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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2023

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STILL SEEK HIM**



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 9

6:45 Mrs. Renata Franka DeAngelis
9:00 Andrea Hall Pat & Ginny Gorman

Tuesday, January 10

6:45 Violet Nedley The Vodola Family
9:00 Ann Demianczyk The Kirkman Family

Wednesday, January 11

6:45 St Rose Parishioners
9:00 H.N. Bement Meg Walsh
Intentions of Kathleen Bouchard The Reelick Family

Thursday, January 12

6:45 Natalie Gilberti The Vodola Family
9:00 Kenneth Corcoran Pat Conway

Friday, January 13

6:45 Thomas Leo Reilly The Cassetta Family
9:00 Jack Obre Family
Marion Wesselbrand The DeCanio Family

Saturday, January 14

8:00 Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Margaret Smith Jenna Donovan
4:00 Lena Moniz Blanca & Gary Sheehan
Thomas McGuire Pat Armstrong

Sunday, January 15

7:30 Marie Felker Melissa Sipos
9:30 Callie Class The Gosselin Family
Mary Ellen Cesca Christine Moore
11:30 Intentions of Jenna Marie Donovan . . . Queta Donovan
Tom Weiss Pat & Ginny Gorman
5:00 Michael Kelly John & Grace Sansonetti
Sean Stutman Andrea Criscuola

Bethany Mass

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those persons who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. On Saturday, January 7th, at the 4:00 PM Mass, we celebrate in a special way Edith Panelli, Joseph Trudeau, Cornelia Greenberg, Mary Dubee, and John Piccolo whom we have served during the past month. Although we miss their physical presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased, their families, and their friends.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



PENANCE

Confessions are celebrated Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00PM or by special appointment with one of the priests.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:00PM. A pre-Baptism class is required. For other important parent and sponsor related prerequisites, please go to strosechurch.com/baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE and CONFIRMATION

Religious education classes begin at age 5. First Grade is prerequisite for Penance and First Communion. Attendance is required in each grade for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in grade 8. For more information go to strosechurch.com, click on Sacraments.

MARRIAGE

The couple is asked to contact the Rectory 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 contact the Office.

Renovation Schedule

Changes: to find all the info regarding changes to event schedules, locations, sacraments, etc. go to Strosechurch.com/news or scan the QR code below:





A Message from *Monsignor Bob*

**Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

**Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a deity nigh:
prayer and praising gladly raising, worship him, God on high.**

**Myrrh is mine;
its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying sealed in the stone cold tomb.**

**Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

And so like the shepherds, they travelled following that Bethlehem star. Was it out of curiosity, or were they truly seeking the truth that the long awaited Savior had been born? They presented gifts symbolic of the role Christ was to play in the history of salvation: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Each gift had a deep significance in the life He was called to live while on this earth. Gold symbolizes His kingship and the creation of a new kingdom where justice, equality, forgiveness, love, hope, and peace were the laws by which we are called to live. Frankincense reminds us of the great mystery of the Incarnation, both God and human dwelling among us. Myrrh signifies the horrible suffering and death He would experience at the hands of those He came to save. The word "epiphany" has become very popular in our world today as individuals finally see and understand something they were not able to see or understand before. It is an eye-opening and mind-expanding moment in their life. The Epiphany we celebrate today is not only for our eyes or minds, it is for our hearts to be opened and accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God. It is a day when we remind ourselves of His power and goodness that can transform the world if we only trust and follow His ways and teachings. Let us follow that same star through our lives. Let us present the gift of ourselves to Him. Let us open our eyes to see more clearly, our minds to better understand the truths He taught us, and our hearts to the one who would die in order that we may live.

In many countries this is a day for having your home blessed. Priests travel from home to home marking the doors with the initials of the three wisemen and pray for God's blessing on the home and family for the new year. I would like to invite you to ask blessing on your home. Gather your family today and offer this prayer:

Bless, O Lord, this house and family
and allow all of us who live in this home
to find in it a shelter of peace and health.
Inspire each of us to develop our individual talents
and to contribute wisdom and good works for the benefit of our whole family.
Make our house a haven of love for each of us
and a place of warmth and caring for all those who come to visit us.
Enlighten us with the brilliance of the Epiphany star,
so that, as we go into the world we might clearly see our way to You
and discover Your goodness to us in all that we do every day.
Bless us with all that we need to live Your ways
and consecrate this home to Your glory and presence in our lives.

