



ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 4, 2021



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 5

- 6:45 Elaine Pelletier Joan Gilbertie
- 9:00 Gene Scheithe St. Rose Kindergarten

Tuesday, April 6

- 6:45 Mary DiCrescenzo Family
- 9:00 Edward Matthews Pat Matthews
- Intentions of Donna Locke . . . Donovan Family

Wednesday, April 7

- 6:45 William Bailey William Maher
- 9:00 Intentions of Gianna Ortega . . Amy & Matt Taylor

Thursday, April 8

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Anthony Baiad, Sr. Peggy & Tony Baiad

Friday, April 9

- 6:45 Maria del Carmen Carbo Middleton Family
- 9:00 Francis McStravick St. Rose Kindergarten
- Intentions of Anne O’Bieme . . . Billy & Teresa Tully & Family

Saturday, April 10

- 4:00 Dec’d of K of C Council #185
- Anthony Bifulco Family
- Frank Alagna Nella Pavia

Sunday, April 11 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

- 7:30 Marcus Amaral The Amaral Family
- 10:30 Mario Ribeiro Connie Carey
- 5:00 Mario Alberghini Gerbo Family

Baptisms

We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of March, 2021.

- Chase Tyler Caterson
- Carmen Avelina Correia
- Scarlett Skye Gouveia
- Wyatt Robert Kyle
- Benedict Joseph Ortega
- John Charles Ramsey



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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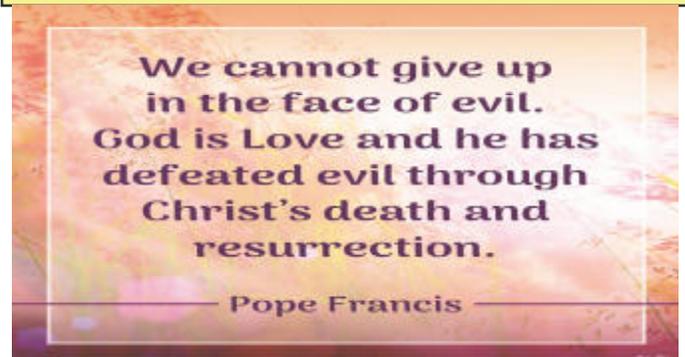
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples’ eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God’s eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God’s image, sustained by the power of God’s love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

Dear brothers and sisters, on this most sacred day, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray. If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal mystery in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

+from the Easter Vigil

The joy of Easter is among us. Thinking back to last year when the pandemic closed our churches, how blessed are we to be able to gather once again to celebrate the saving mysteries of our faith. In the midst of the hope this great feast brings us, many are still living with uncertainty, anxiety, isolation and depression. And so we gather to pray that the darkness that has overtaken us will be taken from us and that we can once again live in the light of all that is good and holy, freed from fear. The world, our country, and even our families have become divided in a time when we need unity. So much hope for the future seems to have been dimmed in the lives of many, especially those seeking a new life of opportunity for themselves and their families. The restlessness of the human spirit has resulted in violence, destroying lives. The confusion that has been created has infected the minds of our young, making them question their future. Isolation and loneliness became a plague to those alone and vulnerable. So much darkness, and yet we stand together on this Easter to herald the message of Christ heard so often in Scripture: Be not afraid! Whether we stand in the dim light of the Easter candle or the brightness of Easter sunrise, it is the light that is Christ to which we must hold. This is a time for prayer, prayers we never have had to pray more earnestly than ever before! As I reviewed our Good Friday service, it dawned on me that these are the prayers we need to offer in these times:

+Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father Almighty.

+Let us also pray for our most Holy Father Pope Francis, that our God and Lord, who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy Church, to govern the holy People of God.

+Let us pray also for our Bishop Frank, for all Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faithful people.

+Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

+Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

+Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that, following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God Himself.

+Let us pray for those in public office, that our God and Lord, may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

+Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, that he may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive our hunger, unlock prisons, loosen fetters, granting to travelers safety, to pilgrims return, health to the sick and salvation to the dying.

Almighty, ever-living God, may our prayers come before you, that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand. Amen.

