



December 6, 2020

Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 10:30, 5:00 pm
Monday - Friday, 6:45 and 9:00 am
Holy Days—Vigil Mass 7:30 pm
Holy Day-6:45 & 9:00 a.m., 5:30 & 7:30 pm
Holidays - 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

All parishioners are asked to be formally registered with the parish. Registration is required to receive parish mailings, sponsor certificates, and sacraments. Call the Rectory office for information or go to strosechurch.com/register.

PENANCE

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

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. A pre-Baptism class is required for those wishing to baptize a child. For other important parent and sponsor related pre-requisites, please call the Rectory office or go to strosechurch.com/baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE and CONFIRMATION

Religious education classes begin at age 4. First Grade is a pre-requisite for First Communion and First Penance. Attendance is required in each grade for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in grade 8. For more information and pre-requisites for these sacraments, go to strosechurch.com.

MARRIAGE

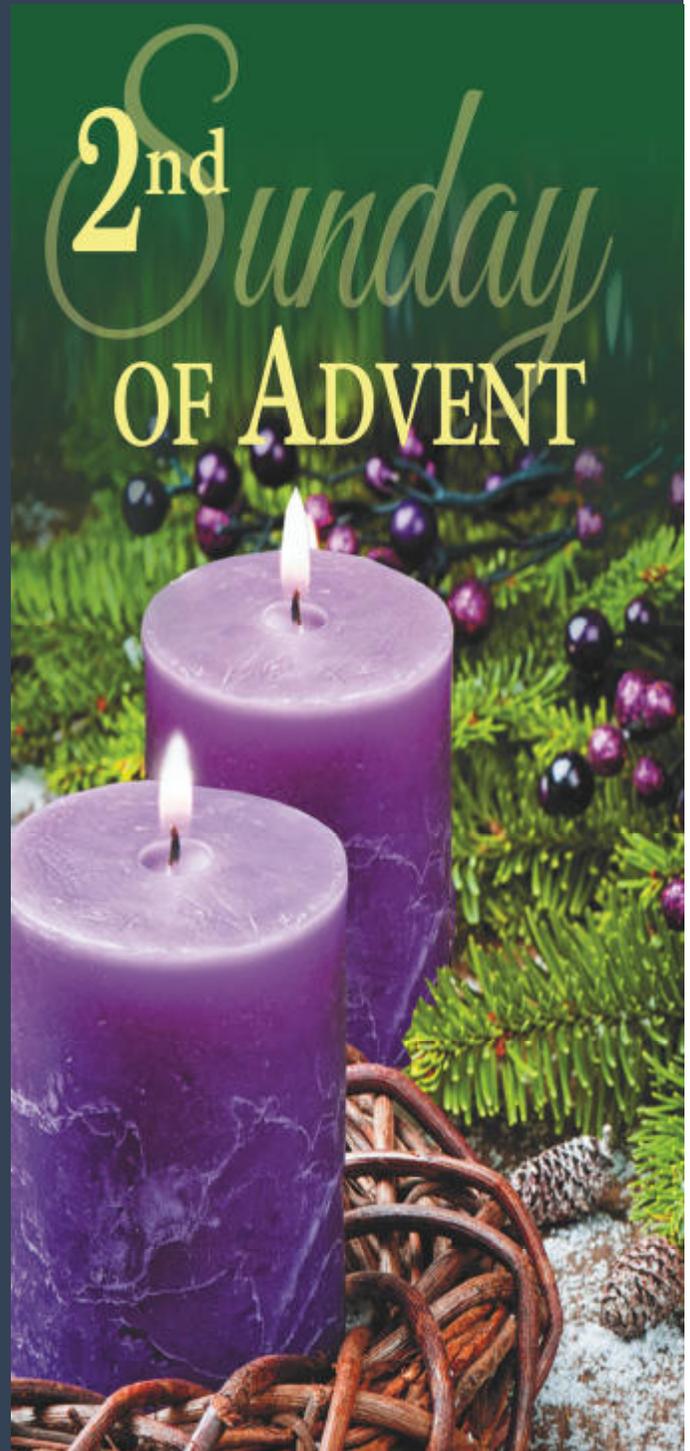
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory office if you wish to receive this sacrament or if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your home.