Thanks once again for all your generosity and support of the parish during these holydays. We are truly blessed by your goodness and kindness. The rectory was filled with many delicious treats and your cards and prayerful good wishes meant a great deal to us. May your generosity come back to you a hundredfold throughout this new year.

I will be away from January 10 through January 17 to celebrate my older brother's 80th birthday. This will be the first time we will be together since my brother, Tom's, passing. Please pray for a safe trip!





Regular Meetings

Adoration.

Worship the Lord Tuesdays at 7:00PM, Thursdays/Fridays at 2:45PM, and first Fridays from 10:00AM-4:00PM in church.

Alcoholics Anonymous.

Meets weekly on Saturdays at 6:30PM in the upper room at 38 Church Hill Road.

Cancer Support Group.

Meets second Wednesday of month via Zoom.

Columbiettes.

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in Knights Hall.

Communion and Liberation (C&L).

Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM at 38 Church Hill Road.

Children's Rosary.

Will resume in September meeting every third Thursday of the month in the church at 4:30PM.

Divine Mercy Cenacle.

Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00PM in the Chapel.

Job Networking.

Meets the second Tuesday of the month via Zoom. Guest speakers featured.

Knights of Columbus.

Meets the first Thursday of every month at Knights Hall.

Lay Missionaries of Charity.

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month after 9:00AM Mass and 5:00PM in the Bride's Room. Holy Hour in the church every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00PM.

Men's Faith Network.

Meets every Saturday at 7:30AM in Holy Innocents bldg.

Men's Praise and Worship.

Meets Wednesdays at 10:00AM at 38 Church Hill Road.

Parish Health Council.

Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM in the Rectory Conference Room

Pro-Life and Family.

Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Rectory conference room.

Rosary Recitation.

Pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Mother daily after 9:00AM Mass.

Spiritual Journey.

Meets every Thursday at 10:15 in Holy Innocents bldg.

Squires.

Meets second Thursday of the month at Knights Hall.

United Youth Ministry.

Meets most Sundays at 6:30PM on Parish grounds.

Women's Club.

Meets every second Tuesday to pray the Rosary following 9:00AM Mass. Book Group meets third Thursday at 10:00AM in Holy Innocents bldg. Bring Your Own Lunch gathering first Thursday at 11:30 in Holy Innocents bldg.

Women's Enrichment Book Study.

Meets Tuesdays at 9:45AM in Holy Innocents bldg.

Walking with Purpose.

Visit website to read about programs which meet Tuesdays at 7:00PM or Wednesdays at 10:00AM.

Find the details! for all ministries
including contact info at strosechurch.com

Thank You

Sr. Mary Ellen Genova and Sr. Thaddeus Rajca would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Rose for the prayers, generosity, and many kindnesses shown to them and the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth during this Christmas season. May God bless you in the New Year 2023.

Temporary Adoration Schedule

All normal weekly Adoration hours, including First Friday Adorations, are cancelled during the renovation, but will be replaced with a weekly Adoration on Friday mornings after 9:00AM Mass held in Holy Innocents. All are welcome to spend an hour with the Lord.



Watch...Listen...live and archive.

Go to Strosechurch.com/live-stream. Watch daily and weekend Mass plus Catholic community content on audio-only stream from the Vatican and other sources. Special celebrations at St. Rose can be live-streamed for a fee. We are always looking for operators. Call the office for all the info.

Attend Parking Lot Mass.

Available 4:00PM Saturday and 9:30AM Sunday. Tune to 89.9 FM to listen. Communion will be offered outside.

Stay Connected with St. Rose Parish.

We share current updates, happenings, and important announcements on social media, our website and email. Write to Content@strosechurch.com to get on our Parish email list and go to strosechurch.com to connect via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

Use Online Giving.

It's easy to give to the many causes at St. Rose Parish. Our online giving page is easy to use - make one-time donation or set-up recurring payments. Go to strosechurch.com and click on Giving to start!

Get VIRTUS trained to be a volunteer.

In compliance with Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. If you wish to help in any way within the Parish please register at virtus.org. If you attended the class more than 5 years ago, you need to be recertified. Call the office with questions or help.

Have a Minute?

It only takes that long to watch a weekly spiritual and inspirational message from Monsignor Bob. In our **Weiss Wednesday** series Monsignor Bob 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. See it on strosechurch.com and all our social media channels.