A word of thanks to all who brought blessing to our parish during the past several months, especially during Lent. First and foremost to our clergy whose presence, prayers and preaching brought consolation and hope to all of us. Thanks to our School and Religious Education staff, teachers, catechists and volunteers who have been able to maintain a solid opportunity for our young to learn their faith in the midst of so many challenges. Thanks to our church volunteers who have provided order and safety in accordance with the guidelines for this pandemic: especially John McMahon, Gerry Belanger, Peter McNulty, Jon Miodonka, our ushers and our livestream team. Thanks to our Rectory Staff for keeping the doors of the rectory open and serving the many needs of our parishioners. Thanks to our liturgical ministers who serve us in gladness of heart: our Readers, our Ministers of Holy Communion and our Music Ministry. Thanks to our Maintenance Staff (Dave, Steve and Bob) for the countless hours of keeping our campus in good order. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful cooperation and presence. It is in times like the ones in which we are living, that we realize how blessed we are. We know if God is for us, who can be against us?

As you know, we have suffered much financial distress during this pandemic with the decrease in our offertory and the cancellation of so many of our events. Please be as generous as your means allow this Easter so that we can continue to maintain our financial status, especially as we begin to reclaim our many ministries and programs.



HAPPY EASTER! Our Savior has Risen

On this marvelous day, with the wonder of Mary Magdalene as she saw our Risen Lord in front of her, we too should be filled with awe, praise and thanksgiving for the most perfect gift given to each of us. Our Religious Education staff wishes you a very happy and healthy Easter. If your family is not in the habit of saying Grace before meals, today is a great day to begin a new tradition and daily ritual.

HAPPY RETIREMENT KATE KUNZE!!

On March 31, we wished Kate well as she begins her retirement from St. Rose Religious Education. Kate has given many years to the needs of the Religious Education program by coordinating our database system and yearly registrations for classes. Though some of you may know Kate as a dedicated staff member with a great sense of humor, Kate brought so much more to our office through her sensitivity to families' needs, her patience to explain the registration process, and her compassion for those who "have suffered" through the years. We pray God watches over Kate in her retirement years, blessing her with good health, new adventures, and always a joyful heart.

WELCOME SILVIA HARPER!!

We welcome Silvia Harper as our new Database and Registration Coordinator. Silvia is not a stranger to the St. Rose campus, as she has been a member of Walking with Purpose, a Live-Stream volunteer for our masses, and a Religious Education parent when her children were younger. Please feel free to come visit our office to introduce yourself to Silvia.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING:

With the Lenten Season over, we ask all parents to return the Lenten Rice Bowls that your child has used during this season of almsgiving, prayer and sacrifice. We hope this bowl helped you and your child to discuss and pray for the needs of many families who live without clean water, nutritious food, access to medicine, and the basic necessities of life. Thank you for your generosity to Catholic Relief Services.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Wishing our St. Rose School and Parish community a Blessed Easter! Alleluia! Christ is Risen. May the Hope of His Resurrection strengthen our faith and bring light to our world.

Thanks to your generosity our Lenten Mission Drive was most successful. We raised more than \$3,500 which has been distributed to St. Rose Parish to help parishioners in need, the St. Rose Social Concerns Committee, Faith Food Pantry, Dorothy Day Hospitality House, the Bridgeport Pontifical Mission/Rice Bowl and the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Mission Schools in Ghana. May God bless your hearts of service.

Mark your calendars: St. Rose School will be closed Easter Monday, 4/5. Spring Break is April 12-16th.

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.sayhelllocampus.com/o/stroseschool/reg/new/az2z>

Is it time to choose a Preschool for your little one? St. Rose Preschool offers dynamic 3-year-old, 4-year-old and Transitional Kindergarten (5-year-old) programs in a nurturing environment. Come see why this could be the right fit for your family! **Join us for Drop In Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m. beginning April 23rd.** In person and virtual tours can also be scheduled other weekdays. Email admissions@srles.com or call 203-426-5102. <https://www.stroseschool.com/academics/preschool>. **Parents of 2-year-olds inquire about our Peek-A-Boo 2's Program.** A warm welcome awaits you!

Your donation helps St. Rose School continue to thrive! Think of it as investing in MANY bright futures! <https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/blooms-fun!> **Thank you and God bless!**

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.

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

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.

Parishioner to Parishioner is back! ("Available" items are offered free of charge. Just make arrangements to pick them up.)

Available: Shower chair—nearly new, thoroughly sanitized
Available: Thomasville couch with coffee table and matching side table

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 Covid.

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, April 13th with our Guest Speaker, Rob Thomas presenting “Who Do You Need To Meet?”

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

We will begin a new book, *Unleashed*, by Sonja Corbitt on Thursday, March 11th. Meetings are held virtually on Zoom on Thursdays from 10 am to 11:30 am. Call Liz: 203-994-5106. Sonja Corbitt was an evangelical Baptist before she converted to Catholicism. In *Unleashed*, she shares her passion for the scriptures by weaving the Word of God with her own experiences to show readers how the Holy Spirit flows through their lives in relationships, prayer, and even in times of suffering and trials.

