



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 14, 2021

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.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 15

6:45 Frank Alagna Victor & Maria DeGirolamo
9:00 Dr. Jack Patterson Frank & Meg Arena

Tuesday, February 16

6:45 Peter & Camillo DiCrescenzo . . Mary DiCrescenzo
9:00 Diane Gail MacGregor Dave & Ginny Jess
Sandra Cappello The Brestovansky Family

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Joseph Antonazzo Nicolina Antonazzo
7:30 St. Rose Parishioners

Thursday, February 18

6:45 Marie Canfield Donna & Neil Randle
9:00 Roseann Burke Mary & Richard Allaire

Friday, February 19

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Marilyn Imbimbo Nella Pavia

Saturday, February 20

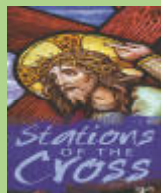
4:00 William R. Sodlosky, Jr. . Frank & Lee-Ann Sequenzia

Sunday, February 21

7:30 Florence Antos The Kaufmann Family
10:30 Stella Juliano Dolores Pruefer
James Healey Lynda & Ellen Healey
John Pavia, Marilyn Imbimbo &
Maria Alagna Nella Pavia
5:00 Miguel Angel Ocasio Mary Ellen McGarry

We are most grateful for your generosity!

Sunday Offering January 2021	5 wks.	\$79,648
Sunday Offering January 2020	4 wks.	90,492
Special Monthly		5,853
Church in Latin America		946

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**All Fridays of Lent at 12 noon
and 7:30 p.m.**

MASS RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO ATTEND IN CHURCH 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 **203-426-1014** 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**February 14, 2021****6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

LENT AT SAINT ROSE, 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

MASSES AT 6:45 AND 9:00 A.M. (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AND COMMUNION IN PARKING LOT

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN CHURCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES (MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY)

6:45 A.M. AND 9:00 A.M. (LIVESTREAMED)

WEEKEND MASSES (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. *

SUNDAY AT 7:30 A.M.*, 10:30 A.M.* AND 5:00 P.M.*

***ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED**

WITH COMMUNION AVAILABLE IN THE PARKING LOT.

CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY FROM 8:00 -9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY FROM 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

ADORATION

THURSDAY 8:00 – 9:00 P.M.

FIRST FRIDAY 9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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FRIDAY AT 12:00 NOON AND 7:30 P.M.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

- + **ABSTINENCE** is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat (including poultry) and is to be observed by ALL CATHOLICS who are 14 years of age and older.
- + **FASTING** is to be observed by ALL CATHOLICS between the ages 18 and 59 (inclusive). Fasting requires a person to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals with nothing between meals.
- + **ASH WEDNESDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.**
- + **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE.**

A NEW HOLIDAY FOR OUR GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents Day is no longer just a Hallmark holiday! Pope Francis has established an annual date to honor grandparents and other elders, lamenting that they are forgotten despite the wisdom they have to offer society. On January 31, the Pope announced that every year on the fourth Sunday of July, the Church will pay tribute to older adults who have “thoughts and words of wisdom” to offer. This date is in conjunction with the feast of Saints Anne and Joachim (July 26), the grandparents of Jesus. This year, Pope Francis will celebrate a special Mass in their honor on the evening of July 25th, pandemic restrictions permitting. Grandparents, Pope Francis says, transmit “life and faith” experiences to the young. The Pope continues, “Their voice is precious because they sing the praises of God and preserve the roots of peoples. They remind us that old age is a gift, and that grandparents are the ring linking generations, to transmit to young people the experience of life and faith. Grandparents, so many times, are forgotten, and we forget this richness of safeguarding and transmitting roots. It is important that grandparents encounter grandchildren and grandchildren encounter grandparents. Grandparents will dream, will have great desires, in regards to grandchildren, and the young, taking strength from grandparents, will go forward.”

