

# **St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church**

**46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470 • (203) 426-1014 • FAX: (203) 426-6222**

**August 11, 2019**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday, 6:45 and 9:00 am

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days—Vigil Mass 7:30 pm

Holy Day-6:45 & 9:00

a.m. 5:30 & 7:30 pm

Holidays - 8:00 a.m.

## **REGISTRATION**

All parishioners are asked to be formally registered with the parish. Call the Rectory Office for information. Registration is required to receive parish mailings, sponsor certificates, and sacraments.

## **PENANCE**

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

## **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Parish Office for information. (A pre-Baptism class is required for those wishing to baptize a child; class will be held on Sundays, October 6 and December 1, 2019 at 12:15 p.m. Contact the rectory to register 203-426-1014. Godparent must be at least 16 years old; received Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation; attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion regularly, sincerely try to follow the moral teaching of the Catholic Church; and if married, was married in the Catholic Church.

## **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.

## **MARRIAGE**

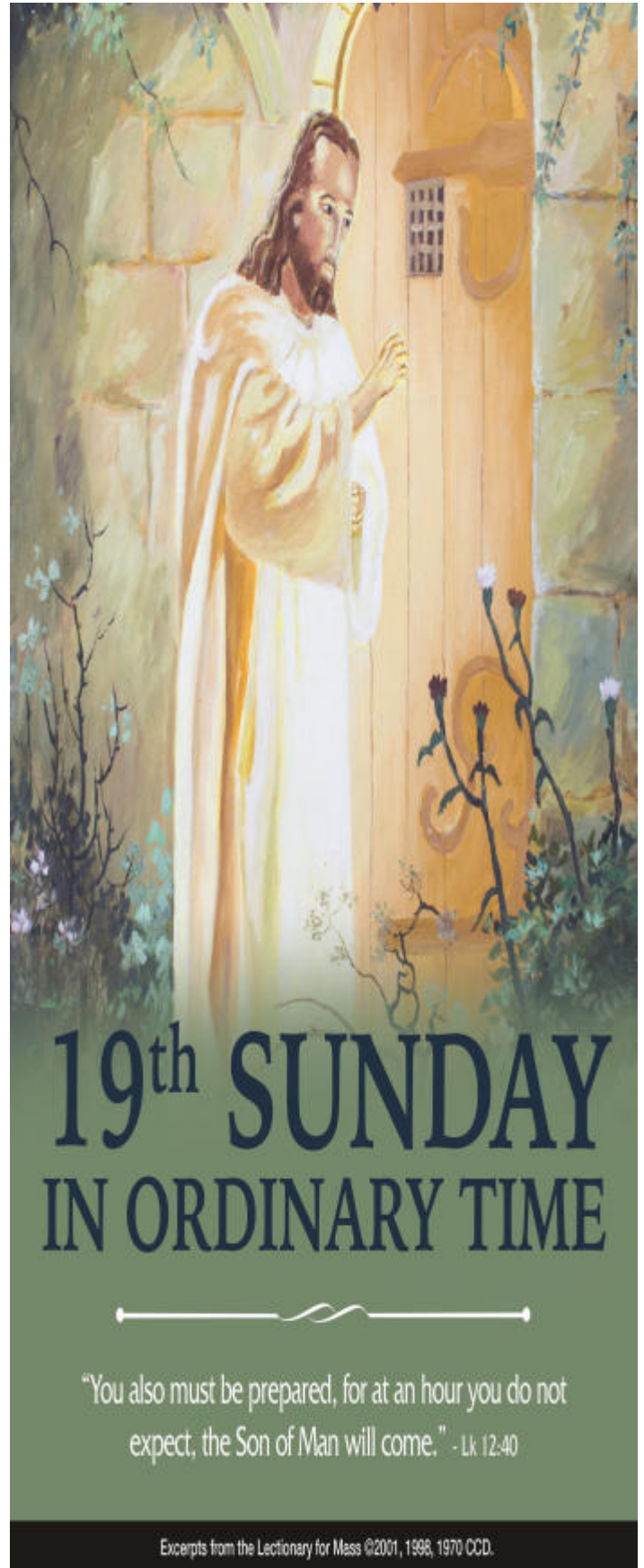
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. All couples must attend a diocesan sponsored Marriage Preparation Workshop. Weddings can be scheduled on Friday, Saturday or Sunday at a time convenient to the parish schedule.

