# St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470 • (203) 426-1014• FAX: (203) 426-6222

April 21, 2019



#### THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – April 21, 2019

#### Sunday, April 21 (Easter Sunday) (No Religious Ed.) Monday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 23 9:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 *9:00 a.m.* 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00<sup>°</sup>p.m. Thursday, April 25 10:15 a.m. *3:15 p.m.* 4:30<sup>°</sup>p.m. 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 26 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 27 7:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

- 1. Church
- 2.38 Church Hill Road
- 3. Msgr. Weiss Hall
- 4. Science Room
- 6. St. Rose School

*Teach Me to Pray...Play (11)* WEBS (2)Al-Anon (2) Young Widows/ers (11)

Teach Me to Pray...Play (11) 2020 Mass Book Opens (10) *Cancer Support Group* (11) C & L(2)Folk Choir Rehearsal (1)

Spiritual Journey (11) Eucharistic Adoration (9) Children's Rosary (1) Adult Choir (1)

*Friday Bible Study (2)* 

Men's Ministry (11) AA Meeting (2)

7. Chapel

- 8. Msgr. Conroy Room 9. K of C Hall
- 10. Rectory Conference Room
- 5. Parish Center/Safe place 11. Holy Innocents Center

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 203-733-9655.

The **Mass Book for 2020** will be opening on Wednesday, April 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the Rectory. This year we will only be able to book 6 masses per person that day and no 5:30 p.m. Masses. Please do not come before 9:30 because we will not begin until then. No requests will be taken before that date. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

## MARRIAGE BANNS

Banns I II: Christine Beck & Ryan McNagny



Classes will begin on Sunday, April 28 for 6 weeks, with Confirmation taking place on June 9 (Pentecost Sunday) at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact Donna Locke to register or more info d.locke@snet.net or 203-513-0822.



Monday, A	April 22			
6:45	Êllen LaPak Family			
9:00	Thomas J. Maher The Spies Family			
Tuesday, April 23				
6:45				
9:00				
Wednesday, April 24				
6:45	Íntentions of Martha Hitchcock,			
	Ephram & Tim Mosher			
9:00	Arokiasamy The Guirguis Family			
Thursday,	April 25			
6:45	Sheila Helen King Arguello Family			
9:00	Jack Kunze St. Rose Religious Ed.			
Friday, April 26				
6:45	Peter MurphyLen & Linda Moritz			
9:00	John Bohrman The Maturo Family			
Saturday,	April 27			
8:00	Nathan OrricoDonald & Angela Orrico			
4:00	Susan Mino Rosemarie Abric			
5:30	Tyler HoffmanLenora & Ron Labrecque			
Sunday, April 28 (Divine Mercy Sunday)				
7:30	Kim Anne SiglingerKathy Marusa			
9:00	Art Sheehan John & Pam Arsenault			
10:30	Gerard "Art" Sheehan The Moynihan Family			
12:00	Joseph & Genevieve Piekarski LaBianco Family			
5:00	Josephine Tomaiuolo &			
	Campanaro FamilyJo-Ann Scebold			
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The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Robert Biscoe as requested by Peggy & Tony Baiad.

The Pro-Life & Family vigil candle will be lit this week in memory of Hermann Gutierrez as requested by family.

## **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 2019**

Students currently in grade 3 and up: If you want the **best opportunity available** for lay Catholics to serve God and our parish at the altar, please come to Altar Server Training at St. Rose Church. Altar server training is available, once again, for anyone currently in grade 3 or high-er. Fr. Krzysztof Kuczynski will offer training sessions to any-one who wants to learn to serve Mass. Because of the new di-ocesan requirements for all ministries, more training is required this year than in the past.

New servers must come to **three** sessions. Returning Altar Servers **must attend** two of these sessions. Training sessions will be in the church on the following dates:

Thursday, April 25 - 3:15 - 5:15 pm Thursday, May 2 - 3:5 - 5:15 pm Tuesday, May 7 - 4:30 - 630 pm Thursday, May 9 - 3:15 - 5:15 pm Monday, May 13 - 3:15 - 5:15 pm Monday, May 13 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Servers are assigned to one of our seven Masses each weekend, and serve about once a month. Please join us at the altar of our Lord. This is the best opportunity any lay Catholic has to come into the fullness of the Mass, the source and summit of our faith. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have questions, please contact Donna Locke at 203 426 9604 or <u>d.locke@snet.net</u>

