



# ST. ROSE OF LIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 28, 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](http://strosechurch.com/register).

### PENANCE

Confessions are celebrated each Saturday from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. or by special appointment with one of the priests.

### BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. A pre-Baptism class is required for those wishing to baptize a child. For other important parent and sponsor related pre-requisites, please call the Rectory office or go to [strosechurch.com/baptism](http://strosechurch.com/baptism).

### FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE and CONFIRMATION

Religious education classes begin at age 4. First Grade is a pre-requisite for First Communion and First Penance. Attendance is required in each grade for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in grade 8. For more information and pre-requisites for these sacraments, go to [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com).

### MARRIAGE

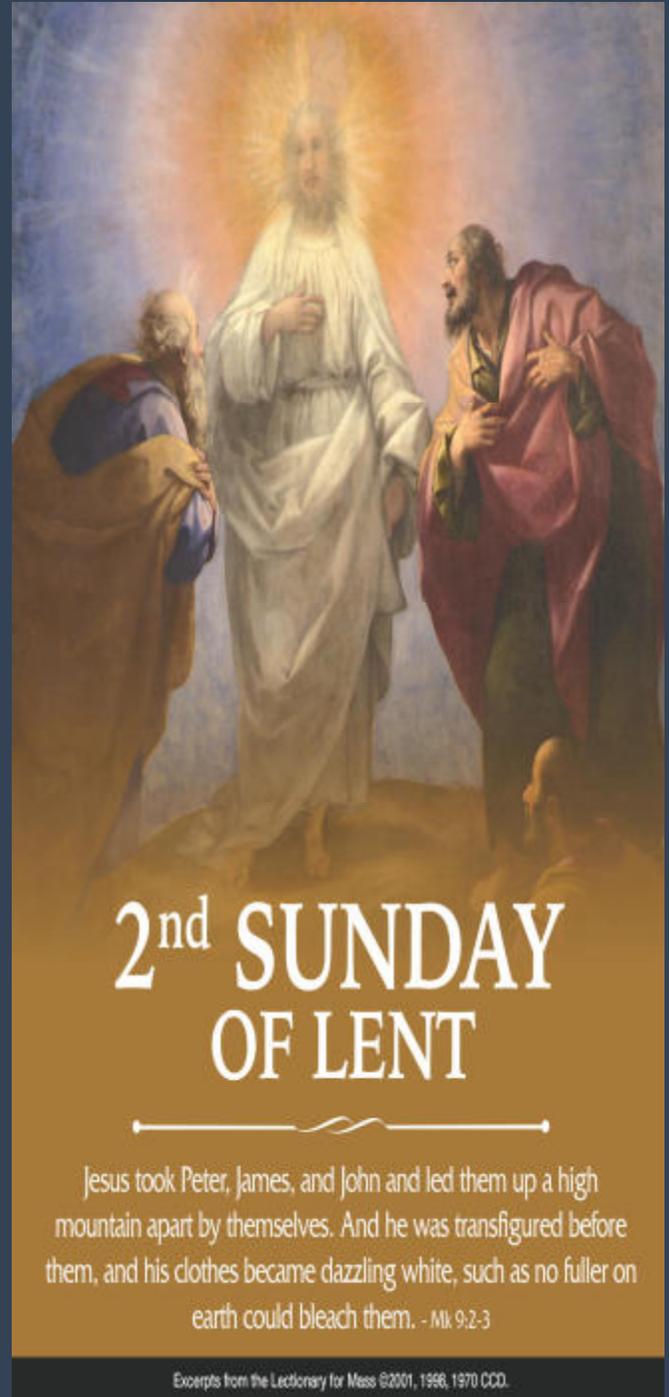
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to [strosechurch.com/marriage](http://strosechurch.com/marriage).

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory office if you wish to receive this sacrament or if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your home.

### SAINT ROSE CEMETERY

The cemetery is located on the corner of Cherry and Black Cherry Streets in Sandy Hook. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office.



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# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Monday, March 1

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Dr. Jack Patterson . . . . . Dave & Ginny Jess

## Tuesday, March 2

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Richard Lambert . . . . . St. Rose Religious Ed.