## **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 parish cemetery is located on the corner of Cherry and Black Cherry Streets in Sandy Hook. For more info, please contact the Rectory Office.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – August 11, 2019

**Sunday, August 11**  
6:00 p.m. Sr. Youth Group  
**Monday, August 12**  
7:00 p.m. New Beginnings Support (9)  
**Tuesday, August 13**  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon (2)  
**Wednesday, August 14**  
7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group (11)  
7:00 p.m. C & L (2)  
**Thursday, August 15 (Feast of the Assumption)**  
3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (1)  
**Friday, August 16**  
3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (1)  
**Saturday, August 17**  
7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry (11)  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

**LOCATION:**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Church                   | 7. Chapel                   |
| 2. 38 Church Hill Road      | 8. Msgr. Conroy Room        |
| 3. Msgr. Weiss Hall         | 9. K of C Hall              |
| 4. Science Room             | 10. Rectory Conference Room |
| 5. Parish Center/Safe place | 11. Holy Innocents Center   |
| 6. St. Rose School          |                             |



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION -August 15**

The Feast of the Assumption is a holy day of obligation. The Vigil Mass will be Wednesday, August 14 at 7:30 pm. The holy day Masses on Thursday, August 15 are at 6:45 & 9:00 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

**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.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, August 12**  
6:45 Clifford P. Schmeltz... Mark & Valerie Principi  
9:00 Giorgio DeAngelis ..... Carmela Castelletti  
**Tuesday, August 13**  
6:45 Peter Carem ..... Barbara Lombardi  
9:00 Jack Obre ..... Family  
**Wednesday, August 14**  
6:45 Dorothy Unger ..... Jeanne & Jim Walker  
9:00 Margaret Brokaw ..... St. Rose School  
7:30 Vigil - Bob Bassett ..... St. Rose Cenacle  
**Thursday, August 15 (Feast of the Assumption)**  
6:45 Craig Handwerker .... Dawn Handwerker & family  
9:00 Gloria Codeghini  
& Kay Arco ..... Mary Lee & Bob Cannone  
5:30 Mary Tortorelli ..... Julia & Douglas Mahoney  
7:30 John Francis Liberanti ..... Mary & Jim Craig  
**Friday, August 16**  
6:45 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,  
St. Dymphna, St. Anthony & St. Peregrine  
9:00 Joseph Antonazzo ..... Nicolina Antonazzo  
**Saturday, August 17**  
8:00 Theresa O'Neil ..... Carol Kranyik  
4:00 Peg Saidis ..... Peggy & Tony Baiad  
5:30 Fred Wurtz ..... The Wurtz Family  
**Sunday, August 18**  
7:30 Pasquale & Elizabeth Pepe.. Pat & Debbie Pepe  
9:00 Fred Pendergast ..... Gary & Blanca Sheehan  
10:30 Stella Juliano ..... Dolores Pruefer  
12:00 Deceased of the Figliola Family ..... Family  
5:00 James, Eileen, & Kevin Comerford ..... Family

The Sanctuary candle will be lit this week in memory of William Shannon as requested by Susan Filan.



The Pro-Life & Family vigil candle will be lit this week in memory of Joseph Markey as requested by Jennifer Ingallinera.

**WEDDING BANNS**



**BANNS III: Gabriella Ruggiero & Mathew Kelly**

**Dorothy Day Shelter Team** –Looking for a few good men Please consider joining our team in providing coverage at the Dorothy Day Shelter in Danbury. Participants stay overnight at the shelter 3-4 nights a year, from about 9:00 pm to 6:30 am. Responsibilities include supervision, laundry overnight, and light housekeeping in the morning. Before committing to a fixed schedule of nights, you will receive a night of training with an experienced volunteer to see if this is a ministry you would like to pursue. Please contact Deacon Norm at 203-739-0175 or [normroosjr@aol.com](mailto:normroosjr@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the team or want additional information.