## A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

I awoke before dawn this Easter morn, laid very still and just thought not of the eggs and bunnies that Caster brings but of the gift of life that it brought. I thought of that cross the carried and that crown of thorns on His head the nails into His body they buried betrayed by even those He led. Up that road to Calvary, Totally sinless too, Jesus paid the ultimate out of love. He died for you and me. Love keeps no records of right or wrong, love does not keep a score, to our father in heaven we all belong just as on that day long before. I looked in my room at my sleeping sons and tears slipped from my eyes. God had done more than I could have done To just watch as my son suffered and died. My Caster held such meaning then as I watched the dawn break through. Just thinking of that day so long ago when God did what I could not do. Deborah Wininger

## AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

What a joy it is for me to announce this message: Christ is risen! I would like it to go out to every house and every family, especially where suffering is greatest. Most of all, I would like it to enter every heart, for it is there that God wants to sow this Good News: Jesus is risen, there is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious!

We too, like the women who were Jesus' disciples, who went to the tomb and found it empty may wonder what this event means. What does it mean that Jesus is risen? It means that the love of God is stronger than evil and death itself; it means that the love of God can transform our lives and let those desert places in our hearts bloom.

This same love for which the Son of God became man and followed the way of humility and self-giving to the end, down to hell – to the abyss of separation from God – this same merciful love has flooded with light the dead body of Jesus and transfigured it, has made it pass into eternal life. Jesus did not return to his former life, to earthly life, but entered into the glorious life of God and he entered there with our humanity, opening for us a future of hope. This is what Easter is: it is the exodus, the passage of human beings from slavery to sin and death.

Christ died and rose once for all, and for everyone, but the power of the Resurrection, this Passover from slavery to evil to the freedom of goodness must be accomplished in every age, in our concrete existence, in our everyday lives. How many deserts, even today, do human beings need to cross? Above all, the desert within, when we have no love for God or neighbor, when we fail to realize that we are guardians of all that the Creator has given us and continues to give us. God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones.

So this is the invitation which I address to everyone: let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives. Let us become agents of his mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Through him we implore peace for all the world. Peace in the Middle East, peace in Africa, peace in Asia, peace in the whole world.

Bring to your families and your nations the message of joy, of hope and of peace that each year is powerfully renewed on this day. May the Risen Lord, who defeated sin and death, support us all, especially the weakest and those most in need. Thank you for your presence and the witness of your faith. May the risen Christ guide you and all humanity on the paths of justice, love and peace! Alleluia!

On behalf of our parish staff, I extend our best wishes for a most blessed and holy Easter! I am grateful for the spirit with which each of you entered into the holy season of Lent. Your personal sacrifices, generosity, increased prayers and many good works were a source of may graces for all of us. Lent is the perfect opportunity for us to give back to God in gratitude for all He gives to us each day of our lives. I pray that your efforts during Lent will be richly rewarded by abundant blessings for you and your family. Now we have journeyed with Jesus through His own 40days of fasting in the desert, through His temptations, through His glorious entry into Jerusalem, through the gift Himself in the Eucharist, through His agony in the garden, through His sentencing, through His suffering and humiliation, through His agony on the cross, through his death to the glory of this day when he rose from the dead and gave to each of us the hope of eternal life! May this day be one of great graces for you and may your Alleluia's reflect the peace and joy this day brings to you! Happy and blessed Easter!



Cate Gosselin DRE@strosechurch.com

THANK YOU to Ms. Kate Kunze, our Database and Registration Coordinator, for her outstanding job on preparing all of the paperwork and also prepping our staff for Registration Week. We are very happy that so many families came to register their children during this time. There is an incredible amount of work that goes into preparing for registration, and we are grateful to Kate for her continuous dedication and time to make sure all runs so smoothly. Thank you also to our volunteers: Marilyn, Larry, and Tammy. We appreciate all of your assistance during these busy days.

## **REGISTRATION for Religious Education Classes**

Thank you families for registering your children last week for the upcoming school year. If you have not yet registered, please come to the Religious Education offices between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday - Friday. Take advantage of the Early Bird special and sign up, even if you are unsure of your child's fall schedule. Financial assistance is available to those in need. See St. Rose Website for more details.

#### FINAL WEEK OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES April 28, 29, and 30 are the final days of classes for our

**April 28, 29, and 30** are the final days of classes for our Religious Education students. Parents, please make every attempt to bring your child to their final class with their catechists and classmates. Thank you.

