



ST. ROSE OF LIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 13, 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

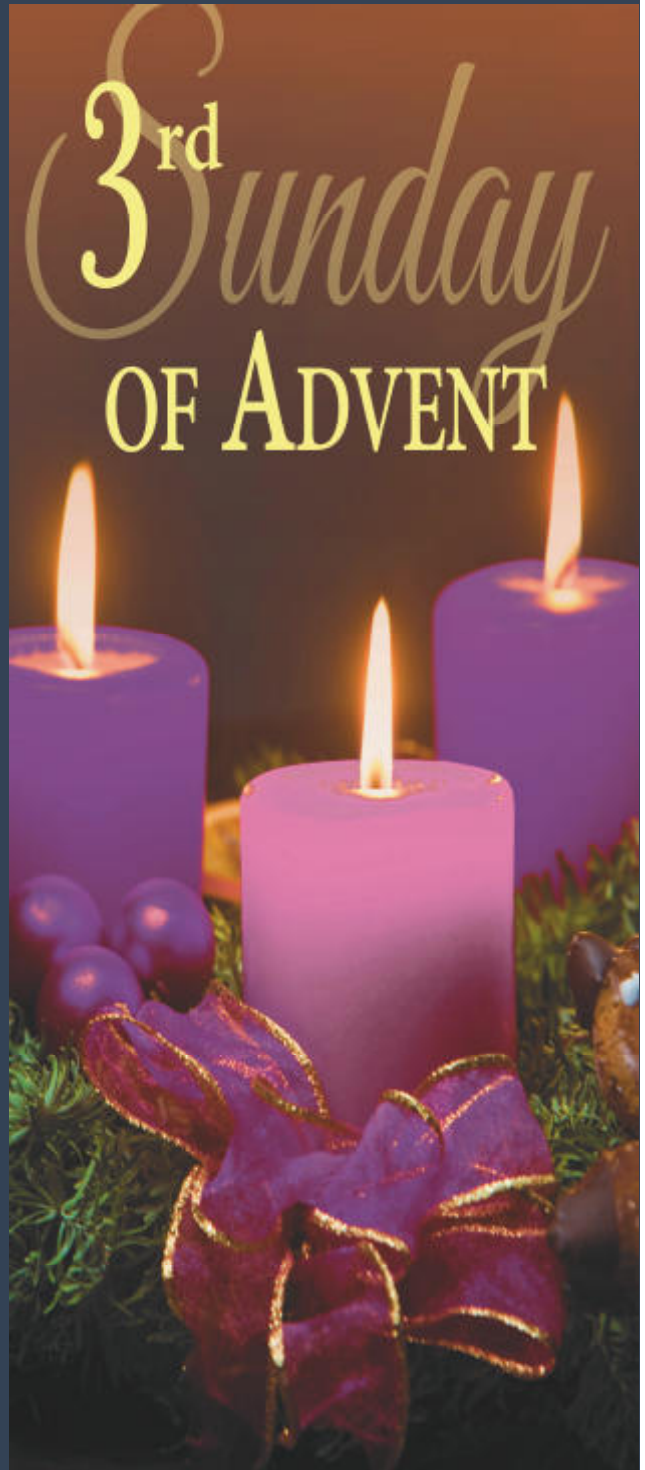
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

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.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 14

- 6:45 Sandy Hook remembrance
9:00 Sandy Hook remembrance
7:00 Sandy Hook remembrance

Tuesday, December 15

- 6:45 Maria del Carmen Carbo Flip & Knettie Archard
9:00 Intentions of Kevin Donovan III . . . Mom & Dad
Robert J. Biscoe Joy Biscoe & family

Wednesday, December 16

- 6:45 Eurico & Olga Oliva &
Joan Morrissey St. Rose Religious Ed.
9:00 Paul Muhs Debbie & Tim Reilly
Patrick Henry Grimes Roseanne & Brianna
Baranowski