**A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB**

The liturgy for this weekend is a sober reminder to each of us about our mortality! We never know the day or the hour or the circumstances, but we do know that that day is inevitable and one that no one can escape! Jesus calls us to be ready. What does that mean? The instruction He gives in the Gospel is one that tells us to put aside all those things that in the end matter for little and embrace and live those things that truly make a difference and help us grow in our holiness. We strive and work so hard in these times to build up our physical resources and wealth that we often neglect the building up of our faith and relationship with the Lord. I hold fast to that saying: take out your calendar and see how much time in your day you give to the Lord compared to everything else. In most cases, the Lord comes up second! There will be a day of reckoning. The Lord in all his love and compassion for us still will hold us accountable for the decisions we have made and the choices that have guided our lives. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." We are all gifted in so many ways. How well are we using those gifts and sharing them with others to strengthen and build up the Kingdom of God on this earth? I like many of you receive constant requests for help from so many agencies and organizations, religious and otherwise. It is not possible for many of us to assist each one, but before we toss them perhaps we should think what we might be able to do to provide some help. The need in this world is great, and if we who are so blessed are not willing to help, who will? It is not always about money; it is about a genuine attitude of concern and care for one another!

FAN THE FIRE, 2019! This weekend we welcome the youth and youth ministry teams from throughout the diocese to our parish. We are blessed that so many have joined us for this day of prayer, reflection, the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, adoration and fellowship with other teens. We are especially blessed that Bishop Caggiano will spend part of the day with us and celebrate our parish Mass at 4:00 p.m. Very special thanks to Rodd Blessey, Renzo Ortega and Jenna Donovan for organizing this day. We are also grateful to Kevin Donovan and Katie Keogler for providing the spirited and uplifting music this day requires. Kudo's to John Barry and our Knights of Columbus for assisting with the food service and parking area and to our volunteer Security Team for standing on guard throughout the day. So many from our parish do so much to make this a special time for those attending, and I am grateful to everyone who is donating their time and energy. You can be sure that as these incredible young people leave our campus they have been filled with the Holy Spirit and their faith has been revitalized!

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL, 2019! This appeal has far reaching effects throughout the Diocese and Fairfield County. I am sure by now you know the many ministries and charities this Appeal makes possible. To date, we have raised \$178,145 toward our goal of \$199,750. 582 parishioners have made generous gifts and pledges. As the 2019 Appeal continues we are grateful to the parish families who have supported our efforts. For us to achieve our goal, we need more parishioners to make a sacrificial gift. Please pray and ask the Lord to help you decide on a gift you might be able to make to help us achieve our commitment to the diocese. The amount does not matter, but your willingness to help keep the mission of Christ alive matters more than you know!

Thanks again for your incredible patience while we completed the paving of our parking lot. It was a task in itself due to the size of the lot and the constant activity that takes place here. Doing it during the hottest month on record was an added challenge. My personal thanks to every one of those workers who labored on those hot days and to each of you who were inconvenienced by alternative parking. Thanks to all our neighbors for their generosity, especially our friends at Holy Cow and 36 Church Hill Road for allowing us use of their lots for the interim.

**SAVE THE DATE....SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019**  
**DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF OUR WE STAND WITH CHRIST PROJECTS**  
**12:00 NOON MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP FRANK CAGGIANO**  
**RECEPTION FOLLOWING ON THE PARISH GROUNDS**  
**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Cate Gosselin  
DRE@strosechurch.com



### Vacation Bible School Lesson (Part 3)

One of our talks centered on how God is always here for us, He never leaves us stranded, He will take away our loneliness, our worries, our sadness, but we need to give ourselves to God every day. We need to make time for God each day.

The children learned the acronym F.R.O.G. - Fully Rely on God, and they quickly remembered it! As adults, we too need to remember to **Fully Rely on God**. He is there for us, ALWAYS!

### Hallway assistant needed on Sundays

Once our classes begin in September, we need a young man or woman to assist us with the following responsibilities:

Carry over and bring back materials for Religious Education classes.

Open the classrooms as catechists arrive.

Answer questions or direct people as needed.

Close up classrooms after catechists leave.

The timeframe is approximately 8:45 - 10:45 each Sunday. Audio-visual and technology experience is a plus. There is a stipend for this position.

