



December 12, 2021

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Sunday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 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 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 1:00 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 Office.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 13

6:45 Rudolfo Gonzalez Maria Sanchez & Zoe Silvestri

9:00 Jack Obre & Robert Obre Family

Tuesday, December 14

6:45 Sandy Hook 9th anniversary

9:00 Sandy Hook 9th anniversary

7:00 Sandy Hook 9th anniversary

Wednesday, December 15

6:45 Kay Lynch, Betty Heffernan & Lorraine Alianti Pat Matthews

9:00 Judy O'SheaThe Buck Family
Ricki Ortega-CooneyAndrea & Vincent Criscuola

Thursday, December 16

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners

9:00 Rosemary Curry Family & Friends

Friday, December 17

6:45 Joseph Grasso Nella Pavia

9:00 Joseph Antonazzo Nicolina Antonazzo
George Murphy Donna Rahtelli

Saturday, December 18

8:00 Linda Manna Pat & Bob Llodra

4:00 Craig Handwerker Dawn Handwerker

Sunday, December 19

7:30 Mary Vitarbo St. Rose School

9:30 Ralph DiMattia Richard & Mary Allaire
Intentions of Dr. Thomas Draper Dr. Joan Magner

11:30 George Zaharek Ann Murray
Victor DeGirolamo Nella Pavia

5:00 Dr. Jack Patterson Joan Gilbertie

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

Gift of William & Evelyn Watts in memory of Ginny Chion

Gift of Ellie Meyer in memory of Ginny Chion

St. Lucy |Feast Day December 13
A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (a crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.
Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung. ©LPi

Holy Water

Question:
What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:
Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!
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WEDDING BANNS



Banns III: Nicholas Shannon & Rachel Mauthe

THAT THEIR LIGHT MAY ALWAYS SHINE.....
Compassionate Friends Annual Candle Lighting Memorial
Please light a candle on December 11th, 7PM, wherever you may be, to remember our children who have left this world to spend eternity with Jesus. Held annually the second Sunday in December, The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age, from any cause. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time in your home, hundreds of thousands of people honor children in a way that transcends all ethnic, cultural, religious, and political boundaries creating a wave of light around the world in our children's memory.

COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

<i>Sunday offertory November, 2021</i>	\$94,571.00
<i>Sunday offertory November, 2020</i>	\$89,967.25
<i>Special monthly</i>	\$ 6,749.00
<i>Retired Priests of the Diocese</i>	6,028.00

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

*Light the Advent candle three
 Think of heavenly harmony
 Angels singing "Peace on earth"
 At the Blessed Savior's birth.
 Candle, candle burning bright
 Shining in the cold winter night
 Candle, candle burning bright
 Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

This weekend we enter into the Third Week of Advent by lighting the rose colored candle in our wreath and wearing our rose colored vestments. Christmas is almost here! We are called to rejoice knowing that the Lord is near as Christmas Day approaches. The promises made to us by God are once again being fulfilled by Christ. Saint Paul tells us that the Lord is near and that we should have "no anxiety at all." That is certainly a challenge as we rush toward the finish line of decorating, shopping, baking, preparing our homes, wrapping gifts and sending Christmas wishes to family and friends. We are called to reflect more deeply on what the birth of our Savior means for each of us. Can we truly put our trust in His love for us? Can we believe that our hopes will be fulfilled? Is peace really a possibility amidst the violence, division and hate in our world today? Will there ever be true justice for all men and women? Will the lion be able to lay down next to the lamb and remain unharmed? The messages that come forth from the celebration of Christmas are beautiful, but are we truly able to believe that they are possible in the world today? It takes endless faith to come to the crib of Christ knowing that this child can change the entire world if those who believe in Him live the messages He taught us. Take some time this week to reflect more deeply on what Christmas truly means to each of you. Let the truth lighten your hearts and brighten your spirits. Everything always seems to get done for Christmas, so there is time to put aside some of those anxieties and find the peace you and your family need as we approach Christmas. Light that third candle and let your hearts rejoice!