#### CANDLELIGHT MASS for Confirmation Students and Families

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in CHURCH. We encourage all Confirmation students to bring your families and your Sponsors to this beautiful event as we approach Confirmation Day.

#### First Communion Dresses, Suits & Accessories are available

Please stop by the Religious Education office to see the assortment of donated dresses, suits, shoes, etc. These items have been graciously donated by our Religious Education families. They are free for the taking.

Friday, May 24, 2019 Rehearsal: Monday, May 20, 2019 6:45 – 8:45 in Holy Innocents and Church (Reader & Gift Bearer re- hearsal following general rehearsal 8:15 – 8:45)	6:30 pm	Marks (Monday & Tuesday); Bodie; Lucas; lassogna; Sippin; Lynch (High School)
Saturday, May 25, 2019 Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 6:45 – 8:45 in Holy Innocents and Church (Reader & Gift Bearer re- hearsal following general rehearsal 8:15 -8:45)	9:00 am	SRS; Hegarty/Reilly; Plaue
Saturday, May 25, 2019 Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 6:45 – 8:45 in Holy Innocents and Church (Reader & Gift Bearer re- hearsal following general rehearsal 8:15 – 8:45)	1:00 pm	Talluto/Judge; Ken- ney; Godejohn; Bren- nan; Bott; Ryan; Homeschool

## CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL SCHEDULE Ceremony/Rehearsal Time Catechist/Class

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Wishing our St. Rose School families and fellow parishioners a Blessed, Joyful Easter!

We hope you are enjoying the Spring break. St. Rose School resumes on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> – we look forward to seeing everyone back in our halls.

St. Rose School 4-8<sup>th</sup> graders are working hard to put on a great show, *Getting to Know The Sound of Music*, May 9th, 5:00 and 7:30 PM. Tickets are on sale now, srles.booktix.com.

The **Basketball & Cheer Banquet** to celebrate a wonderful 2018-2019 season will take place Thursday April 25 at 6 PM in the Monsignor Weiss Gathering Hall.

Did you know that St. Rose School runs a Track program for students in grades K-8? Practices are underway and students will participate in Meets May 5<sup>th</sup> (Immaculate High School), May 19<sup>th</sup> (Bethel High School) and June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Championship meet, Immaculate High School). For more information visit <u>https://www.stroseschool.com/studentsfamilies/athletics</u>

Please join us **for Grandparents/Special Persons** Day at St. Rose School Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The morning begins with a beautiful mass at 9:00 a.m. and is followed by refreshments and tours of the classrooms. Invitations are out so please RSVP and be a part of this special day. <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/</u> e/1FAIpQLSfV5RkfhbhlefwLQnUbIcJtIoH0V8akmLAhco

e/1FAIpQLSfV5RkfhbhlefwLQnUblcJtIoH0V8akmLAhco <u>0NwDH8-oWr\_A/viewform</u> If you can help in any way that day we would appreciate it. You can sign up via this link <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cafac2ea4fa7</u> -2019

Mark your calendars for the annual **St. Rose School Golf Classic, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Richter Park. There are so many ways to get involved, have fun and support our school. For more information visit <u>http://www.strosegolfclassic.com/</u>.

Interested in learning more about St. Rose School and/or taking a tour? Contact <u>admissions@srles.com</u> or 203-426-5102 ext. 13. A warm welcome awaits you!

**SCRIP PROGRAM** - This program helps support fun events for students, school improvement projects and teacher appreciation throughout the year. The Scrip Program operates 365 days a year . . . not just during the holidays! Please stop by the rectory to purchase physical gift cards or place an order using <u>shop.shopwithscrip.com</u>. Any questions? Email <u>scrip@stroseschool.com</u> for help!



## Please donate your BOX TOPS to St. Rose School!

If you use products that have BOX TOPS, please consider clipping them and donating to our school. A collection box is located in the main entrance of the church. Thank you so much for supporting St. Rose!

## 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 6:30 p.m.

## 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 May 4th. 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

**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: 2 Ikea single beds, one white, one black. Needed: Flatiron.

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!

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 medi-

cal 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 June 16 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 en-couraged 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 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 203-848-8251 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 meets every Thursday during the school year from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Holy Innocents Center. Our group focuses on creating a better understanding of our faith journey by the discussion and reading of sacred scripture. Everyone is welcome. Come join us for coffee and refreshments at 10:15.