## Wednesday, March 3

- 6:45 Barbara Mullery . . . . Rick & Karen Meisenheimer
- 9:00 William Carroll . . . . . Joan & Bill Lavery

## Thursday, March 4

- 6:45 Ann, Mary, Victor Mulcahy & Edward Matthews . . . . . Pat Matthews
- 9:00 Philip Yakubec . . . . . Ann & Paul Moeller

## Friday, March 5 (First Friday)

- 6:45 John F. Carey . . . . . Kevin & Kathy Cragin
- 9:00 Mary Socci . . . . . St. Rose School
- Theresa B. Curry . . . . . Daughters

## Saturday, March 6

- 4:00 Josephine Harris . . . . . Joan & John Dellasalla

## Sunday, March 7

- 7:30 Mario Alberghini . . . . Joseph & Donna Rahtelli
- 10:30 Frank Lucherini . . . . . Family
- James Haughey . . . . . Aunt Anne
- 5:00 Richard Delecki . . . . . Susan Kretz

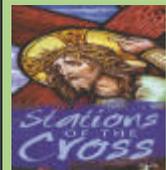
**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Anthony Gaudioso as requested by John & Kathleen Madzula.**



## WEDDING BANNS



**Banns: I, II, III Timothy James Moriarty & Maria Jose Valero Dosal**



## 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](http://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 28, 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work, we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen. ©LPi

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—March 5, 2021

*"There is no greater love given to Catholics than Christ present in the Eucharist."* 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 4 p.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."*

**A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL, 2021 .... ARISE!**

This weekend we begin the Annual Catholic Appeal for the Diocese of Bridgeport, and the needs are greater than ever in reaching out to those in need of assistance and mental health services. While it seems that this pandemic is winding down and we will soon be back to our “normal” living, the lasting effects of these months are devastating for several of our brothers and sisters. Even though the percentage of cases are lower and many have been able to receive the vaccine, the reality is that this virus is still with us and will be for several months ahead. The Appeal supports a wide range of services by the Diocese, especially the work of Catholic Charities. While their efforts in supporting those suffering from mental illness remains strong, this pandemic has put a major strain on their commitment to the corporal works of mercy, especially feeding the hungry. I hope that you find the following information helpful as part of your decision to support this year’s Appeal.

- + Catholic Charities has been serving the poor and the vulnerable of Fairfield County since 1916, something of which we can be proud as Catholics!
- + Catholic Charities is one of the largest providers of food resources in Fairfield County serving over one million meals since the pandemic began.
- + The need for food resources has skyrocketed due to the pandemic with demand for their services up 50-200%.
- + Catholic Charities provides meals to homeless individuals relocated from shelters to motels in Stamford, Danbury and Bridgeport due to the pandemic.
- +Catholic Charities serves all people regardless of race, religion or ability to pay for services.

**NEW COVENANT CENTER, STAMFORD**

This center is open 365 days per year serving lunch and dinner each day. The Soup Kitchen now serves 400-500 meals per day, up from 150 per day pre-pandemic. The Food Pantry provides 1000 families with 10 days of groceries per month.

**THOMAS MERTON CENTER, BRIDGEPORT**

This center provides breakfast and lunch on weekdays 52 weeks a year. The Soup Kitchen now serves 350-500 meals per day, up from 150 per day pre-pandemic. The Eat Smart Food Pantry provides 600 families with 10 days of groceries per month.

**MORNING GLORY BREAKFAST PROGRAM, DANBURY**

This program serves hot breakfast on weekdays to 100+ individuals daily. Their non-Food Pantry provides household staples to over 1000 families.

**MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM, STAMFORD AND NORWALK**

Meals on Wheels deliveries to homebound elderly have increased more than 50% during Covid-19. The drivers are often the only person the recipients encounter each day.

**ROOM TO GROW FOOD PANTRY, NORWALK**

This food pantry was launched to serve the 60% of school families who lost their jobs during the pandemic. Weekly food distribution ensures all students and siblings are fed nutritious meals.

**ADD UP THESE NUMBERS, AND YOU WILL SEE THE INCREDIBLE SERVICE WE ARE PROVIDING AS A CHURCH. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR’S APPEAL AND HELP US ALL RISE AGAIN!**

**WELCOME BISHOP CAGGIANO! We are blessed to have our Bishop with us this weekend to celebrate our 10:30 liturgy on Sunday. Bishop Frank always brings us a great message, especially important in these times! Please keep him in your prayers as he navigates us through this pandemic and the rebuilding of our parish communities post-pandemic.**

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**CHANGES TO FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOPS:**

*With the return to in-person classes in Holy Innocents and limited seating capacity, we have had to review and revise our First Communion Workshops. Please understand that we are trying to restore the class schedule created in the Fall while preserving the importance of holding this preparation workshop in person.*

**Sunday, March 7: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.** (Mrs. Donigian, Mrs. Russo and Mrs. Ferriera)

**Tuesday, March 9: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** (Mrs. Marks)

**Monday, March 22 (new date): 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** (Mrs. Fahey, Mrs. Manfredonia/Mrs. Mulrane).