Thursday, December 17

- 6:45 Beverly Anne Keener . . . St. Rose Clergy & Staff
9:00 Joseph Antonazzo Nicolina Antonazzo
Joan Gouveia Tom & Stacy Pearce

Friday, December 18

- 6:45 Douglas Mahoney Margaret Mete
9:00 Herbert Walsh Walking With Purpose Table 6
Darlene Spencer Meg Soto

Saturday, December 19

- 4:00 Raymond Baker The Sonido Family
John Spera K of C Council #185
Dec'd members of Clark & Pat Matthews
Matthews Families

Sunday, December 20

- 7:30 Thomas & Rose Sansonetti . . . John Sansonetti
Paul Ford The Manfredonia Family
10:30 Margaret Weiss Family
Katherine Arco Mary Lee & Bob Cannone
5:00 Eleanor Tenvan Tim & Debbie Reilly

WEDDING BANNS

Banns III: Rachel Williams & Evan Kohlsaatt
Banns III: Taylor Brady & Peter Fahan

MASS RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO ATTEND IN CHUFCH MASS EACH WEEKEND.

Go to our website WWW.STROSECHURCH.COM and click on Mass times. Click on [Go here for more information](#), scroll down to St. Rose of Lima Mass reservations, click on the mass you wish to attend, click **RSVP**, click number of reservations needed, click on **check out as guest**, click **next**, type in the purchaser information, click **next** and check "I accept the terms..." click **confirm**. If you do not have email, please call the parish office and we will gladly help you make reservations.

Remember, the deadline for reservations is Thursday at midnight. Thank you.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

REJOICE, AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!

In light of all we are going through these days, we need this Third Week in Advent! We light the third candle of our wreaths to remind us that salvation is near and Christ will be born again in our hearts and our lives. Pink is such a respite color from the purple of the other three candles. It lightens our spirits and speaks to the joy that will soon be ours. Our homes are prepared with beautiful decorations ready to greet our Savior. Now we ask ourselves if our hearts are ready. Has Advent given us the opportunity we need to reflect why we celebrate this beautiful feast. We live in a world where Santa's coming often overshadows Christ's. We remind ourselves that we better watch out, we better not cry, we better not pout because Santa is watching and coming. What about Christ? What about the division and darkness we are living with? What about the anxiety and isolation we are experiencing in the midst of this pandemic? What about families that are separated from one another? What about those grieving the loss of a loved one? What about those who are living in absolute poverty and hunger? What about those who have no one to care for them? These are the times we have the right to cry not because Santa is watching but because Christ is coming to fill us with hope and show us the way to free ourselves from all that is holding us back from the peace we all need. Isaiah the prophet presents the joy of this day so beautifully: **"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me...he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, to announce a year of favor from the Lord. I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul."** Saint Paul gives us the same message of hope: **"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks...retain what is good and refrain from every kind of evil."** If only we could embrace these messages and live them with all sincerity and peace. When John the Baptist is asked to identify himself and explain what he is doing and why he is preaching the message of repentance and forgiveness, he simply tells the priests and Levites that he **"is the voice of the one crying out in the desert, make straight the ways of the Lord."** As we enter this third week let us be the prophet who reminds others that Christ will bring the healing and hope we need. Let us be the St. Paul of our times reminding others (and ourselves) to live what is right and good and holy. Let us live in the spirit of John the Baptist who is not afraid to proclaim to the world that Christ will soon be born to bring us the life that will satisfy all our desires.