CPR Class for Non-professionals

Sponsored by Faith Community Nurse Ministry
January 23rd 6:30 in the Knights of Columbus Hall
Cost \$40
Class is about 2 hours
Email parishnurse@strosechurch.com

Bereavement Counseling and Funeral Planning.
Please call the office to schedule a meeting with Sister Mary Ellen Genova.

Faith Community Nurse Ministry.

- ♦ The Health Council meets monthly and supports health-related special events and services.
- ♦ Blood pressure screenings held after Masses on the second weekend of the month.
- ♦ Seminars on informative health topics are scheduled periodically. See the website for details.

Friendly Visitors.

Spend time once a month with elderly who are isolated at home.

Lift-A-Spirit Meal Ministry.

Make a home cooked meal for parishioners facing chronic illness or medical emergencies.

Pastoral Visits.

We bring Communion to parishioners who are home-bound, hospitalized or not able to attend Mass for any reason.

Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Volunteers meet on the first Saturday September through May in the Rectory Conference Room at 10:00AM. Requests for a prayer shawl for someone who is ill, grieving or lonely are welcome any time.

Social Concerns Committee.

Help support parishioners and neighbors in need.

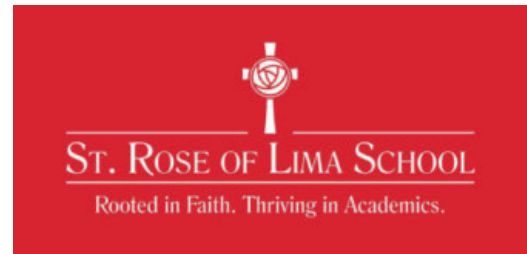
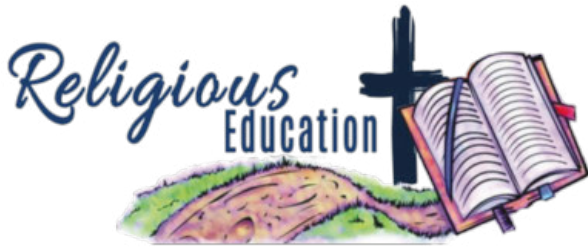
- ♦ Volunteers meet first Tuesday of every month (except July/August) at 11:00AM in Holy Innocents Building.
- ♦ Religious Articles are sold in the vestibule every third weekend of the month.
- ♦ Cares Box is always in the back of the Church for donations.
- ♦ Parishioner to Parishioner: If you need an item, let us know. Maybe a fellow parishioner can help!
Needed: Wheel chair

St. Joseph Project.

Supports parishioners who have housing issues due to job loss, illness or unexpected emergency. Donations accepted on the fourth Sunday of the month in the house shaped collection box in the vestibule.

Contact Us! for all Outreach Ministries.

Go to strosechurch.com/parish-outreach for contact names, numbers and email.



Dates to Remember:

Jan. Homeschool check-in

Grades 5 - 8 will meet on Jan. 19

Meeting begins at 4:30 pm in Holy Innocents. Students should bring their workbook with them.

First Reconciliation Preparation Workshops

Jan 7 at 9 am and 11 am.

Jan 12 at 4:30 pm.

All sessions will be held in Holy Innocents. Children do not need their workbook. A parent/guardian must stay for the entire session. Attendance will be taken.

No School - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Since we follow the calendar for Newtown Public Schools, classes will be cancelled for Sunday, Jan. 15 and Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of the holiday.

Christmas Eve Pageant Thank You's

We are grateful to Elisabeth Gietz for directing our Christmas Eve Nativity. Under her direction, we were able to reenact the story of Jesus' birth with our wonderful students playing the roles of Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Innkeepers, the Star of Bethlehem, Angels, and even animals! Thank you to Katie Murphy and Janice Gabriel at Newtown High School for their audio and setup assistance. Thank you to the many moms and dads who helped coordinate and lead the students for their various roles. Lastly, thank you to Santa Claus for showing up at our Mass and paying homage to the baby Jesus.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open for current families. Registration for prospective families opens on January 22nd. **Mark your calendars for Open House Sunday January 29th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Come walk in our halls and find out why St. Rose School could be the right fit for your family. Weekday tours are also available. For inquiries or to register for Open House visit www.stroseschool.com/admissions and/or email admissions@srles.com to schedule a tour. A warm welcome awaits!