The **FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. 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 sec-ond Tuesday of the month from 5:45to 8 pm at the Knights hall. Our next Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th. Our guest speaker, Filson Thomas, will present on: "Connecting Principles to Set You Apart".

**ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING** We meet every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the down-stairs room at 38 Church Hill Road. Men's Praise & Worship meeting is every Thursday morning 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 Evertez at tevertez@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158.

## **PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING**

The next meeting of the Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee will take place on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the rectory conference room. For info, please contact Celeste Vodoľa at 203-.340-1833 or celestevodola@yahoo.com.

## WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY (WEBS)

We will continue studying "Fulfilled, Uncovering The Bib-lical Foundations of Catholicism". This highly acclaimed Ascension Press bible study will run through the end of May and includes a bi-weekly DVD segment. "Fulfilled" will reignite your love of Scripture and help you share and defend the Catholic faith with the Word of God. We meet on Tuesdays from 9:45 - 11:30am in the Holy Innocents on Tuesdays from 9:45 - 11:30am in the Holy Innocents building, and we welcome all new members! Please contact Liz Lynch at 203-270-9072 to order a book.

<u>CHILDREN'S ROSARY</u> This is a worldwide movement to promote the most power-ful 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 Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. at St. Rose Church on April 25 and May 23.

## MEETINGS

## <u>ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK</u>

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 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, April 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Holy Innocents Building. For more info www.meetup.com/widowsct 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**

The women of the St. Rose Women's Club offer several activities outside of our monthly meetings, (which are always held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:45p.m. in the Holy Innocents Center).

After the 9 a.m. Mass, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, we gather at the church chapel to say the ROSARY together. All are welcome to join ûs.

On the 1st Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. we hold our BOOK GROUP MEETING in Holy Innocents Center. We have lively informative discussions on our current book. Again all are welcome. Please call Dina Sabia at 203-313-1320 with any questions.

## 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-womensbible-study or contact Beth Groonell at 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 7-8:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall starting May 13, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen McGarry at 203-491-7817 or melle.mcgarry@gmail.com.

#### **PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Please join us for the celebration of:

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 28, 2019 In the church 3 to 4 pm.

Celebration includes: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Benediction at 4:00 pm.

(Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a NOVENA to the Divine Mercy, to begin on Good Friday)

OUR LORD'S PROMISES ATTACHED TO THE PRAYING OF THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary, 48)

48) "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary, 754)

their death." (Diary, 754) "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (Diary, 1541)

"When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary, 1541)

a just Judge but as a merciful Savior." (Diary, 1541) "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." (Diary, 687) "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of

"Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy...I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary, 687)

cy." (Diary, 687) "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (Diary, 1521)

"The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered." (Diary, 1397)

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary, 1320; also, cf. Diary, 1572)

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, 699)

"Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary, 1731)

"My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world." (Diary, 1485)

https://fathersofmercy.com/promises-attached-to-chapletof-divine-mercy/

## 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 ILT Daniel DeLaVega ILT 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 ILT 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 Katie Taylor Capt Katie 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 PFC Thomas "Greg" 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 CDR John Porado SN Eric Ralston, Jr. C CPO Matthew Sidor CDR Joseph P. Smith PO1 Christopher Szabo

Army National Guard WO2 Matthew Bergquist LTC Todd Bookless PFC Louis Enriquez SPC Charles Mallico SGT Thomas Monckton CPT Matthew D. Seibert

United States Marines Cpl Thomas E. L. Catalina 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 Col Emmanuel Necoecher LCpl John Tamborino LCpl Lucas T. Vendel PFC Patrick Zingaro

## **ST. ROSE YOUTH**

**SYG-**for grades 9 through 12, meet every Sunday evening from 6:15-8:30pm. For more information about SYG email Renzo Ortega <u>Rortega@strosechurch.com</u> Follow us on Instagram @saintrosesyg

#### **Steubenville NYC**

July19-21 Teens going into 9th grade Registration is still open. If you are interested, visit our website or email rortega@strosechurch.com to register

There will be an **Easter Adult Holy Hour on Tuesday, April** 23 from 8:30-9:30pm in the newly renovated Church at St Rose. Enjoy Adoration with Katie Keogler and Kevin Donovan with praise and worship of our Risen Savior!