This is not only a season of rejoicing, it is also one of saying thanks. I am especially grateful to those of you who are maintaining your offertory or beginning to make up your offertory donations. It is critical for us to maintain our budget in these times, and your generosity and thoughtfulness are enabling us to do just that! Your support of this **year's ADOPT-A-FAMILY has been extraordinary as well. We are able to help a significant number of parishioners and families because of your concern for them. Toys are also pouring in to fill CAROLINE'S TOY CLOSET.** There are so many in the area who need to give a little help to Santa this year. We will never know who receives the toy you donated, but you can be sure that it will bring a smile. Both of these collections will continue through to next weekend. **IF YOU KNOW OF A PARISHIONER OR FAMILY WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT SR. MARY ELLEN OR FR. BOB. ALL RECIPIENTS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

I am still working on the Christmas Mass schedule. As you know there is a considerable spike in those affected by the virus. Our tentative schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve: 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Masses will be livestreamed and you may also attend in the parking lot, weather permitting. **RESERVATIONS WILL BE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED..NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Sr. Barbara Sudol, a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Monroe, recently published a novel that is available on Amazon. It is entitled: "Of Lines and Spaces." This book focuses on families, their relationships, loves, hardships and joys. Families in this novel are multigenerational, and their drama unfolds in New York, England, Italy and Hawaii. Dr. James Huber in recommending this book says: "As a compelling saga, this book is an enjoyable read. From a counselor's perspective, it would also make a useful text for an in-depth study for a course in marriage and family therapy." Please order your copy now!

Congratulations to our Christmas Sweepstakes winners:

Stephen Riccitelli (Newtown)

Chelle Lounsbury (Seymour)

Jacqueline Rosa (Newtown)

Jay Silver (East Hartford)

Michael Frattalone (Sandy Hook)



ADVENT WEEK #3 - As we light the third candle of our Advent wreath, we use the rose colored candle. Wow! Could it really be that the halfway mark of Advent is already here! Am I ready for Jesus to enter my home? Am I feeling rushed now or "at peace with the world" - even in my own little world? Have you thought about spending some time in PEACE? Come to Adoration on Thursday evenings at St. Rose. Join us in a quiet, darkened church, that allows you to focus on two things HIM and you. It is a wonderful opportunity to sit in silence, to listen to some beautiful background music, and to be IN HIS PRESENCE. And, if the spirit should move you, you can also go to Confession in the same evening. We all like "one stop shopping", so take advantage of this beautiful opportunity during December.

WE REMEMBER DECEMBER SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS - Please take some time to research and observe the lives of the saints we celebrate this month: Dec 6, Feast of St. Nicholas; Dec 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary; Dec. 9, Feast of St. Juan Diego; Dec. 12, Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Dec. 13, Feast of St. Lucy.

VALENTINES FOR TROOPS - Though it is early, we ask all of our students (all grades) to begin writing a note to our military troops, both overseas and here in the U.S. Letters or cards should be addressed "Dear Serviceperson". Students can write about their favorite things, subjects, pets, food, etc., but realize the students will not receive a response. All letters and cards should be signed with their first name ONLY. Students can say they are praying for our troops, but nothing more since we do not know the faith of the person receiving the letter. Any questions, please contact Mary Craig at sacraments@strosechurch.com.

NO LIVE NATIVITY THIS YEAR - Due to the limitations caused by the pandemic, we are not able to have children gather and create the beautiful Live Nativity that we enjoy each year. This annual event, which retells the story of the night of Jesus' Birth, will hopefully be back next year.

THAT THEIR LIGHT MAY ALWAYS SHINE.....

Compassionate Friends Annual Candle Lighting Memorial

Please light a candle on December 13th, 7PM, wherever you may be, to remember our children who have left this world to spend eternity with Jesus. Held annually the second Sunday in December, The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age, from any cause. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time in your home, hundreds of thousands of persons honor children in a way that transcends all ethnic, cultural, religious, and political boundaries creating a wave of light around the world in our children's memory.

SCHOOL NEWS

Incredible prize, incredible odds, incredible cause! The St. Rose of Lima School Tuition Raffle is running now through January 31st. Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on 12/12, the 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 PM masses 12/13. 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. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone or by mailing a check for \$100 made out to St. Rose School, attention Raffle, 40 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470. Questions? Email raffle@srles.com.

Mark your calendars for St. Rose School's Open House, Sunday January 31st, 2021. Details to follow. In the meantime, 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.