Christmas music has been playing since before Thanksgiving. We hear the same secular songs over and over again...."All I want for Christmas is you" or "Baby, it's cold outside". Rarely do we hear one of the most beautiful Christmas carols, "Silent Night." This carol speaks to the very heart of Christmas. Josef Mohr was pastor of the Church of Saint Nicholas at Oberndorf near Salzburg, Austria. After the Christmas Eve program in 1818, Mohr chose the longer way home that took him up over a hill overlooking the village. Reveling in the silence of that wintry night, he remembered a poem he had written. He decided that those words might make a good carol for his congregation. He went to see the church organist, Franz Gruber, who had only a few hours to develop the melody. On Christmas Eve, the small Oberndorf congregation heard Gruber and Mohr play their new carol. It spread across Europe, and in 1834, singers performed "Silent Night" for King Frederick IV of Prussia, who then ordered his cathedral choir to sing it every Christmas Eve. Twenty years after "Silent Night" was written, the carol was brought to New York City's Trinity Church. The rest is history as one of the most tender and beautiful Christmas carols ever written. This is certainly the carol that should be played a little more frequently as we approach December 25th .

This Tuesday, December 14th , we will gather to remember the victims of the Sandy Hook School tragedy and their families as we approach the 9th year of remembrance. It is a day that no one will ever forget. On this day we had clear evidence of evil as gun violence in this country claimed another 26 lives of innocent teachers and beautiful boys and girls. It is a dark day in history, but we need to gather in hope that these children show us the way to unity and respect for life. We will pray for those who died, for consolation for their families and for the well-being of our community. We showed the world the power of unity and faith as we came together on that December day...let us continue to show the world that faith and unity can make the world a place of peace and goodness.

MEMORIAL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 6:45 AND 9:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN ALL DAY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER OR TO LIGHT A CANDLE OF REMEMBRANCE.

Thanks for your continued support of our Christmas charitable efforts: FOOD DRIVE, ADOPT-A-FAMILY AND CAROLINE'S TOY CHEST. We are blessed by your goodness as are those who will be the recipients of your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS EVE (DECEMBER 24)
 MASSES AT 4:00 P.M. IN CHURCH AND NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
 6:00 AND 10:00 P.M. IN CHURCH
 CHRISTMAS DAY (DECEMBER 25)
 MASSES AT 7:30, 9:30 AND 11:30 IN CHURCH
 HOLY FAMILY DAY (DECEMBER 26)
 MASSES AT 7:30, 9:30 AND 11:30 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M.**



Week of December 12– B Week Rotation.

Advent Reconciliation for Students:

Students who attend classes this week will be attending Reconciliation with their class. This is for students in Grades 3 - 8. Sunday students and Home-school students have been notified as to which session to attend. Parents, please spend time preparing your child for Confession by reviewing the 10 Commandments with them. We await with joyful hope the coming of Jesus Christ and we want our souls to be clean of sin, as we approach Christmas Day.

Tutors and Aides Needed for Religion Classes:

Some of our catechists have requested an assistant for their classrooms. The aide would attend when classes meet (alternative weeks) and do not need to create a lesson plan. We are in need of high school students and adults who enjoy working with children. We also need tutors to work with students who must catch up on multiple years of faith formation. If you are interested in these positions, please contact Cate Gosselin.

Book Collection for Bridgeport's Inner City Schools

Grades 4, 5, and 6 Religious Education students are collecting new and gently used children's books to be donated to Bridgeport students who cannot afford to purchase books which they can keep and read over and over. Please consider donating a copy of your favorite children's story book to a child in need. Reading skills are so important for us for communication, understanding and even attaining a job. Books may be dropped off at the Holy Innocents building during class times or anytime at the Religious Education office until Dec. 15. Thank you for your support.

Now's your chance to buy a \$10,000 Tuition Raffle ticket! Tickets (\$100 each) are on sale after all weekend masses as well as after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Fridays from now through January 28th (excluding Christmas break). You can also call the school office weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 203-426-5102. This is an exciting opportunity to win \$10,000 in tuition dollars that can be applied to ANY K-12 school or college accredited in the United States. Winnings can also be applied toward student loans. Checks (to St. Rose School), cash and credit cards accepted. Questions? Email raffle@srles.com.

St. Rose School is excited to present a Christmas concert on December 16th for all school families whose students in grades K-8 will be performing in the show. The concert can also be accessed via the church livestream, Voice of St. Rose.

Important dates to note: December 22nd the school family will come together for a Christmas Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. This is DRESS UP day for K-8 students and a full day of school. Our Preschoolers will have a HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS party on the 22nd, 9:30-10:30 a.m. December 23rd we will celebrate with Buddy Christmas Bingo and there will be an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. followed by Christmas break. School resumes on Monday January 3, 2022.