SAINT ROSE CEMETERY

The cemetery is located on the corner of Cherry and Black Cherry Streets in Sandy Hook. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office.



 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday, December 7

- 6:45 Ted Hamilton Flip & Knettie Archard
- 9:00 Herbert Walsh Liz & Dennis Brestovansky
Paul Meyer The Oemcke Family
- 7:30 Dr. Bromeo Mortera The DeBorja Family

Tuesday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

- 6:45 Eurico & Olga Oliva Barbara & Joseph Morrissey
- 9:00 Paul Ford Julie Shull
Anne Ford Jack Huray & Nan Jane Keough
- 5:30 Rosa Grieco Vincent, Joseph & Felice
Ray Baker Spiritual Journey
Richard Lambert Andrea Colelli

Wednesday, December 9

- 6:45 Michelina Ricciardi The Maturro Family
- 9:00 Edward Montray Family
Tom Chiamonte Julie Birch

Thursday, December 10

- 6:45 Sally Ratyna Flip & Knettie Archard
- 9:00 David Roos Debbie & Tim Reilly
Geraldine McNulty Michelle Gomez

Friday, December 11

- 6:45 Joan Kracker Flip & Knettie Archard
Kyung Sook Ruth (Soo) Hyeon Family
- 9:00 Elizabeth Heffernan &
Lorraine Alianti Pat Matthews
Marie Schorle Brian Leary & family

Saturday, December 12

- 4:00 Deceased members of K of C Council #185
Ann Hyland Hyland & Zaccaro Families
Vivian Bergonzi Anthony & Julie Fanelli & Family

Sunday, December 13

- 7:30 Bob Obre & Jack Obre Family
Peter & Camillo DiCrescenzo Mary DiCrescenzo
- 10:30 Dec'd members of Luzi & Marilyn & Dick
Gingras Families Gingras
Elwood Havard &
Vic Valentini The Ghosh Family
William Heagney The Collier Family
- 5:00 Eleanor Tevnan K of C Council 185
Mario Ribeiro Family

WEDDING BANNS



Banns II: Evan Kohlsaas & Rachel Williams
Banns II: Taylor Brady & Peter Fahan

BAPTISMS



We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of November 2020.

Lailana Palm Antal	Athena Jameson Husain
Logan Bodie Antal	Jack Richard Philbin
Layla James Conklin	Jason Michael Possemato, Jr.
Delaney Mae DeVellis	Jack Alexander Sullivan
Owen Carter Domingos	

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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2nd Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not? ©LPi

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week in memory of John Morgera as requested by Family.



A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

PREPARE

The voice of John the Baptist is calling to us during this second week in Advent to prepare the way of the Lord. Who is John the Baptist? Why would God choose him to make this announcement? Who is going to listen to him, one who seems so unlikely? Here is a man living in the desert, eating wild honey and locusts and dressed in camel skins? And yet, like so many in the history of our salvation, he was the chosen one. His voice was strong as he called the people to repentance so as to be ready to receive the long awaited Savior. That call is as fresh today as it was when it was first given. We need to ask ourselves if we are ready to accept this Savior into our lives by freeing ourselves from our sins. Are our hearts ready to accept this Prince of Peace? John the Baptist echoes the call of Isaiah the prophet to be ready: **“In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”** Isaiah is not referring to a transformation of physical nature but a transformation of ourselves! The wastelands that fill our lives will be taken from us and we will be freed from sin and darkness. All those things that prevent us from loving others will be taken away. Our egos will be humbled by the power and the goodness of God. We will have all we seek in life. We will be filled with peace, hope, justice, unity and love. So much is given to us as we await this Prince of Peace to be born again among us. Too much is lost if we turn a deaf ear or blind eye to the messages of these Scriptures. **PREPARE!**

Once again, our thanks for your support of the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to help a number of local agencies and churches who provide food to our brothers and sisters. Do not forget that these folks are hungry year round and need our support and generosity. It would be a great help if we developed a habit of making a monthly donation to our food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens so they can meet the needs of those who turn to them for assistance.

Where are we now?