Thank you for your support of St. Rose School on #Giving Tuesday! Every gift makes a big difference, enabling us to provide a stellar academic, faith focused education to children in Preschool through 8th grade. We thank God for the gift of you!



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, January 12th from 6-7:30 PM. Jason Hyde, our guest speaker, will discuss 3 Things Unemployed Professionals Must Know to Overcome Frustration and Fear

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@itechcp.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 mariottecorson@gmail.com.

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 strosecchurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study or contact Beth Groonell at elizabethgroonell@me.com with questions.

ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB

We are the women of St. Rose Parish, on hiatus since February, 2020. We do hold a ROSARY GROUP on the second Tuesday of each month; place to be determined each month. We meet on the third Thursday of the month for BOOK GROUP, in the Antiques Room of C.B. Library. This month we read ANNE of GREEN GABLES by L. M. Montgomery. The club members are active together as we pray for the health & wellbeing of our members, clergy & parish needs, and special prayer requests. Please call Eileen at 203-426-8223 if interested in the groups. All are welcome! We look forward to meeting in-person in the New Year! Merry Christmas!

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



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.

“The season of Advent is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to preparing for the celebration of the Lord’s birth on Christmas and for Christ’s second coming at the end of time. During this time of preparation and expectant waiting, we also remember expectant mothers who are preparing for the birth of their children.” Visit <https://www.respectlife.org/support-her> to learn “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting.” -December 2020 Word of Life, USCCB

“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.

“Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.

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- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2020-2021 Respect Life Reflection, www.respectlife.org/reflection

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

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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:



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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For information, call or email Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or email them at application@wwmectw.org

Dorothy Day Shelter Team –Looking for a few good men. Please consider joining our team in providing coverage at the Dorothy Day Shelter in Danbury. Participants stay overnight at the shelter 3-4 nights a year, from about 9:00 pm to 6:30 am. Responsibilities include supervision, laundry overnight, and light housekeeping in the morning. 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.

Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A **“Day of Prayer and Healing”** offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call 866-575-0075 (toll free) or by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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Have a Minute?

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

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

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Obligation: Mass or Communion?

Question: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the “Precepts” of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the *Code of Canon Law*. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: “Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human” (*Dies Domini*, no. 7).

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The Voice of St. Rose is an online streaming Internet Service operated by St. Rose Parish. This provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in and watch the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass live weekly and all parish archives are available through our parish website strosechurch.com or the St. Rose Parish YouTube website. All scheduled Masses are streamed via the Audiocasts over the Voice of St. Rose service affectionately known as “All Things Catholic”. There is additional programming carried over this audio stream from the Vatican and many sources between Mass times from around the diocese including our own Monsignor Bob’s “Weiss Wednesday”. For all the details see the St. Rose Parish website.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Eucharistic Adoration

Friday afternoons 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm



You are invited to join the Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy who have Eucharistic Adoration every **Friday** in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the sick and dying. **"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same."** (St. Faustina's Dairy, 811)

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm, brief meditation of St. Faustina and Silent Adoration. Fr. Tomasz will give Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:40 pm

On FIRST FRIDAYS of the month

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Church from 10 am to 4 pm.

Friday brings the remembrance of Christ's redemptive passion and death. Friday is also the day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The First Friday of the month is a special day of adoration, mainly in reparation for the sins of mankind.

"A plenary indulgence is granted to one of the faithful who visits the Blessed sacrament to adore the same for at least half an hour". (New Regulations on Indulgences, No. 1 - June 29, 1968).

Come be with the Lord!



Even at a young age, Caroline realized she was blessed. She was a very caring and compassionate child. At Christmas, she would take the money from her piggy bank and donate it to the Toy Chest. She wanted to help children that were in need. Upon her untimely death on 12/14, her parents, Sandy and Jeff, requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Caroline's favorite charity. The response was so overwhelming that the St. Rose Knights of Columbus made the decision to rename the toy chest in her honor.

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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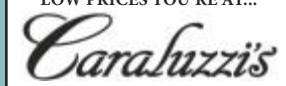


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