If interested, please contact Cate Gosselin (203) 426-2333, Ext. 1

### Are you being called to teach?

During the summer months we have time to relax and reflect on the past year. Just like new year resolutions, we start to make plans for the Fall and maybe consider how we can give more of our time to our own faith formation and in service to others.

**We are looking for catechists for the upcoming year.** We encourage you to consider using your time and talent to teach our Catholic faith to our younger parishioners. All materials are supplied to you.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR:

**Sunday 9:15-10:15**

Grades 1 through 8

**Monday 4:30-5:30**

Grade 7

**Monday 7:00-8:15**

Grade 8

**Tuesday 4:30-5:30**

Grades K, 1,3, 6, 7, 8

Married couples! Please join us for the Beloved Couples *Symbolon* faith study on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Holy Innocents Hall. The topic will be **THE LAST THINGS (WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE DIE)** Lesson consists of a video teaching, followed by guided discussion. There is no fee and refreshments are provided. Please RSVP by 8/22 to: [CELESTEVODOLA@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CELESTEVODOLA@YAHOO.COM) or 203-240-1833

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Summer Hours for St. Rose School: Weekdays, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** If you would like to make an appointment for a tour or meeting call 203-426-5102 or email [secretary@srles.com](mailto:secretary@srles.com).

**Mark your calendars for the Labor Day Parade, September 2!** Building a float and marching in the parade are a special tradition at St. Rose School. If you would like to be on the float committee, please contact [advance@srles.com](mailto:advance@srles.com). All painters, builders and decorators welcome – let's make this an awesome float to represent our awesome school.

**Upcoming dates to note: August 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Kindergarten Orientation, 10 a.m.; August 28<sup>th</sup> -- First day of school, K-8.** This is a half day, dismissal will be 11:30 a.m. **August 29<sup>th</sup> -- Preschool Orientation., 6:30 p.m. September 12<sup>th</sup> -- Back to School Night/First HSA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.**

**What makes St. Rose School such a special place?** A 60 year history of providing stellar academics in a faith focused environment; an active Buddy program where upper grade students are paired with younger grade students to enhance the overall learning experience; caring, credentialed teachers who go the extra mile to ensure that every student meets their potential; weekly Friday mass where the entire school gathers together to worship and partake in aspects of the mass including altar serving, choir, gift bearers and readers; exceptional enrichment programs such as Mock Trial, Model UN, Advanced Math Club, Band and Musical Theater; a vibrant community that is truly like a second family. When you walk through the doors of St. Rose School you enter the heart of a community that is a home away from home and remains that way long after graduation. Curious? Visit [www.stroseschool.com](http://www.stroseschool.com) for more information; contact [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com) or call 203-416-5102 for questions and to arrange tours. A warm welcome awaits you.

**Do you have a child who is not quite ready for Kindergarten but needs more than a 4-year-old curriculum?** St. Rose School offers a **Transitional Kindergarten (Preschool 5's) program** that provides children the opportunity to grow more in active participation, collaboration and independence while continuing to expand upon phonics, reading, math, writing and other foundational skills to prepare for a successful transition to Kindergarten. It runs 8:45 a.m. -1:45 p.m., five days a week with a highly experienced, certified teacher. This style of Preschool class is not offered in many places. **Enrollment is currently open for 3 and 4-year old Preschool programs.** Come for a tour and/or shadow day to find out why St. Rose School might be the right fit for your child. Interested? Contact [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com) , 203-426-5102.

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



## PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### 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 6:00 p.m. The next program will be in the fall.

#### 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 meeting is September 7th. Please consider joining us! 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

**Next weekend:** The St. Rose Cares box will be in the front of the church, near the St. Rose statue. Your contributions go directly to our neighbors in need. Thank you! Please note that religious article sales are suspended during July and August. Please see us again on the third whole weekend in September.

**Parishioner to Parishioner:** ("Available" items are offered without charge; just make arrangements to pick them up).

**For information** please call: Joan Dwyer, 203-426-9337, weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please do not call on holidays or weekends.

