The Caroline Previdi Toy Chest is "To carry on the spirit of Caroline's selfless generosity and to provide, for families of the community, the resources to bring joy and happiness to children in need and to assist with specified charities."

We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys from November 28 – December 19. Donations can be dropped off at the trailer by the white fence behind St Rose Church after each Mass during those weekends, or dropped off at the Rectory.

This year, our distribution night will be on Sunday, December 20 from 6:00-8:30 PM, in Monsignor Weiss Gathering Hall. Any parents, in need of assistance this Christmas Season, are welcome to come and select Christmas gifts for their children.

**May everyone have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!
Guy Mascolo 203-837-0466**

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