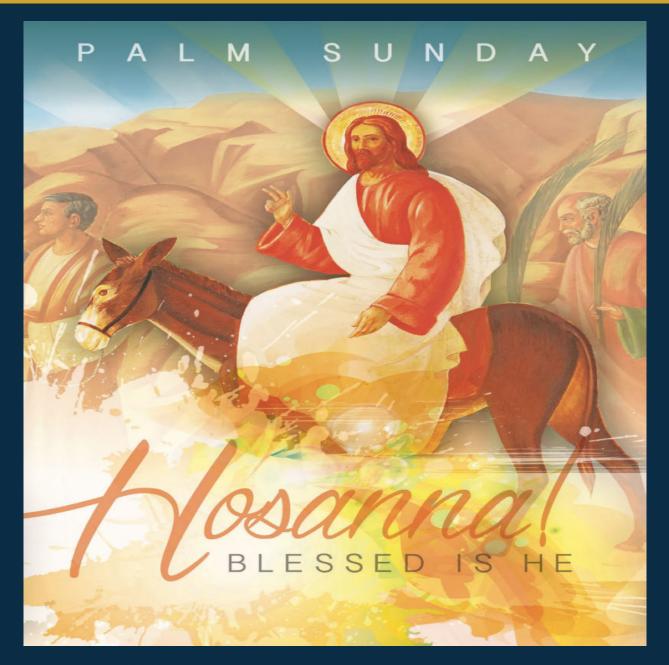
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 8:00 AM SUNDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM Sunday 7:30 9:30 11:30 am & 5:00 pm 6:45 9:00 ам DAILY

HOLY DAY VIGIL 7:30 PM 6:45 9:00 AM 5:30 PM

HOLIDAY 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION

All parishioners are asked to formally REGISTER WITH THE PARISH AS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE MAILINGS, SPONSOR CERTIFICATES AND SACRAMENTS. VISIT WEBSITE OR CALL THE OFFICE.









Mass Intentions

Monda	ay, April 3
6:45	Grace Heagney Mary Beth Collier
	Intentions of Lily Keogler A & A Keogler
9:00	Marie-Rose Hufschmied Family
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	ay, April 4
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9:00	
	esday, April 5
6:45	
	Tom Halligan The Gerbo Family
9:00	
	Martin Flores The Sonido Family
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7:30	triance of the market of called an
	, April 7– Good Friday
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Saturo	lay, April 8– Holy Saturday
8:00	Morning Prayer
7:30	— · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sunda	y, April 9– Easter Sunday
6:00	Gloria Olvera, Juan Rodriguez Olvera, Mercedes
	Olvera, & Severiano Saavedra Family
7:30	Anna & Charles Matula Anne & Harold
	Brennan, Jr.
	Helen & Harold Brennan, Sr Anne & Harold
	Brennan, Jr.
9:30	Church: Edward Atkinson Dan & BJ O'Connor
	John Pavia, Marilyn Imbimbo, Maria, & Anthony
	Alagna Nella Pavia
	Gathering Hall: Carmen Carbo Family
11:30	Church: Dorothy Kroha Bernie & Nancy Reidy
	Robert Hood Melissa Arconti
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The Sanctuary Candle

will be lit this week in memory of Gemma Macri as requested by Maria, Erica and Family.

Gathering Hall: St. Rose Parishioners

Wedding Banns

BANNS I: Michelle Weinstein & James Tomlinson





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.

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, April 1st, at the 4:00 PM Mass, we celebrate in a special way Mary Marchese, Mary Thibdeau, Thomas Cassin, Domenick Tramontozzi, John Bazzoni, and Patricia Layda 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.









- A Message from Monsignor Bob-

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: hosanna in the highest."

And so, the final journey begins as Jesus enters Jerusalem and prepares Himself for His suffering and death. How ironic that he is greeted as someone royal with loud shouts of "Hosanna" and palm branches waving Him through the roads. So many had heard of Him and the miracles He performed. They were anxious to not only see Him but listen to Him. As always, He responded with love and humility knowing what was ahead of Him. He continued His journey already knowing what was in the minds of those greeting Him.