**Available:** Student desk, 7 drawers, 17" deep, 30" high, 43" long, wooden medium finish.

**Available:** 5 miniature doll house kits. Fine wood, nice projects, good Christmas gifts, build one for your daughter or granddaughter.

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



## PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES



### 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!  
**Family looking for a 4 bedroom apartment**  
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: 203-426-4521.



### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be September 15th at 7 p.m. at 38 Church Hill Road in the back entrance conference room. Please use back door. For information, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 914-409-6236.

### 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 or email: flsequenzia@gmail.com

### ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting is held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Holy Innocents Building for caregivers and family of those living with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Please contact Michael Guido with any questions or suggestions 203-948-8251 or Guido.michael@gmail.com

### ROSARY RECITATION IN CHURCH

*Join us in front of the Blessed Mother statue Mon.-Fri. after 9 a.m. Mass and Sat. after 8 a.m. Mass.*



## MEETINGS

### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Spiritual Journey is on break for the summer and will start again in the fall.

The **FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. Meetings will be postponed until September 6. We will be starting with Corinthians. Questions, call Blanca Sheehan at 203-426-3253.

### ST. ROSE JOB NETWORKING

The Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP), a networking group of business professionals who are in transition or looking to expand connections, meets every second Tuesday of the month from 5:45 to 8 pm at the Knights hall. Our next NFP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th. Please join us for networking, followed by an elevator speech workshop where attendees will have the opportunity to practice their elevator speech and connect on any potential leads. Meet and network with peers, managers and professionals. Contact John at [johnp@itechp.com](mailto:johnp@itechp.com).

### ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING

We meet every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs room at 38 Church Hill Road. Men's Praise & Worship meeting is every Thursday at 10 a.m. at Holy Innocents. Are you a man having trouble forgiving? The Our Father says if we forgive, God will forgive us but sometimes forgiving is not as easy as it sounds. So if this speaks to you come join us on Thursdays and we can share our stories in a safe place with men that are dealing with forgiving so we can be who we were created to be! Because you have obeyed the voice of the HOLY SPIRIT, you will see a shift in your family. You are taking the proper place and "NOW GOD" can begin to move, to restore and heal. GOD BLESS" For additional information contact Tony Evertz at [tevertz@yahoo.com](mailto:tevertz@yahoo.com) or (203) 917-1158.

### PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING

The first Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting of the season will take place on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory conference room. Help plan a great year! For info, please contact Deacon Norm Roos, 203-739-0175, [normroosjr@aol.com](mailto:normroosjr@aol.com).

### CHILDREN'S ROSARY

This is a worldwide movement to promote the most powerful prayer in the world, "the greatest weapon we have on earth" (St. John Paul II). All children and their parents/caretakers are invited to pray the Holy Rosary. Children lead the prayer service. The Children's Rosary will meet on Thursday, August 22 at 4:30 p.m. at **St. Rose Church**.

### WEBS (WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY)

The Women's Enrichment Bible Study (WEBS) group will begin a new bible study in the fall entitled, "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come", by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith. It is an 11 week study and will include the viewing of a weekly video streaming segment. WEBS meets on Tuesdays from 9:45 - 11:30 am in the Holy Innocents building beginning September 10th. The cost of the workbook will be approximately \$28 and we will need to order the books by August 28th. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch for any additional info or to order a book, at 203-994-5106.

### 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 meetings are in the Holy Innocents building.

## 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](mailto:mryan9497@gmail.com)

**YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS 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. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. at the **Holy Innocents Building**. For more info [www.meetup.com/widows-ct](http://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.

### ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB

St. Rose Women's Club will start our 2019-2020 year on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Msgr. Weiss will celebrate Mass for us at 6:30 in the church, followed by a meeting and social in Holy Innocent's Hall. Our club is open to all women of our parish. Please join us and learn what we are about and what we have scheduled for the year. We have a lot of exciting programs planned, and it is a great way to meet other women from our parish. Hope to see you on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Feel free to call Eileen Gallo at 203-426-8223 if you have any questions. **There will not be a Fall Vendor Fair at St. Rose this year.**

### WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking With Purpose, a bible study for women, meets on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. We have a variety of courses available, so whether you are a beginner or looking for a more in depth study, there is something for you! New women are welcome to join us at any time and free childcare is available. For more information, go to [strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study](http://strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study) or contact Beth Groonell at [elizabethgroonell@me.com](mailto:elizabethgroonell@me.com) with any questions.