CAROLINE’S TOY CHEST begins this weekend and runs through December 19. The trailer is located behind the church and will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and after all the Masses on the weekend. You are asked to donate new and unwrapped toys. We especially need gifts for our “Tweens”. Toys will be distributed beginning on the 20th.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY is our way of assisting individuals and families from our parish who need help at Christmastime. We simply ask you to make a donation and we use those funds to purchase gift cards appropriate for the situation. Because of the pandemic, I am not able to distribute our usual sheets. If you would like to support this charity, please make your checks payable to Saint Rose Church and indicate on the memo line: Adopt-A-Family.

If you know any families or individuals who could benefit from these charities, please contact the rectory office. All information is kept confidential.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS CELEBRATED ON DECEMBER 8. IT IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SO PLEASE BE SURE TO WORSHIP WITH US. OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 7:30 P.M. (LIVESTREAMED)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 6:45 AND 9:00 A.M. (LIVESTREAMED)

AND 5:30 P.M. (LIVESTREAMED)

PARKING LOT MASS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 9:00 A.M.

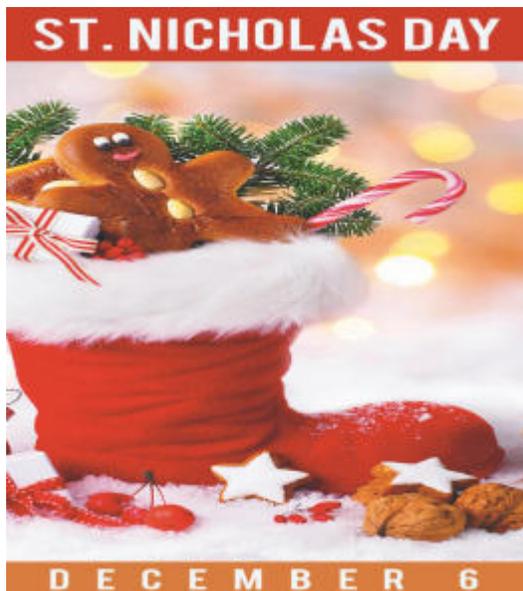


ADVENT WEEK #2 - This week we light our second Advent candle. As we continue to approach the Light of Christ on Christmas Day, we notice the light from our wreaths is getting brighter. Take time to increase your family's faith by saying grace before meals, praying together before bedtime, reading stories from a children's bible, or reciting the rosary (go to the Diocese of Bridgeport website for the Sunday evening link.) Increasing your faith practices, adds to the light of the Advent candles.

WE REMEMBER DECEMBER SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS - Please take some time to research and observe the lives of the saints we celebrate this month: Dec 6, Feast of St. Nicholas; Dec 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary; Dec. 9, Feast of St. Juan Diego; Dec. 12, Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast Day of St. Lucy; Dec. 13.

VALENTINES FOR TROOPS - Though it is early, we ask all of our students (all grades) to begin writing a note to our military troops, both overseas and here in the U.S. Letters or cards should be addressed "Dear Serviceperson". Students can write about their favorite things, subjects, pets, food, etc., but realize the students will not receive a response. All letters and cards should be signed with their first name ONLY. Students can say they are praying for our troops, but nothing more since we do not know the faith of the person receiving the letter. Any questions, please contact Mary Craig at sacraments@strosechurch.com.

NO LIVE NATIVITY THIS YEAR - Due to the limitations caused by the pandemic, we are not able to have children gather and create the beautiful Live Nativity that we enjoy each year. This annual event, which retells the story of the night of Jesus' Birth, will hopefully be back next year.



SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for your support of St. Rose School on #Giving Tuesday! Every gift makes a big difference, enabling us to provide a stellar academic, faith focused education to children in Preschool through 8th grade. We thank God for the gift of you!

Incredible prize, incredible odds, incredible cause! The St. Rose of Lima School Tuition Raffle is running now through January 31st. By purchasing one ticket for \$100 you have the chance to win \$10,000 to be used for tuition at any K-12 school, college/university accredited in the United States or to pay back student loans. Only 350 tickets will be sold so the odds are very favorable. This is an important fundraiser for St. Rose of Lima School and an awesome opportunity for the lucky winner -- we hope you will consider purchasing a ticket. Questions? Email raffle@srles.com.

Mark your calendars for St. Rose School's Open House, Sunday January 31st, 2021. Details to follow. In the meantime, take a virtual tour, <https://www.stroseschool.com/virtual-tour> and/or email admission@srles.com with questions. We blend innovation and tradition to create enlightened students. Come join our family -- a warm welcome awaits you.