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 & 3rd Wednesday of the month. We meet from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Chapel. All 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 or Sandy Previdi 203-830-9044, jwprev@yahoo.com.

ST. ROSE WOMEN’S CLUB –All are welcome

HAPPY EASTER! 2021! We are an organization of women united in faith and fellowship. We welcome any women of St. Rose Parish who are interested in becoming members. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SRWC is not meeting in person. The past year SRWC members have been supporting our parish by praying for the sick, hospitalized, recovering, and reaching out to the lonely, needy, and elderly, who are home alone. We write, call, visit if possible, inform members where there is a need, and pray for each other. The second Tuesday of each month, some of our members meet in a home or at St. Rose Cemetery to pray the ROSARY for the intentions of our members. The third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP, led by Renee Baade. Our April book is, *ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE* by Gail Honeyman. Call President Eileen Gallo (203-426-8223) to join any of these groups.

CHILDREN’S ROSARY-postponed until further notice.

Pro-Life

For more information on how the Equal Rights Amendment could hurt women and the unborn, visit <https://www.usccb.org/prolife#recentitems>

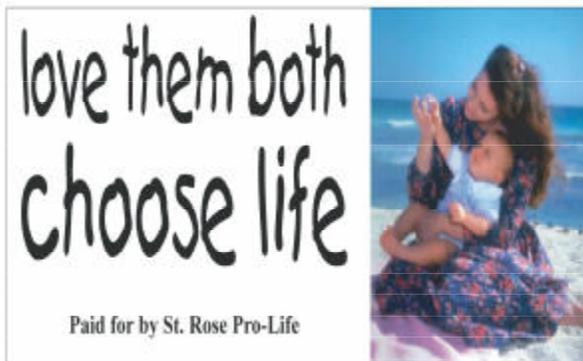
The bill to legalize assisted suicide in Connecticut (HB6425) has made it out of the Public Health Committee. Please visit www.ctstopsuicide.org to sign the petition to stop the legalization of suicide in Connecticut. Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, 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>

The Pro-Life Committee is sponsoring a new billboard on Rt. 25 in Monroe, south of Stop & Shop:



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
LTC 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
TSgt 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
CDR 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

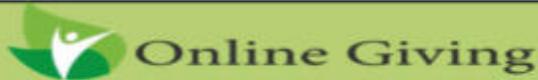
United States Marines

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





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
Is located on St. Rose Campus
46 Church Hill Rd. (Next to Knights of Columbus Hall.)



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

If questions, call 203-426-5604 Or 203-837-0816
Food can be dropped off at Village Perk, The Newtown Bee, Caraluzzi's Market, Fisio Therapy, Popowich Chiropractor, Barre Boutique. Volunteers must be 21 and over and Virtus trained.

DIACONATE DISCOVERY EVENINGS

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #185



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

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE #1307:



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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/>. He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences:

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25
Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24

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.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? Then we have an opportunity for you! Friends of Newtown Seniors Chore Services is a free service for Senior Citizens (55+) of Newtown that might need a hand with chores around their home so that they are able to remain living independently and with dignity. Chores that at one time were easy but now are a challenge is where **you** can help! If you can change a light bulb, replace a battery in a smoke detector, fix a door handle, move a piece of furniture, help with computer issues or love yard work, to name a few ...we can use your help! If you are interested, please call 203-430-0633 or send an email to : fonschoreservices@gmail.com

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Immaculate High School—Spring Preview Day

Join us in-person on **Sunday, April 25, 2021** beginning at 1:00 p.m. by registering for a 45-minute tour time. Tours will be staggered every 15 minutes to allow for small groups and social distancing. During Spring Preview, prospective freshmen or transfer students in grades 6-10 can explore our innovative academic programs, learn about student and spiritual life, attend admissions and financial aid presentations, tour campus and meet some of our administrators, staff and students. Space is limited and attendance is by appointment-only. HIS provides a foundation for a bold future. Register: <https://www.immaculatehs.org/admissions/spring-preview-day>

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We are on **1350AM on the radio**, and you can also live stream broadcasts through the app which is available at the Apple Store and at the Google Play Store.

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

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 to learn more. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume to Project Beloved: 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, [Facebook@Stroseoflimanewtown](https://www.facebook.com/Stroseoflimanewtown), [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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Communion Fasting

Question:

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer:

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: “A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine” (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, “The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour” (Canon 919, §3). So, if we strictly follow the “letter of the law,” the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist. ©LPi

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Write to content@strosechurch.com if you'd like to join our Parish-wide email list, or **go to our website at strosechurch.com** to get connected to our social media!

FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS. CHECK THE INTERNET FOR MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS AT 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 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 Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

“Is there a happy ending?”

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, “Is there a happy ending?”

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

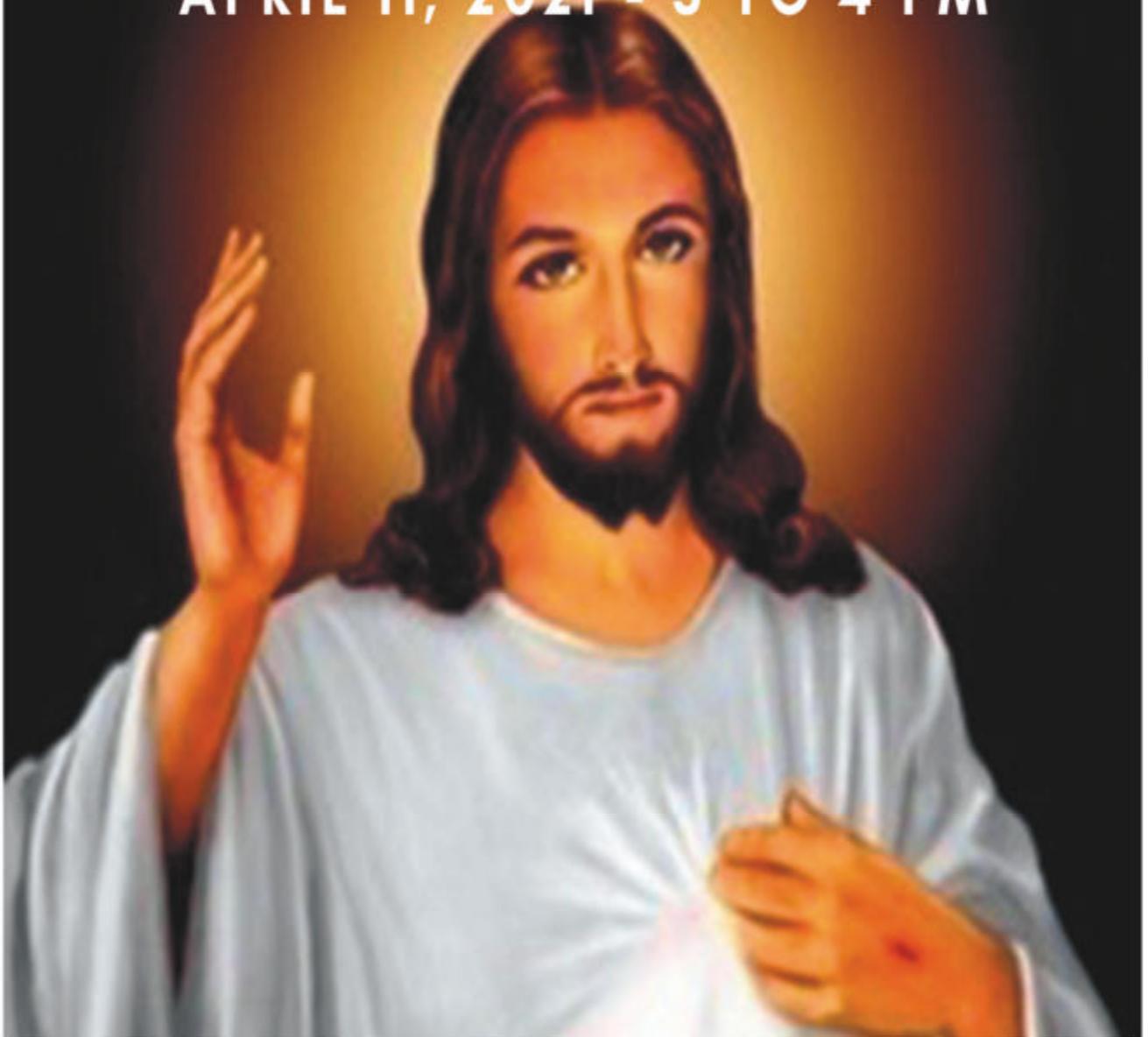
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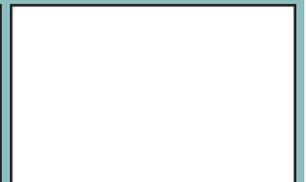
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