Have you considered the SCRIP program? It's a simple way to shop with sensational benefits to St. Rose School. Whether it's for your weekly grocery shopping, or Christmas and birthday gifts, you can purchase gift cards to a variety of stores that, in turn, give a percentage of your sales total to the school. It's a great way to plan your monthly grocery list/budget! And now is a great time to use Scrip for Christmas shopping. Cards apply to online shopping too. Learn more: scrip@srles.com, 203-426-5102.

Mark your calendars for St. Rose School's Open House, Sunday January 30, 2022. This is also the kick off to Catholic Schools Week during which we highlight all that makes life in these halls so special. Stay tuned for more details. Questions? Email admissions@srles.com and/or visit www.stroseschool.com. A warm welcome awaits 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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room at 10 a.m. **The next Prayer Shawl meeting is Saturday, March 5th, 2022.**

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

The purpose of the Social Concerns Committee is to support our parishioners and neighbors in need. New members always welcome.

Religious Articles are sold on the 3rd weekend of every month in the vestibule. **You can also call Lynda Healey at 203-300-3211 for purchase requests.** Our Cares Box is always in the back of the church for donations. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to support our local organizations.

Parishioner to Parishioner ("Available" items are offered free of charge. Just arrange to pick them up.)

Available: Nothing this week; **Needed:** Nothing this week
For Social Concerns information please call: Kathleen Belmont, 2034703107, and leave a message.

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.

ROSARY RECITATION IN CHURCH

In front of the Blessed Mother statue M.-F. 9 a.m. Mass.

"Whatever you did to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me". Mt. 25:4



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE MINISTRY HEALTH TIPS

Nancy Rhodes APRN-BC, Parish Nurse



Strong, healthy bones require a nutrient dense diet – not only as a child, but throughout your life!

If you're concerned that you're not getting enough calcium, vitamin D, and other nutrients to support bone health, you're not alone. In fact, a study of 11,000 post-menopausal women revealed that 85% were getting an average of 727 mg of calcium per day, nearly 500 mg below the recommended intake!

Foods rich in calcium and vitamin D include milk, cheese, yogurt, and cottage cheese. Non-Dairy sources include salmon, sardines, kale, white beans, sesame seeds, almonds, dried figs, black eyed peas, turnip greens, oranges, seaweed, bok choy, and edamame. You can also find these nutrients in fortified foods, such as plant-based milks, yogurts and cheeses, orange juice, and cereals.

Since getting enough of these nutrients from your diet can be challenging, talk about supplements with your healthcare provider at your next visit.

Eating a healthy diet takes practice and planning, but I guarantee that the effort you put into it will pay off in the long run. To your health! Cathy Snyder, MS, CNS



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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - Dec. 15

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 the **second Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. virtually**. For more information please contact Frank Sequenzia at 203-948-1369, email: flsequenzia@gmail.com and he will send you the zoom details.

MEETINGS

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY Spiritual Journey resumed on Thurs. Sept. 30th. All who want to join us in learning more about our Faith are welcome. Deacon Norm has generously offered to lead the group again this year. We will meet weekly at 10:15 in the Holy Innocents Building. We will follow the Didache Series, Faith and Revelation, Knowing God Through Sacred Scripture. All materials will be provided. There is no charge.

ST. ROSE JOB NETWORKING: The next Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) Zoom meeting is 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Dec 14. Our guest speaker is Linda Van Valkenburgh. Her topic will be *Social and Emotional Intelligence for the Career Professional*.

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 info, contact Tony Evertz at tevertz@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158. Meetings are Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Rd.

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING
The Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee will meet on January 3rd for a social gathering. For more information, please contact Father Tom Przybyl, 203-426-1014

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY
Mornings: 1st Tuesday of each month after 9 a.m. Mass
Evenings: 1st Tuesday of each month 5 to 6:30 p.m. **both in the Bride's Room**. 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
Please join us for fellowship, book study, and discussion that will deepen your faith and your connection to our St. Rose community. We are currently reading *Wisdom From the Psalms* by Peter Kreeft. Each week, November through January, we will meet and focus on a psalm that Kreeft highlights in his book. Meetings are held on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Holy Innocents building. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-994-5106 or by email lynchejd@gmail.com for more information.

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 9:00pm. at 38 Church Hill Road.** For more information, please call at 203-426-9275 or email at mariottecorson@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3-4:30pm in the Chapel. All welcome.