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me," In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Before He enters into His passion, He desires one last gathering with His disciples to celebrate the Feast of Passover in the upper room. He gives them His Body and His Blood as a sign of remembrance of His love for them and all humanity for all the ages to come. He instituted the Holy Eucharist and priesthood, gifts that would continue to keep His life alive among us. His betrayer was there as well....He knew in short course that he would be betrayed, arrested, denied being known by those closest to Him and suffer a horrible persecution at the hands of those threatened by His love. He went to the garden and prayed.

Take him away, take him away! Crucify him. There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said: "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

It was ironic that the crowds who only a few days before were shouting "Hosanna" as He entered the city were now screaming "Crucify Him!"

How fickle we can be! The shouts of hate continued as He was mocked, beaten, humiliated, and despised. He never turned back or turned away knowing that this was the only way He could bring salvation and hope to a people broken and laden with guilt from their sins. He died. People wept, the earth shook, the authorities began to question themselves, but it was too late. It was over. He was buried and all walked away in confusion and disbelief. What had they done?

They heard the crowds say, "Truly this was the Son of God."

On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."

But as always, God never abandoned us, and His Son rose from the dead, restoring peace and hope and helping us regain our final destiny as we share in His resurrection.

Where will this week find us? Will we take the time to reflect and remember what each of these holy days means to us as believers in Jesus Christ? It is an invitation in a world that is upside down with so many natural disasters, a war raging in Ukraine, people dying on the streets of our country from gun violence and drugs, thousands of men, women, and children fleeing from the oppression of their countries to find freedom, and people struggling to find their own identity in a world confused to take pause and to ask if we truly understand what Christ endured for us, what a gift the Holy Eucharist is for us and how blessed we know that there is something far greater than this world by sharing in the Resurrection of our Savior. These are not just ordinary days, they are holy days.

Please take a few minutes and check our website or pick up a copy of the Holy Week schedule at the entrances of the church. I know many will be away during the school vacation, but there is always a church nearby wherever you are... do not let these days pass forgotten.











Adoration.

Worship the Lord Tuesdays at 7:00PM,

Thursdays/Fridays at 3:00PM, 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 via Zoom.

Children's Rosary

Meets 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.

Ambassador Ministry

We are a group of parishioners commissioned by Bishop Caggiano inviting all those we encounter to a deeper connection with God, the Mass, and to a greater involvement in the life of our parish. As ambassadors at St. Rose, we would like all to feel welcome at Mass and while participating in various activities and ministries the parish offers. We help spread the Gospel of Good News with our community as well. We are greeting people as they come to church and hope to learn new names and make new friends. If you have any questions or would like to meet with one of us, please call Vincenza McNulty at (203) 426Men's Praise and Worship.

Meets Thursdays 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

Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) Zoom Meeting

6:00 - 7:30 pm, Tuesday, April 11 Our guest speaker, Donald Wittman, will present on "LinkedIn Secret Tips and Tricks": Learning the Value of Having Your LinkedIn Profile Found By Recruiters Don is a well-known LinkedIn author and LinkedIn expert.

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











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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 livestreamed for a fee. We are always looking for operators. Call the office for all the info.

Attend Parking Lot Mass.

Available 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. 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 faithfilled life as a Roman Catholic and navigate through the Challenging world around US. See it strosechurch.com and all our social media channels.

Project Rachel

Are you or someone you know experiencing pain and sorrow from losing a child to abortion? You are not alone! For information and resources or to find out about our upcoming local Days of Prayer and Healing, contact Maureen at 203.416.1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!



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 homebound, 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
- Parishioner to Parishioner: If you need an item, let us know. Maybe a fellow parishioner can help!

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.

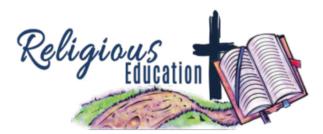
Go to strosechurch.com/parish-outreach for contact names, numbers and email.











April 2 - Palm Sunday

Please note that all Sunday classes will take place as usual on Palm Sunday.

April 7 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross Children's Stations of the Cross will take place at 12 noon in the church. If your child is interested in being part of this presentation, please contact our catechist, Jackie McKendry at jaxmckendry@yahoo.com. Rehearsal will take place at 10 am in the church.

April 9 - 12 - No Classes for Easter and Spring Break Week

Classes are not held on Easter Sunday. In conforming with the Newtown Public Schools calendar. Religious Education classes will not be held the week of April 9.