### NEW BEGINNINGS - A support group for the divorced and separated.

We meet on the second Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen McGarry at 203-491-7817 or [melle.mcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:melle.mcgarry@gmail.com).



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Help plan a great year! Attend the first Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting of the season on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory conference room!

Entering Canaan ministers to women, men, and siblings on their journey to healing from the pain, isolation and silent suffering of abortion to the freedom of forgiveness, healing and peace through Christ. The Diocese of Bridgeport is committed to assisting those who are seeking help through the Entering Canaan model of healing. There are many upcoming Entering Canaan Retreats this summer. Please contact our confidential phone line at 203.416.1619 or email [projectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org) for more information.

Entering Canaan Weekend Retreat for those who have lost a sibling through abortion will take place August 16-18, 2019. For confidential reservations contact [lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:lumina@postabortionhelp.org), [enteringcanaan17@gmail.com](mailto:enteringcanaan17@gmail.com), or (877) 586-4621.

The next 40 Days for Life campaign will begin September 25 and end November 3. Please consider joining us to pray outside the Planned Parenthood on Main Street in Danbury.

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how we can prepare for our own transition from this life to the next. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support expectant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love and care for loved ones who are ill or aging? Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen." - August 2019 Word of Life, USCCB

## 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 Daniel DeLaVega  
1LT Stephen Gardner  
MAJ Rachel (Askue) Hoffman  
2LT Michael Hubbard  
CPT Tucker Hughes  
CPT Paul M. Kearney  
MAJ Matthew A. LaRocca  
WO Rylan McCullom  
SGT Thomas J. Merrifield  
LTC Sean Pond  
PFC 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  
SSgt Daniel West  
Capt Kimberly Solheim West  
Capt Jessica Zencey  
Capt Gregory Zencey  
Maj Philip Zencey

### U.S. Coast Guard

SN Charles Agius  
LTJG Logan C. Mars  
LT Scott B. Nichols  
LT Meridith A. Palo  
LCDR Paul D. Tessitore

### United States Navy

ENS Julia Davis  
SN Philip DeMayo  
SN Danielle Godejohn  
MIDN Andrew Golankiewicz  
LT Alex Islin  
LT Allison Kirk Islin  
CPO Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.  
LT Daniel Kirk  
ENS Michael Kirk  
CDR Timothy Krippendorf  
LT Brian Murphy  
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## Full time Client Director Position Available

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center a Pro-Life organization in Waterbury has a full time Client Director position available. This entails advisor/options counseling for teens and women in unplanned pregnancies, post-abortion healing, conducting childbirth and parenting classes, and volunteer and phone consultant training. Experienced social work or medical background required. Please send cover letter and resume to [staff@carolynsplace.net](mailto:staff@carolynsplace.net) or call 203 527-4129.

## SAINT ROSE YOUTH

St. Rose Youth is open to all high school aged teens (9th - 12th grade). We meet Sunday nights during the school year from 6:30-8:30 in either the Safe Place or the church.

**Edge/Excite** - New changes are coming for Edge and Excite this Fall... stay tuned for more details!



**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](http://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.



## Online Giving

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](http://StRoseChurch.com) 2-Click on the Online Giving Link –scroll down and find it on the 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

**Has Moved to St. Rose Campus**  
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**If questions, call 203-426-5604 Or 203-837-0816**

Food can be dropped off at Village Perk, Booth Library, The Newtown Bee, Caraluzzi's Market, Fizio Therapy, Popowich Chiropractor, Barre Boutique. Volunteers must be 21 and over and Virtus trained.