Please remember that St. Rose School will be closed on December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. *"Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."*



PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

PASTORAL VISITS

Are you or a family member Homebound, or in a short-term facility for Rehabilitation, in a Nursing Home, Hospital or on Hospice Care? Would you like a Pastoral/Eucharistic Minister to visit you &/or bring you **Communion**? Because of HIPPA regulations, we have no means of knowing if you are in any of the above situations unless you notify us. Please feel free to call Sister Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. We are looking forward to your call and to serving you.



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. The program is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room at 10 a.m. Meetings are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.



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

Religious Articles and Parishioner to Parishioner are suspended until further notice. The purpose of the Social Concerns Committee is to support our parishioners and neighbors in need. In the past, we have relied on monthly religious articles sales, contributions to our semi-annual food drives, and donations to our Cares Box. Our Cares Box is in the back of the church. On the 3rd weekend of every month, you'll find it in the vestibule. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to support our local organizations.

For Social Concerns information please call: Kathleen Belmont, 203-426-3227, and leave a message. Please do not call after 7pm.

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



ST. JOSEPH PROJECT



If the economy, job loss, illness or an unexpected emergency has caused your family to have difficulty regarding housing issues for St. Rose parishioners, please contact Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. Everything is strictly confidential. St. Joseph, pray for us! Praise the Lord! He takes care of His children!

LIFT-A-SPIRIT MEAL MINISTRY

There is nothing nicer than a home-cooked meal! For many members of our St. Rose parish family who are dealing with chronic illnesses or who are facing medical emergencies, a hot meal, made with love and prayers, is nourishing to the body and soul. Please consider joining our group. Contact Kathy: 203-456-6303.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We meet on the third Sunday of the month @38 Church Hill Road in the back entrance conference room. Please use back door. For information, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 914-409-6236. Meetings are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

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, email: flsequenzia@gmail.com. Meetings are postponed until further notice.

ROSARY RECITATION IN CHURCH

Join us in front of the Blessed Mother statue Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. Mass.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Become a Friendly Visitor and spend time once a month with elderly who are isolated due to illness or infirmity. Please contact Sister Mary Ellen Genova at 203-426-2572 or Mariotte Corson at 203-426-9275.



MEETINGS

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Meetings are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

The FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The meetings are postponed until further notice due to the Coronavirus. Questions, call Blanca at 203-426-3253.

ST. ROSE JOB NETWORKING

Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) Zoom meeting on Tuesday, December 8th from 6-7:30 PM. Melanie Sziucha, our guest speaker will present on "How to Fix a Broken Resume". This is a free network group for people looking for new opportunities or interested in professional development. *To request the zoom link for the next Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) meeting, please e-mail john@itechp.com.*

ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING

Are you interested in being involved with men seeking the Lord asking for His guidance to fulfill the calling on your Life? Then this men's group is what you are looking for. Hope to see you soon! For additional information, contact Tony Evertz at tevertz@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158. Meetings are on Thursdays **outside Holy Innocents at 10 a.m.**

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING

The next Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus. For info, please contact Deacon Norm Roos, 203-739-0175, email: normroosjr@aol.com.

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 at the Bell Garden**. The aim is to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the Cross for the love of souls. The Special Mission is to work for the salvation and the sanctification of the members of their own Families and of the poorest of the poor of the whole world. Come see.

WEBS - WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY

Meetings are on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the **Bell Garden**. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-994-5106 with questions or sign-ups.

C&L (Communion and Liberation) is an ecclesial movement in the Catholic Church based on the premise that Faith lived out in communion, is the foundation of the true liberation of man. CL website: <https://english.clonline.org/>. We meet every Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 pm. on Zoom from our homes. For more information, please call at 203-426-9275 or email at mariottcorson@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY- **The Children's Rosary will be postponed until further notice.**

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

Due to the coronavirus, meetings are postponed until further notice. Prayer meetings meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We meet from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

MEETINGS

ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK

Due to the coronavirus, meetings on campus are postponed. 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 mrryan9497@gmail.com

YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

Due to the coronavirus, the meetings are postponed until further notice.