April Homeschooling Meetings

April 20 - Grades 1 - 4 April 27 - Grades 5 - 8

These meetings are the FINAL times for homeschool students to come for a check in of their work, and for parents/guardians to meet with our coordinators. Any students who have not completed their work by April 27 will not be promoted to the next grade, as per our Homeschool Agreement, signed at the time of Registration. For any questions or concerns, please contact Sheila and Cos Civale at homeschooling@strosechurch.com.

April 22 - Grade 7 Retreat with Chris Padgett

This retreat begins at 10 am in the Gathering Hall. Attendance is mandatory. More details will be sent to the catechists and students.

April 23 - 25

This week will be our final time with our students and catechists. Children's Masses will take place during regular class times. Sunday Mass counts for Sunday obligation. Families are always welcome to join us.

Lenten Programming

EWTN has a wonderful Lenten season of programming on TV and radio! Go to these sites to learn more: ewtn.com/tv/schedule & ewtn.com/radio/schedule



We enter Holy Week joined together in prayer with our school and parish family.

The Lenten Mission is going strong with almost \$5,000 raised so far. Thanks to grades K-2 for hosting a tag sale filled with items that were generously donated. This raised \$1,500 for the **Mission!** Proceeds will go to Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Mission School in Ghana: Grace's Promise, a nonprofit literacy program and Preschool in Uganda started by a SRS Class of 2013 alumna; Faith Food Pantry; and others who are in need in our local communities.

Have you added your family name to the St. Rose **School Brick Garden?** This is a great way to celebrate sacraments, graduation, weddings or to remember loved ones. It's also a fundraiser for the school. Orders placed by May 1st will be installed in the early summer. The Brick Garden is located across from the main entrance of the school by the Angel of Hope statue. Visit Welcome to St. Rose of Lima School Website (polarengraving.com) to place an order.

THANK YOU to our generous donors. Fundraising is an integral part of keeping Catholic education alive because tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating every child. Every gift makes a BIG difference in the lives of these students who go out and make the world a brighter place. Blooms Fund :: St. Rose School (stroseschool.com). Checks can be mailed to St. Rose School, 40 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT Attn. Advancement. God bless.

Like us on FB, St Rose of Lima School, and follow us on Instagram, srsnewtownct.

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















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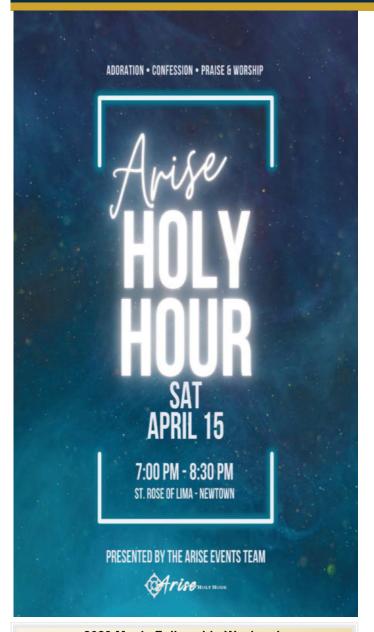
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Women's Spring Retreat St. Rose of Lima

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https://www.osvhub.com/stroseoflimachurch/forms/womensretreat2023



Questions? Contact Cate Gosselin at 203-426-2333 - dre@stroseschurch.com

2023 Men's Followship Weekend

April 22-23 Holy Innocents Building The weekend is open to all men of the parish and provides an extraordinary opportunity to reflect on God's presence and build relationships with other men of faith. Register at https://



www.eventbrite.com/e/st-rose-mens-fellowship-weekend-2023-tickets-513548546527

For more information contact Rob Phillips, rfphillips@live.com or John Murphy, west4410@yahoo.com

Spiritually Adopt an Unborn Child

Spiritual Adoption is an intention of prayer for those children who are in danger of death in the womb of their mothers. This prayer lasts nine months, usually from the Annunciation to Christmas, and consists of a daily recitation of a decade of the rosary together with a Prayer of Intercession for the child and parents:

Lord Jesus, through the intercession of your Mother, Mary, who gave you birth with love, and the intercession of St. Joseph, the guardian who took care of you after birth, I ask for the unborn child, whom I have spiritually adopted and who is in danger of being killed. Please, give its parents the love and courage to keep alive their child, which you have given it. Amen.

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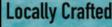
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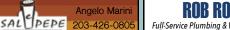
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