### Diaconate Discovery Evenings

Have you ever wondered if you were being "called" to become a deacon? Monthly, **Diaconate Discovery Evenings** will be a consistent space to wonder, explore, pray and share with other men of faith regarding serving the Church as a Permanent Deacon. Join me and explore some of these questions and others that you may have about the Diaconate. Our next gathering is Thursday, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Stephen's Church, 6948 Main St., Trumbull. If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Deacon Tim Bolton, Coordinator of Diaconate Vocations, @ [dnbolton@diobpt.org](mailto:dnbolton@diobpt.org).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #185



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

### COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE #1307:



The male youth division of the Knights of Columbus, serving St. Rose and the community, is the largest circle in North America. Want to join the group? Contact Bill Manfredonia at 203-313-5855, [billmanfredonia@aol.com](mailto:billmanfredonia@aol.com).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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

**The Voice of St. Rose** is an online streaming Internet Service operated by St. Rose Parish. Live Telecasts, Audio streams, and On Demand archives of Mass and special events are now available through internet links found on our Parish Website [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com). The Project was established primarily to extend our Parish outreach providing Daily Masses Live online from St. Rose to those who cannot attend church on a regular basis but want to be connected to our Parish Community. The Internet Streams can be connected from virtually anywhere in the world through a Smart Phone/TV, Computer or any Internet enabled device. For Students that are away at school, those that have moved away, or Snowbirds that just want to stay connected to the St. Rose community, this provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in and watch. The Sunday 10:30AM Mass is telecast live weekly from St. Rose Parish and all archives are available through our Parish website [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com) or the St. Rose Parish YouTube website. All scheduled Masses are streamed via the Audiocasts over the Voice of St. Rose service affectionately known as "All Things Catholic". There is additional programming carried over this audio stream from the Vatican and many sources between Mass times from around the diocese including our own Monsignor Bob's "Weiss Wednesday", Father Sam's "Faith Friday", Bishop Caggiano's thoughts of the week, and the wonderful messages of "We Stand with Christ". The Voice of St. Rose is accessible through our Parish Website [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com) or our St. Rose Parish YouTube website. For all the details see the St. Rose Parish website.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### THE FACE OF PRAYER

The Face of Prayer recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people. Visit [www.thefaceofprayer.com](http://www.thefaceofprayer.com) to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders across the country. Be sure to also join the movement by texting **PRAY** to **55778** to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

### PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? There is help and hope! The Diocese of Bridgeport Project Rachel Ministry offers referrals, resources, day and weekend retreats for those suffering from a past abortion. Please contact 203-416-1619/203-895-3554 or [projectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org) for confidential information.

As part of **Retired Superior Court Judge Holzberg's** investigation into clergy sexual abuse of minors and the Diocesan response to that abuse, a hotline has been established for those who wish to communicate with the Judge and his team. Survivors or any others affected by abuse are encouraged to contact the hotline to discuss past incidents of abuse or their experience with the Diocese in regards to such abuse. The hotline can be reached as follows.

**ONLINE:** [www.lighthouse-services.com/diobpt](http://www.lighthouse-services.com/diobpt)

**TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE:**

**English speaking USA and Canada:** 833-990-0004

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**E-MAIL:** [reports@lighthouse-services.com](mailto:reports@lighthouse-services.com) (must include company name with report)

When contacting the hotline, an individual may or may not choose to identify him or herself.

**REPORTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CARE LINE AT 1-800-842-2288 OR TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE. IN ADDITION, THE DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE ENCOURAGES SURVIVORS WHO HAVE NOT REPORTED ABUSE TO CALL 203-650-3265 OR 203-241-0987**

## TEACH ME TO PRAY, TEACH ME TO PLAY

Registration is now open for Teach Me to Pray, Teach Me to Play Two Year Old Program Fall 2019 Session Mondays or Wednesdays 9am-11:30am Teach Me to Pray, Teach Me to Play is a faith-based program designed to give children their first



“classroom” experience with prayer, play, circle time, arts and crafts, story time, snack and outdoor playtime (weather permitting). This is a drop-off program that is located in the Holy Innocents Building. The fall session runs from September through December. Children must be two by October 1st. For more information and to register for this session, please contact Dot Perpignand at 203-417-6646.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you love children? Have you been searching for a way to give back to others, to lighten someone's load, to make another woman's life just a little bit easier?

Walking With Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible Study offered in our parish on Wednesday morning, beginning September 25 - April. We are praying for a few women/young adult volunteers to help our Coordinator - once a week, or once a month- whatever your schedule allows!