MEETINGS

ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK
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 mryan9497@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
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
If you want to connect with other women looking to know Christ, love Him more and see how His words relate to our life, join WWP...Registration is Open! Cost is \$35 plus the cost of the Study Guidebook. Registration Link: <https://www.osvhub.com/stroseoflimachurch/forms/wwp-registration>. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10-11:45am and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:45pm and will be held at Holy Innocents Hall. There will be a virtual option offered at the same time, however space is limited. Childcare is offered for the morning session at an additional cost. Go to our link for more details. Questions? Contact Joanne Ihlefeld at ihlejpi@gmail.com for Morning Session or Liz Brestovansky at lizbrestovansky@gmail.com for Evening Session.

ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB –All are welcome
We are an organization of women united in faith and fellowship. We welcome any women of St. Rose Parish who have an interest in becoming members. On the second Tuesday of each month, members meet in the chapel to pray the ROSARY together for the intentions of our membership. On the third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP. Call the rectory with any questions.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY
We will be meeting on December 16th at 4:15 p.m. in the church. Thereafter, we will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:15 p.m.



The March for Life will be here sooner than you know! Please join us and come witness to life in Washington D.C. on January 21. A collaboration of the parishes in the area would like to gauge interest in hopes of organizing a bus to take marchers down from this area. We are looking for as many people as possible; come show the country that there are still many of us that hold life sacred! If you are interested in attending, please email Liz Ludanyi at etludanyi@gmail.com so we can find out if we have enough people to reserve a bus!

The next pro-life committee meeting will be a social gathering on Jan. 3.

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. For more information, visit www.rachelsvineyard.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>

"In the United States, abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies every year. *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* could change that. We pray that the Court will do the right thing and allow states to once again limit or prohibit abortion, and in doing so protect millions of unborn children and their mothers from this painful, life-destroying act. We invite all people of good will to uphold the dignity of human life by joining us in prayer and fasting for this important case."

-statement by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, <https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishops-pro-life-chairman-supreme-courts-dobbs-case>

Please visit <https://www.prayfordobbs.com/> for resources to join in prayer for the end to *Roe vs. Wade* and abortion!



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
 MAJ 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
 General 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
 Major Drew Taylor
 Capt Katie Taylor
 TSgt Daniel West
 Major Kimberly Solheim West
 Major Philip Zencye

U.S. Coast Guard
 SN Charles Agius
 LT Logan C. Mars
 LT Scott B. Nichols
 LT Meredith A. Palo
 CDR 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
 BUMC Robert James Mandulak
 MIDN Nathan Mars
 LT Brian Murphy
 GM Ethan Parsons
 CAPT John Porado
 SN Eric Ralston, Jr.
 CPO Matthew Sidor
 CDR Joseph P. Smith
 PO1 Christopher Szabo

Army National Guard
 WO2 Matthew Bergquist
 LTC Todd Bookless
 PV2 John Henry Brehmer
 PFC Louis Enriquez
 SGT Thomas Monckton
 CPT Matthew D. Seibert

United States Marines
 WO1 Michael Costello
 Cpl Sean C. Decker
 2ndLT Jackie Fisher
 Cpl Robert W. Hoyt, Jr.
 Pvt Christopher Manfredi
 PFC Luke T. Miller
 LCpl Ian Montgomery
 Col David L. Morgan II
 LCpl Lucas T. Vendel
 PFC Patrick Zingaro

• UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY •

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #185



Do you know a neighbor in need? The Knights are here to help. Contact Community Service Committee Member, Michael Wiley at 516-243-4272 or denisehmcs@gmail.com. Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information contact Earl Spinelli 203-525-1017 or earl.spinelli@gmail.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 Joe Jackson 203-241-3618, or email him at joseph.jackson1@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

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center (formerly the Knights of Columbus Museum) has opened its Christmas 2021 exhibit, “The Nativity Story: Art of the Crèche.” Admission and parking are free and the Center will be open Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 am to 4 pm.



Please go to michaelmcgivneycenter.org or call 203-865-0400 in advance to obtain with timed-entry tickets.



Our Online Giving website has been upgraded to a newer, easier--to-use platform! You should have received an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Check it out!

If you’ve never used OLG, go to strosechurch.com and click on “GIVING”. It is a safe and secure way to give, with flexible payment options and convenient way to donate. Any questions, please call Doreen in the rectory at 203-426-5250.