*Due to limited space, all Home-School families should register for this workshop by contacting Mrs. Sandy Jarvis, First Communion Coordinator, (203) 426-2333, x4.*

**WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!:**

*We are so happy to see our students and catechists return to the classrooms. We have missed you! Let us pray that God will grant us consistent weeks of classes and that the weather will not be a hindrance to our schedule. If you need an extra copy of the Cohort Schedule of classes, please contact the Religious Education office.*

**CONFIRMATION DATES WERE DISTRIBUTED:**

*All grade 8 students and their families have been sent the information on Confirmation dates and times. If you have not received this information, contact Mary Craig at (203) 426-2333, Ext. 2. Please note: we will not be holding a rehearsal before Confirmation; instead, a Rehearsal video will be sent to all students to review before your ceremony.*

**FIRST COMMUNION DATES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY:**

*As we prepare for the First Communion ceremonies to be similar to last summer (with the smaller number of family members in attendance and limited capacity in the church), notification will go out shortly to all parents of First Communion students. We ask for your understanding as we plan accordingly to keep classes together to celebrate this special day.*

**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 Mary Ognan in memory of Margaret Paniccia  
 Gift of Rose Palmieri in memory of Margaret Paniccia  
 Gift of Peter & Carol Blake in memory of George Petermann

**Our Lenten Mission Drive is underway.** Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each, every weekday. Winners are drawn on Fridays. Monies raised will be donated to help children in Ghana as well as those in need locally. Let us all go on this journey with Jesus through prayer, fasting and service to others. Thank you and God Bless!

**Attention Families of 2nd Graders:** The First Holy Communion workshop will take place on Saturday, March 7th at 9:15 a.m. in the Holy Innocents building.

**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](mailto:admissions@srles.com). A warm welcome awaits you!

**Do you have a 2 year old? Check out our 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](mailto:admissions@srles.com) for registration details. A warm welcome awaits you!

**A special THANK YOU to our Knights of Columbus** for all the support you give to St. Rose School. We are truly grateful for your hearts of service and our partnership. We wish you great success with the Fish Frys this Lenten season and encourage all of our school families to consider ordering take out on Fridays!

**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@itechp.com](mailto: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](mailto:tevertz@yahoo.com) or (203) 917-1158. Meetings are on Thursdays **outside Holy Innocents at 10 a.m.**

**PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING**

The next Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus. For info, please contact Deacon Norm Roos, 203-739-0175, email: [normroosjr@aol.com](mailto:normroosjr@aol.com).

**LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY**

**Mornings:** 1st Tuesday of each month after 9 a.m. Mass  
**Evenings:** 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. **both at the Bell Garden**. The aim is to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the Cross for the love of souls. The Special Mission is to work for the salvation and the sanctification of the members of their own Families and of the poorest of the poor of the whole world. Come see.

**WEBS - WOMEN’S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY**

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

**C&L (Communion and Liberation)** is an ecclesial movement in the Catholic Church based on the premise that Faith lived out in communion, is the foundation of the true liberation of man. CL website: <https://english.clonline.org/>. We meet every Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 pm. on Zoom from our homes. For more information, please call at 203-426-9275 or email at [mariottcorson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mrryan9497@gmail.com)

**YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP**

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

The group meets at Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center on the fourth Tuesday of the month to present and discuss a topic relevant to widowhood. Find help dealing with the significant changes a spouse’s death brings. Meet people in similar circumstances for support, friendship and understanding. For more info [www.meetup.com/widows-ct](http://www.meetup.com/widows-ct) or call 203-426-0481.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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

AA meets every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. in the upper room at 38 Church Hill Road. AA is a fellowship of men and women who help each other from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help others achieve sobriety. Come join us.