A special Mass to honor Saint Joseph at the conclusion of the novena we are praying for the seven weeks before his feast will take place on Friday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. The Bishop will offer a Mass at Saint Augustine Cathedral, and he has asked that every parish in the diocese offer a Mass at the same time. During the Mass, there will be a dedication to Saint Joseph, seeking his continual intercession in our lives of faith. As you know, Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, fathers, unborn children, workers, immigrants, realtors and a happy death. His presence in our lives of faith is more essential as ever as we struggle through so many contemporary moral and political issues in our country and world.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !!!



FEB. SCHOOL BREAK (Feb. 14 - 16)

St. Rose Religious Education classes follow the Newtown Public Schools' calendar, therefore, we will not hold any classes during Feb 14 - 16. Our office will also be closed to observe Presidents Day Holiday. Please take time to remember the great faith that our early presidents and our country's forefathers lived and abided by. May we all live by our Catholic faith when making decisions and realize our actions or inactions affect those around us.

OUR LENTEN COLLECTION - THE RICE BOWL PROJECT

As in years past, our Religious Education program will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl Project. Each week we ask students to collect coins to add to the cardboard "rice bowl" as a reminder of Lenten Almsgiving. Information will be sent to all families electronically. The "rice bowls" will be distributed to students whenever they come to campus for service projects or an on-campus class. Home-Schooling students will likewise receive them during service projects or by stopping by the Religious Education office. Thank you for your participation in this project.

SEVENTH GRADE RETREAT - This year St. Rose Religious Education is excited to present Brenner LeCompte, Director of Youth Ministry from St. Mary's Church in Ridgefield, CT, and an international youth speaker. We are excited to have Brenner lead a virtual retreat for our Confirmation preparation students. The retreat will take place on Friday, Feb. 19, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Details on this retreat will be sent to all grade 7 students.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA MEMORIAL FUND

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

Gift of T R Paul, Inc. in memory of Beatrice Briganti

Gift of David Bonadio in memory of Margaret Paniccia

Gift of Ronald & Susan Alborn in memory of Margaret Paniccia



Winter break is Monday February 15th and Tuesday February 16th. Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday. We will begin our annual Lenten Mission Drive in school on Ash Wednesday focusing our prayers on Jesus and supporting those in need through monies raised in our weekly raffle.

We are so thankful for the blessing of this stellar academic, faith-focused education for children in Pre-school through 8th grade and their families. St. Rose School blends tradition and innovation to create enlightened students who go out to make a difference in the world. Our faculty are committed, caring and compassionate people who go above and beyond to ensure that every child reaches their God given potential -- this past year is proof of that. We have a rich history and a bright future. Thank God for the gift of Catholic education and St. Rose School!

Join us for Live Virtual Tours of K-8 at St. Rose School with Admissions Director Mrs. Coppola, *Tuesdays, 11:00 - 12 noon.* Discover why St. Rose School could be the right fit for your family. Pre-registration required, using this link, <https://app.sayhellocampus.com/o/stroseschool/reg/new/az2z>

St. Rose Preschool is a place of light, learning and love! Dedicated, innovative and professional teachers create a nurturing environment where social, emotional, cognitive and physical growth are nurtured. Our program encourages children to discover themselves and God's world in educational, creative and engaging ways; we prepare them academically and socially for a seamless transition to Kindergarten and beyond.

Learn more about our Preschool 3, 4 and Transitional Kindergarten programs here, <https://www.stroseschool.com/academics/preschool>. Interested in a tour? Email admissions@srles.com. A warm welcome awaits you!

Attention parents of 2-year-olds! Check out of Peek-A-Boo 2's program which runs Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., rolling 10-week sessions. Interested? Contact admissions@srles.com for registration details. A warm welcome awaits you!

Thanks to all of our generous supporters. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating every child. Your gift makes a big difference, enabling us to provide a stellar academic, faith focused education to children in Preschool through 8th grade. If you would like to support St. Rose School please visit <https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/blooms-fun!> We thank God for the gift of you!