The group meets at Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center on the fourth Tuesday of the month to present and discuss a topic relevant to widowhood. Find help dealing with the significant changes a spouse's death brings. Meet people in similar circumstances for support, friendship and understanding. For more info www.meetup.com/widows-ct or call 203-426-0481.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meetings are held off campus until further notice.

AA meets every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. in the upper room at 38 Church Hill Road. AA is a fellowship of men and women who help each other from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help others achieve sobriety. Come join us.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking With Purpose, a bible study for women, meets on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings starting Tues. October 6 7-8:30 p.m. and Wed. October 7 @10: a.m.. Meetings are virtual. Course: *Fearless and Free*, is an 11-week course. There is no registration fee. The registration form is online at our St. Rose website. For more information, go to strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study or contact Beth Groonell at elizabethgroonell@me.com with questions.

ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB

We are an organization of women united in faith and fellowship. We welcome any women of St. Rose Parish who have an interest in becoming a member. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are all experiencing many changes in our previous schedules. SRWC is not meeting in person.

For the past 8 months SRWC members have been supporting each other and our parish by praying for the sick, the hospitalized, the recovering, and reaching out to the lonely, the needy, the elderly, who are staying home alone. We write, call, visit if possible, inform members where there is a need, and pray for each other. Everyone is welcome to join us. On the second Tuesday of each month, some of our members meet in a home to pray the ROSARY together. On the third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP, led by Renee Baade. Call President Eileen Gallo (203-426-8223) to join any of these groups.



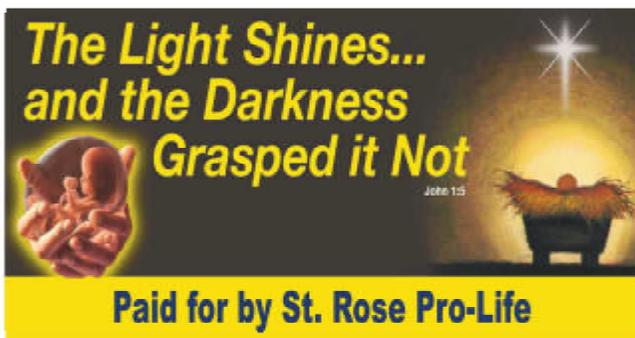
On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began at the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of conception, when it is lovingly knit together by God the Father.

Please continue to pray for our country, especially in the wake of our elections, that our government may pursue policies that respect and defend life.

"This year the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of the landmark pro-life encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Written by Pope St. John Paul II, this prophetic document passionately reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and sacredness of every human life. It remains a foundational text for all our efforts to ensure that the life of every human person is protected and cherished." -Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Thank you to all who participated in this year's baby bottle drive! We appreciate your support for the Sisters of Life and Birthright of Danbury. Due to the advent of the pandemic the drive had been put on hold, but you can still return your bottle filled with your donation! You may place it in the offering basket when you come to Mass.

The Pro-life committee has a new billboard on Route 25 south of the Newtown Stop & Shop in Monroe for the month of December: "The Light Shines and the Darkness Grasp(ed) It Not"



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SERVING US
May God keep special watch over these men and women serving in the United States Military

United States Army
LTC Andra Allison
MAJ Robert A. Bassett, DO
PFC Ryan J. Bepko
PVT Jack Carello
2LT Patrick Carello
SGT Daniel Cartisano
PVT Ronald Corris
SSG Anthony T. D'Aquila

1LT Stephen Gardner
MAJ Rachel (Askue) Hoffman
CPT Michael Hubbard
CPT Tucker Hughes
CPT Paul M. Kearney
MAJ Matthew A. LaRocca
WO Rylan McCullom
SGT Thomas J. Merrifield
LTC Sean Pond
SPC 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
LT 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
CAPT John Porado
SN Eric Ralson, Jr.
CPO Matthew Sidor
CDR Joseph P. Smith
PO1 Christopher Szabbo

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

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

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United meets on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.



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



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 Giving Link on the top 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
46 Church Hill Rd. (Next to Knights of Columbus Hall.)



Hours: Tues. 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thurs. 4-6 p.m.
BY APPOINTMENT

If questions, call 203-426-5604 Or 203-837-0816
Food can be dropped off at Village Perk, The Newtown Bee, Caraluzzi’s Market, Fisio Therapy, Popowich Chiropractor, Barre Boutique. Volunteers must be 21 and over and Virtus trained.