**Excite**: Our next Excite Night for grades 5 and 6 is May 3rd in the Hall from 6:30-8:30pm.

**First ever Diocesan Youth Rally:** Open to all in Grades 6,7,8! For more information go to <u>bridgeportdiocese.org/</u><u>categoryevents/middle-school-youth-rally</u>. Also you can email Jenna Donovan at <u>jdonovanym@gmail.com</u> for any questions!





**ALL VOLUNTEERS** in the Diocese of Bridgeport are required to comply with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. Part of this policy is attending the program, Protecting God's Children. If you wish to help in any way within the parish or Diocese, please register at www.virtus.org. If you attended the class more than 5 years ago, you need to be recertified. If you have any questions or need help with recertification, please contact Doreen or Kelly in the Rectory office 203-426-1014.



If you haven't already, please consider making your contributions through Online Giving, a convenient, safe, secure option which makes use of current technology and security standards. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. It is simple and flexible, and allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. How: 1-Visit our website: StRoseChurch.com 2-Click on the 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

Has Moved to St. Rose Campus 46 Church Hill Rd. (Next to Knights of Columbus Hall.)



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New Hours: Tues. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thurs. 6-7:30 p.m.

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, Fisio 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, May 9, 2019 from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Phillip's Church, 1 Fr. Conlan Pl., Norwalk in the Mansion. If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Deacon Tim Bolton, Coordinator of Diaconate Vocations, @ <u>dnbolton@diobpt.org</u>.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #185

Do you know a neighbor in need? The Knights are here to help. Contact Community Service Committee Member, Harold Bren-



nan at 203-704-0083 or 203-426-3661. Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information contact Guy Mascolo at 203-837-0466 or mascologuy@yahoo.com

## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE #1307:



The male youth division of the Knights of Columbus, serving St. Rose and the community, is the largest circle in North America. Want to join the group? Contact Bill Manfredonia at 203-313-5855, 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 Jon Starr@kofc.org

The Voice of St. Rose is an online streaming Internet Radio Station. The Project was established primarily to ex-tend 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 Stream can be connected from virtually anywhere in the world through a Smart Phone, Computer or any Internet enabled device. For Students that are away at school or those that have moved away and want to stay connected to the St. Rose community, this provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in. In addition to streaming our Masses Live there is additional pro-gramming from the Vatican and many sources from around the diocese including our own Monsignor Bob's Weiss Wednesday, Father Sam's Faith Friday, Bishop Caggiano's Homilies and messages, the Archbishop of Hartford Leonard Blair's weekly webcast, and a host of other Catholic programming. The Voice of St. Rose is accessible through Parish Webour site strosechurch.com or Facebook page. The radio broadcast schedule for the Voice of St. Rose during the Church Renovations is Saturday afternoon Masses and all of Sunday Masses, and coming soon in April 2019, the Voice of St. Rose will add full telecast coverage of all Masses available on your favorite Internet devices.

**The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)** offers the loan of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, and other medical aides to Newtown residents. If you have a need, please call 203-270-4377 and leave a message or Social Services at 203-270-4330



## 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.

**PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY** – *THIS LENT COME BACK TO GOD WHO IS LOVE AND MERCY* -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 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 TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE: English speaking USA and Canada: 833-990-0004 Spanish speaking USA and Canada: 800-216-1288 E-MAIL: 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 DI-RECTED 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

## LAURALTON HALL'S 7th GRADE ENTRANCE EXAM:

The 7th grade exam will be held at Lauralton Hall on Saturday, May 4 at 8 a.m. A student may register for the exam online at www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/apply within the online application. Lauralton Hall offers a select number of scholarships based on performance on the exam. The benefit of taking the exam in 7th grade is that a student can also take our 8th grade exam in October and we will take her highest score for scholarship consideration. Furthermore, students who take the 7th grade exam are eligible to apply Early Decision to Lauralton Hall.

## 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



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.





For married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+ year wedding anniversaries

## SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 ¥ 3:00pm

MAIN CELEBRANT: BISHOP FRANK CAGGIANO \* ST. THERESA PARISH IN TRUMBULL

As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by

a free concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir.

 Photos with Bahop Caggiano will take place at 2:15pm before Muss begins. Every couple: that participates will receive a complementary photo and certificate, sent via US Mail to each partial for distribution.



\* A reception will follow the concert for all couples, their families, and choir members.