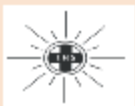
PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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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

Parishioner to Parishioner is suspended until further notice. **During the pandemic, if anyone wants religious articles, please contact Lynda Healey (203) 300-3211 and she will help you. We have an assortment of reasonably priced items for First Communion, in addition to inspirational coffee mugs, St. Joseph home seller statues, holy water fonts, saint medals, bracelets, rosaries, and more.**

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 is 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 9th with Don Smith. His presentation, "The Power of Intention" will tell you why and how success is at the end of your intentions.

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, 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 mariottcorson@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 Wednesdays, starting March 3rd from 10-11:45 a.m.. Meetings are virtual on Zoom. Course: *Living in the Father's Love*, is a 6-week study. This study will allow us to gain a deeper understanding of how God's unconditional love transforms our relationships with others, ourselves, and most dearly, with Him. Open registration. For more information, go to strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study or contact Joanne Ihlefeld at jihlefeld@charter.net 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.

For more information on the Church's guidance on moral questions in regards to vaccines and aborted fetal tissue, please visit <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research>

"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 last 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.

Today, Sunday February 14, is World Marriage Day, "an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family." The theme for 2021 is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/national-marriage-week>

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." -USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SERVING US
May God keep special watch over these men and women serving in the United States Military

United States Army

LTC Andra Allison
MAJ Robert A. Bassett, DO
PFC Ryan J. Bepko
PVT Jack Carello
2LT Patrick Carello
SGT Daniel Cartisano
PVT Ronald Corris
SSG Anthony T. D'Aquila

1LT Stephen Gardner
MAJ Rachel (Askue) Hoffman
CPT Michael Hubbard
CPT Tucker Hughes
CPT Paul M. Kearney
MAJ Matthew A. LaRocca
WO Rylan McCullom
SGT Thomas J. Merrifield
LTC Sean Pond
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
AIC 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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A COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF
ST. ROSE NEWTOWN, ST. JOSEPH BROOKFIELD AND ST. MARY BETHEL

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United meets on Sunday evenings 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

Great News! Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "virtual"

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on week-ends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registrations is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Does your marriage give glory to God? Learn how to let your Sacrament shine on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY and Mar 19-21, 2021 in HAWTHORNE, NJ

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.

THE FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

How familiar is your family with the Bible? Does the Bible have a place of prominence in your home? Join with families around the world on Sunday, January 24, 2021 for *Sunday of the Word of God*, established by Pope Francis in 2019. Visit www.formationreimagined.org for a Family Bible Challenge, now in its eighth season and used by families all over the country to grow in their knowledge of Sacred Scripture.

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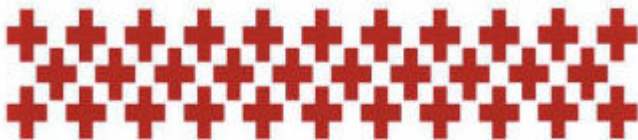
Weiss Wednesdays: Monsignor Weiss offers thoughts and reflections on what it means to live a faith-filled life as a Roman Catholic and navigate through the challenging world around us.

Stay connected with us! Watch these videos and more on Strosecchurch.com, [Facebook@Strosecflima](https://www.facebook.com/Strosecflima), [YouTube.com/strosecflimachurch](https://www.youtube.com/strosecflimachurch), [Twitter@strosecnewtown](https://twitter.com/strosecnewtown), [Instagram@strosecflimact](https://www.instagram.com/strosecflimact)

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Face-To-Face Confession

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In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer:

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the Internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments. ©LPi

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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

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

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Joy 4. The effects of the Redemption (Luke 2:38)

4: Most faithful St. Joseph, great was your grief when, at the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, you heard Simeon's prophecy of the future sufferings of Jesus and Mary. But how great was your joy when Simeon foretold that Jesus would be the Light for the revelation to the gentiles and the glory of His people.

By this sorrow and this joy, we pray that you assist [name(s)], that through the light and the power of the Sorrowful Mother, they may see their salvation, and praise and thank God for the grace of a happy death.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be - or - 7 Our Fathers and 7 Hail Marys

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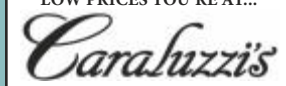

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