**WALKING WITH PURPOSE**

Walking With Purpose, a bible study for women, meets on 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](http://strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study) or contact Joanne Ihlefeld at [jihlefeld@charter.net](mailto:jihlefeld@charter.net) or Sandy Previdi 203-830-9044, [jwprev@yahoo.com](mailto:jwprev@yahoo.com).

**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 when that becomes possible!

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



“Politicians in Hartford are again considering assisted suicide legislation. The Public Health Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The Committee has raised House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients". Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities.

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it involves taking an innocent human life:

*‘The Church’s tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another’s pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear.’ (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).” -CT Catholic Public Affairs Conference, <https://action.ctcatholicpac.org/>*

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.

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent  
[www.usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](http://www.usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-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  
 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 Meridith 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 Sunday evenings on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.



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

**FAITH FOOD PANTRY**  
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**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](mailto:mascologuy@yahoo.com)

**COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE #1307:**



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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

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

**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.

**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 weekends 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. Registration 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/>.  
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.” Let us listen better to each other and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21, 2021, Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

**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](http://www.thefaceofprayer.com) to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders across the country. Be sure to also join the movement by texting **PRAY** to **55778** to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

**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](http://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.

**BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are 7 Birthright centers in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.

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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES - March 2021**  
**Newtown Congregational Church**  
**14 West St, Newtown CT**  
**Thursday, March 11, 1:30 pm—6:00 pm**  
**Friday, March 12, 9:00 am —1:30 pm**  
**Thursday, March 25, 8:30 am—1:30 pm**  
**Friday, March 26, 9:00 am—2:00 pm**

The need for blood is constant, even during COVID and snowstorms! Schedule now to donate in March at Newtown Congregational Church. All donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Results available within one to two weeks via your donor account on both [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and the Blood Donor App. If you've had a COVID vaccination, please bring the type of vaccine used. Schedule via [redcrossblood.org/](http://redcrossblood.org/) or 800-733-2767. COVID-19 protocols apply; facemasks are required and provided if needed.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)

**PROJECT BELOVED** is now accepting applications for several key positions in our soon-to-open medical practice. We are seeking candidates for the following paid positions: Family Practice Physician (FT or PT), Nurse Practitioner (FT or PT), Medical Assistant (FT), and Receptionist (FT). Project Beloved Inc. is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to establish a life-affirming medical center in Stamford, CT. Please visit [www.projectbeloved.co](http://www.projectbeloved.co) to learn more. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume to Project Beloved: [info@projectbeloved.com](mailto:info@projectbeloved.com).

***Have a Minute?***

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

**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 [Strosechurch.com](http://Strosechurch.com), [Facebook@Stroseoflima](https://www.facebook.com/Stroseoflima) newtown, [YouTube.com/stroseoflimachurch](https://www.youtube.com/stroseoflimachurch), [Twitter@strosenewtown](https://twitter.com/strosenewtown), [Instagram@stroseoflimact](https://www.instagram.com/stroseoflimact)

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**Why Use Incense?**

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church’s liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering” (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it’s because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi

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**FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS. CHECK THE INTERNET FOR MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS AT [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).**



**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](http://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**

**When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane**

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another, it’s not always a dramatic thing to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.*

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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March 19th	March 26th
April 2nd	



**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**St. Joseph's Seven Sorrows  
and Seven Joys Devotion &  
The Seven Sundays Devotion**

**Prayers in honor of  
The Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph**

Published in 1943 by Fr. Hugolinus Joseph Storff, OFM. Updated by Fr. Dan Cambra, MIC

**Sorrow 6. The return from Egypt (Mt. 2:22)**

**Joy 6. Life with Jesus and Mary at Nazareth (Luke 2:39)**

6: Glorious St. Joseph, head and guardian of the Holy Family, great was your sorrow when, upon the return from Egypt, you learned that cruel Archelaus was reigning in Judea. But great was your joy when the angel of God directed you to go to Nazareth where you lived peacefully with Jesus and Mary until your happy death.

By this sorrow and this joy, I ask that you assist [name(s)] that they may overcome all attacks of the evil spirits and die peacefully under the special protection of Jesus and Mary.

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

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Deacon Michael Ronan  
Deacon Richard Scinto  
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Ann (Nancy) Rhodes APRN-BC 844-406-2629

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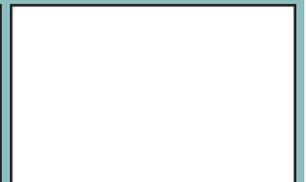
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