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Food can be dropped off at Village Perk, The Newtown Bee, Caraluzzi’s Market, Fizio 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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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 will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Take time for your marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

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.

For those attending a parking lot Mass, turn your radio dial to 89.9 FM to listen to the Mass. An extraordinary minister will bring Communion out to the parking lot for those wishing to receive Communion.

Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits

8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in our Shadow Program. You'll experience a "day in the life" at Lauralton including attending classes, having lunch in our dining hall, studying in our library, and navigating our hallways with one of our current students. To schedule your visit, please visit: www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton

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.

Stay Connected with our Parish through Email, Social Media—Stay informed about important announcements and happenings at our Parish! We share COVID-19 related news and other important events via email and social media.

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!

GETTING MARRIED?

The Diocese of Bridgeport offers formation for couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church. Formation is available online in English and in person in Spanish. For more information, please visit <https://formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/>.

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Immaculate High School: Sounds of Christmas (Free Admission)

Children and families are invited to attend Immaculate's Sounds of Christmas event featuring the Immaculate Band, Guitar Ensemble, Inspire Choir, Junior Choir and soloists on Sunday, December 12 at 4:30 p.m. The music presentation will be followed by a special visit from Santa, tree lighting and refreshments.



Tune in to 24-hour Catholic radio!

Veritas Catholic Network is on the radio at 1350AM and on mobile app for your phone. Learn more about the faith, strengthen your family, deepen your spirituality, and discuss the news and current events through a Catholic lens.

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.

Emergency Class Open to the Community



Be The Help Until Help Arrives!

Emergencies happen anywhere and at any time. Responses respond as soon as possible, but sometimes it's too late. Your help can save the life of a loved one or friend! The Saint Rose of Lima Church is sponsoring a course open to anyone age 22 and over. Stop-the-Bleed can help you to Be The Help.

The class will be held on Thursday, December 16th from 7:00 - 9:00pm at the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center, 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, 06482. A donation of \$400 per person is indicated to cover the expenses of the supplies. Please also register to let us know how many people to expect and have the supplies ready. We can accept a maximum of 36 participants.

COVID concerns: Everyone age 11 and older is welcome if they are fully vaccinated. Currently, all vaccinated people are required to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose. Fully vaccinated people may wear a mask if they wish, and hygiene is requested as soon as you enter the building.

We choose love and hope in our community of Sandy Hook!

To register, use your phone to follow the QR code



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 Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass and 9 a.m. weekday Masses live. Previous broadcasts 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 access see the St. Rose Parish website Voice of St Rose link.

Livestreaming for special services such as Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms is also available. Contact the parish office for details. Fee Applies. The live stream team is looking for new operators. Volunteers should be comfortable with technology. Tasks include camera operation, sound board control, and Powerpoint for graphics. Training will be provided. We will accept high school age and up. Contact the parish office or the scheduling coordinator, Gerry Belanger, 203-426-8113 or gerry@strosechoir.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@[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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Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Pageant

December 24 - during the 4:00 pm mass

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"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12

Children in grades K through 3 will dress as shepherds, angels, innkeepers, and wisemen. Pre-K children dress as a cow, camel, lamb or donkey.

If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate in this prayerful pageant, or if you are an adult/confirmation candidate interested in volunteering – please call/text Elisabeth Gietz at (203) 526-0890 or email her at elisabeth@gietz.org.

There is only one rehearsal, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 1:00 pm in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center.

What a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy-filled gift of God's Son!





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New, unwrapped toys will be collected the weekend of November 20/21 and running through 12/19. This year our distribution night will be on Sunday, December 19 from 4:00 – 9:00 pm in the Monsignor Weiss Gathering Hall. Any parents in need of assistance this Christmas Season are welcome to come and select Christmas gifts for their children. Everyone must wear a mask and follow social distancing when they arrive.

May everyone have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Contact: Guy Mascolo 203-837-0466



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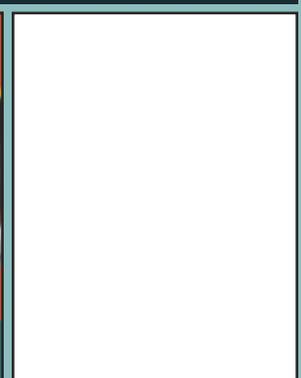
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