For more information email Elizabeth Groonell [@elizabeth.groonell@me.com](mailto:@elizabeth.groonell@me.com)



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Prepare your marriage for the coming of the Lord by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in ALBANY, NY and Nov 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

### BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS YOU!

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright has served in Connecticut since 1972 and helped thousands of mothers and babies. There are 8 Birthright locations in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.

### St. Anthony Maronite Church, 17 Granville Ave. Danbury, CT.

The parish community of Saint Anthony is celebrating our Annual Mahrajan Festival on Friday, August 16, 3 PM to Midnight, and Saturday, August 17, 12 noon to midnight. Our Mahrajan features Lebanese food and sweets, children's games, live music with George Radi and Ensemble. Contact Jimmy Glynn at 203-994-1817.

*Newtown Youth & Family Services is looking for volunteers to help plan the 34th Annual Holiday Festival! The Holiday Festival is held every year along Main Street in Newtown and features Holiday House Tours, the Festival of Trees, the Nutcracker Ballet and much more! Committee Members will meet twice a month starting in September. If you would like more information please contact Susan Smith, [SSmith@newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org](mailto:SSmith@newtownyouthandfamilyservices.org) or 203-270-4335.*

### Immaculate High School Celebrates 30th Golf Outing With New Location and Events

Immaculate High School is proud to announce that its 30th Annual Immaculate High School Golf Outing, one of the longest-running golf tournaments in the Danbury area, will be on September 18, 2019 at its new location at Ridgewood Country Club in Danbury.

This year's golf outing features 18 holes of golf on a beautiful course, cart fees, lunch, awards reception, dinner, silent auction and 50/50 raffle; new this year is beer tasting at one of the holes sponsored by Reverie Brewing Company of Newtown, and there will be a few chances to win a brand new car for a hole-in-one. Foursomes as well as individual golfers are welcome.

Sponsors are also invited to help support this special 30th anniversary of the popular Immaculate High School Golf Outing. All proceeds from the golf outing benefit Immaculate High School students and school programs. To reserve your spot and/or sponsor the IHS Golf Outing, go to [www.immaculatehs.org/golf](http://www.immaculatehs.org/golf). For more information contact Jeannie Demko, Event Coordinator, at [jdemko@myimmaculatehs.org](mailto:jdemko@myimmaculatehs.org).

## Save The Date! Evening with Ben Grainger!

Ben Grainger is coming to St. Rose! 23 year United States Marine Corps veteran, renowned motivational speaker, volunteer for vets and teens in distress discusses **Finding Faith in Fallujah** at the St. Rose Men's Night on November 3rd at 6:00pm in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center! Details to follow soon on how to reserve your seat for what is sure to be a moving and inspirational evening!



## SAVE THE DATE MOTHER DOLORES HART

ST. Rose Women's Club is privileged to present a talk by Mother Dolores Hart on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Holy Innocents Hall.

Accompanying Mother Dolores will be her good friend, Ree Howell, who recently published a book entitled, *Loving Mother Dolores*, the story of their friendship.

After the talk, both Mother Dolores and Ree will be available to autograph the book, and refreshments will be served.

Mother Dolores was a famous movie star in the 1950's, starring in many movies, including *Loving You* in 1957, in which she gave Elvis Presley his first screen kiss. At the height of her career, she decided to become a cloistered nun, and entered the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT, where she has been a nun for 53 years.

Mother Dolores is a wonderful speaker. Please do not miss this opportunity to hear her speak. Admission is \$10. Tickets will be on sale in the near future.



## School Supplies Needed!



### Shopping for school supplies?

Please consider purchasing extra for our Inner-City School Donations and for our Religious Education Classes this year.

Below is a list of supplies needed.

Please drop off supplies in labeled bins located at the Church Entrances  
anytime during the week or weekend  
Masses of August 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

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Additional items for the inner city:

Socks, umbrellas, chapter books-used is fine, backpacks, mechanical pencils, binders, hand lotion, hats, scarves, mittens, legos, board games, white uniform shirts

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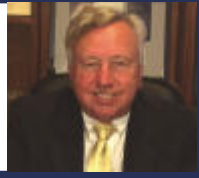


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