To register to attend, please contact your local parish or visit: https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation

Space is limited; please RSVP by April 25th

For questions, please contact OfficeofFaithFormation@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1670



## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light for our Church and within our Marriages. Gift your relationship with a bright light by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHES-TER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <u>https://</u> wwmectw.org/.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Longest Married Couple Project -** For the past eight years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been hosting a Longest Married Couple Project which has recognized couples from each state and a national winner. Winners are selected solely from nominations. Nominations for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual LMC Project will be accepted until May 15, 2019, and are open to all married husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation. Send the couple's name, wedding date, current residence, and a contact phone or email to one of the following: Bryan & Karen Berland 530 S. Academy Guthrie, OK 73044, or <u>bkberland@gmail.com</u> or 405-850-4274 or at <u>wwme.org</u>. Awards for national and state winners will be presented in June, which is National Marriage Month.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Register Today!

Vacation Bible School is coming to St. Rose July 8-12, from 9:00 am to noon. Join us for the happiest week of summer at St. Rose. Come be "Shipwrecked" on an uncharted island where kids discover how Jesus carries us all through life's storms!. Registration is open now for campers Pre-K through Grade 6 as well as youth and adult volunteers. Cost: \$40 first child, \$30 per each additional child. Cost includes t-shirt, music CD, and daily snack. Register online via the link at strosechurch.com.

Is this YOUR summer to be a VBS volunteer? Calling all parents, grandparents, retirees and college students: We'd love to have YOU join our crew of adults to make Vacation Bible School 2019 the best ever. Bringing God's message to more than 200 campers and youth volunteers is a fun, loud, messy, and exciting challenge filled with songs, games, and laughter. Are YOU up for it? If you have an hour, a morning, or the whole week, we encourage you to join us. Do you love to decorate? Have a talent for singing? Have a passion for science experiments? We need you on the team! Details and link to volunteer form are on the St. Rose website. For more information, Contact VBS coordinators Laura Brennan: <u>brennanla@hotmail.com</u> or Julie Mauri: juliemauri@gmail.com.

## MEETING THE RISEN CHRIST IN THE JOURNEY OF OUR LIFE

An Easter retreat with Fr. Luke Buckles, O.P. Wednesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 28, 2019 Wednesday--Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Church, 85 South Main St., South Norwalk, CT. For more info, contact Parish Office 203-838-4171.

#### BISHOP CURTIS HOMES, CONGREGATE IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE MOVE IN:

Augustana Homes Congregate/Bishop Curtis Homes is a 44-unit facility owned and sponsored by Diocese of Bridgeport designed for the "frail" elderly, 62 years of age and able to live independently with minimal assistance. The Congregate program provides the following services to help residents maintain their independence; weekly housekeeping, noon meal served daily and twenty-four hour on-call personnel.

Each apartment is designed for independent living and contains a living/room area, kitchen and private bath, laundry and

Trash facilities on each floor. The 2018 income limits are maximized at \$52,550 for one person and \$60,050 for two; Subsidies are available through the State Department of Housing. This program has no restrictions concerning race, religion or national origin. Located in downtown Bethel. If interested contact Caroline Robinson or Patricia Neves at 203-790-9744.

**THE INCORRUPT HEART OF ST. JEAN VIANNEY** The incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney will be visiting St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Trumbull on April 29-30. Schedule: Monday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m.: Holy Mass in the presence of the Heart of St. John Vianney will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Daniel A. Cronin. Excerpts from the homilies of the Curé of Ars will be read every hour, on the hour. Prayers for priestly vocations, especially in the Diocese of Bridgeport, will be offered. Confessions will be heard from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. Holy Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 30, at 9:00 a.m. For more info about St. Jean Vianney and the relic tour, please visit www.kofc.org/vianney.



# MERCY SUNDAY

## Apríl 28**, 2019** at St. Rose Church - from 3 to 4 pm.



The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.

The Feast of Divine Mercy. On that day, the depths of My Divine Mercy will be open to all. Whoever will go to confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it returns to My Mercy.



Register to Run/Walk www.run4hunger-Newtown.com May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Everyone receives a medal and race shirt\*

Bring 3 non-perishable food items on race day! 100% of proceeds to support the Newtown F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry

Sponsorships still available!

www.run4hunger-newtown.com/spons

"for those registering by 3/1/15 (not confirmed for those registering after or on the day of the nace)



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Mrs. Kathleen Desrosiers, Contact Person
Sister Mary Ellen Genova, CSFN
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Mrs. Terry Cavaliere, Contact Person
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www.strosechurch.com

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