DIACONATE DISCOVERY EVENINGS

Watch for future dates and meanwhile speak to any of the clergy if you are having a sense of a call to the diaconate.



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

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 Matt Rahtelli, (203) 885 4987, or email him at mrahtelli2@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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

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.



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.

Stay Connected with our Parish through Email, Social Media

Stay informed about important announcements and happenings at our Parish! We share COVID-19 related news and other important events via email and social media. Write to content@strosechurch.com if you'd like to join our Parish-wide email list, or go to our website at strosechurch.com to get connected to our social media!



December 2020 Blood Drives

Newtown Congregational Church

14 West Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Fri Dec 11, 9 am - 6 pm
Tue Dec 15, 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Tues Dec 29, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 pm

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
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Can Divorced Catholics Take Communion?

Question: Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

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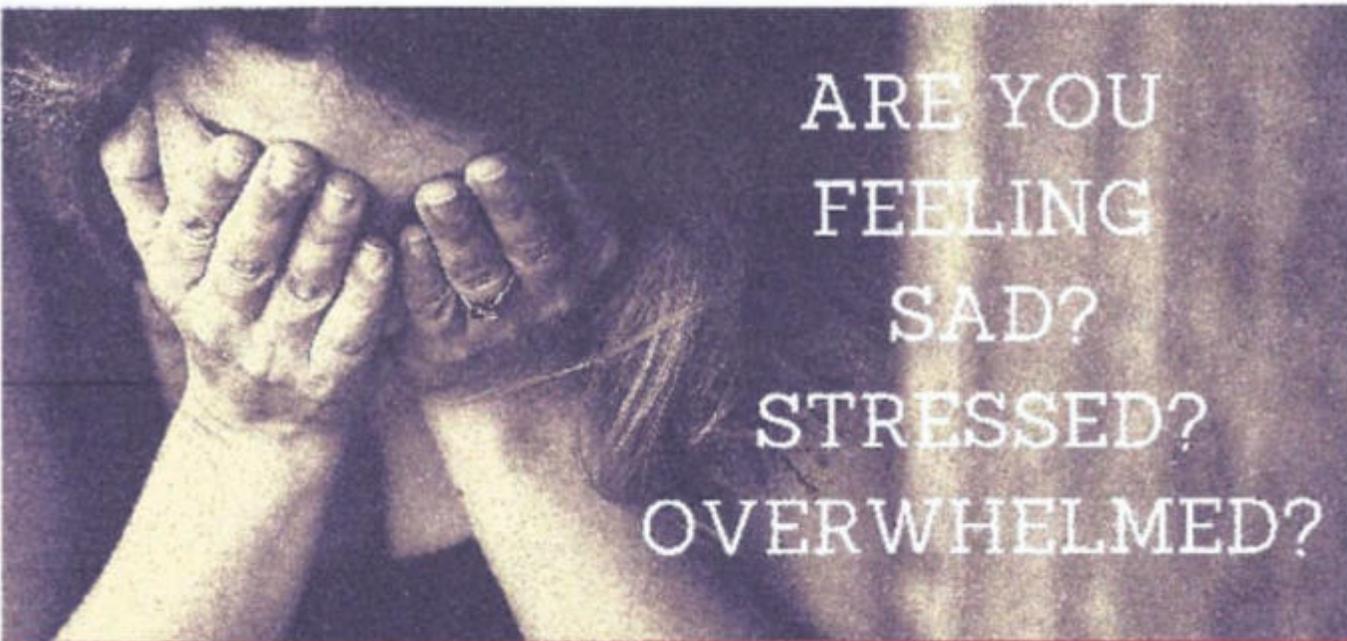
Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don’t feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don’t feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

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We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys from November 28 – December 19. Donations can be dropped off at the trailer by the white fence behind St Rose Church after each Mass during those weekends, or dropped off at the Rectory.

This year, our distribution night will be on Sunday, December 20 from 6:00-8:30 PM, in Monsignor Weiss Gathering Hall. Any parents, in need of assistance this Christmas Season, are welcome to come and select Christmas gifts for their children.

**May everyone have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!
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