BINGO is back! Join us in the Monsignor Weiss Gathering Hall Friday January 13th. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., games run 6:30-9:30pm. The per-person admission fee of \$20 covers all regular games. **There's a chance to win awesome intermission raffle prizes!** For more information call the school office weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 203-426-5102.

We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 29 - February 3, 2023 with a variety of activities that highlight the benefits of the stellar academic, faith focused curriculum at St. Rose School.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our generous donors. We have a rich history and a bright future because of the MANY people who give of their time, talent and treasure. Fundraising is an integral part of keeping Catholic education alive because tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating every child. Blooms Fund :: St. Rose School (stroseschool.com). Checks can be mailed to St. Rose School, 40 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470, attn. Advancement. Thank you and God Bless!

Like us on FB, St Rose of Lima School, and follow us on Instagram, [srsnewtownct](https://www.instagram.com/srsnewtownct).

Pro-Life Committee Meeting

The Pro-life Committee meeting has been changed to Jan. 9th at 7:00 pm in the rectory conference room.

World Youth Day

Pope Francis is inviting youth and young adults to join him in Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. The pilgrimage for the Diocese of Bridgeport is July 26th through August 7. For more information about costs, the itinerary, and scholarship opportunities, please visit formationreimagined.org



January 13, 2023

Msgr. Weiss Gathering Hall

Admission \$20

Doors open at 5:45pm

For more information call

203-426-5102

Concessions

Raffles

Beginning January 2nd, 2023

Weekday Masses Mon - Sat am
in Holy Innocents

Weekend Masses Sat 4pm - Sun 5pm
in School Gathering Hall

For Baptisms, Funerals, event space changes, livestream info
and other updates regarding Parish calendar
during the renovation, go to our website:



Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Raffle To Help Feed Those in Need

Drawing February 5th, 1:00 PM

St. Rose Church Vestibule

Four Prizes:

1st Prize: 70" Samsung 4K UHD Smart TV

2nd Prize: \$500 Phinney's Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$200

4th Prize: \$75

Cost: \$10 each / Winner need not be present to win

Northern Fairfield Professionals Zoom Meeting

6:00 – 7:30 pm, Tuesday, January 10

This is a free network group, for people looking for
new opportunities or interested in professional
development.

Our guest speaker, Laura Powers, will present
on "Emotional Intelligence (EQ) in Career Transition:
Key Competencies to Fuel Success"

To receive the zoom link, please
e-mail john@itechcp.com



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**First Lent Class Meets Feb. 24
Last Class Mar. 31**

(Lent Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

Classes run 10 - 11:30 a.m. Actual class time is 30 - 45 min with the option to stay for social time and play.

Tuition includes 6 sessions

Cost: \$100 for 1 child- \$120 for 2 children- \$140 for 3+ children

Music must be purchased @<https://www.makingmusicprayingtwice.com/store> prior to class

**You can Register for MMP2 programs at any time throughout the year!
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(Next program is Easter Apr. 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19)

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Next tour day: Monday, January 16 at 10 A.M.

Events include a tour, classroom observation, and Q&A!
RSVP to cvodola.fcc@rcahybrid.org

Women's Enrichment Book Study

WEBS will be starting a new book, *The Mindful Catholic* (found on Amazon), starting Tue Jan 10th, 9:45 at Holy Innocents building. Contact Elizabeth Lynch if interested, 270-9072.

"Dr. Greg Bottaro explains how mindfulness can help us become aware of the present moment and accept it. Catholic mindfulness is a way to practically trust God more in our lives. Instead of separating faith from day-to-day life, mindfulness helps bridge the gap so we can feel the sense of safety and peace God intends us to have."



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 men and women serving in the US Military*

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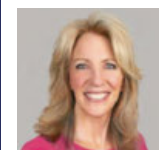
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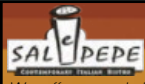
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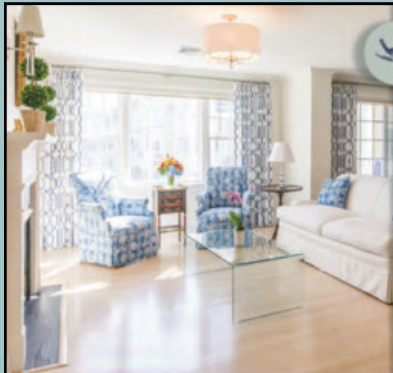
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