



# ST. ROSE OF LIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 7, 2021

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](http://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](http://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](http://strosechurch.com).

### MARRIAGE

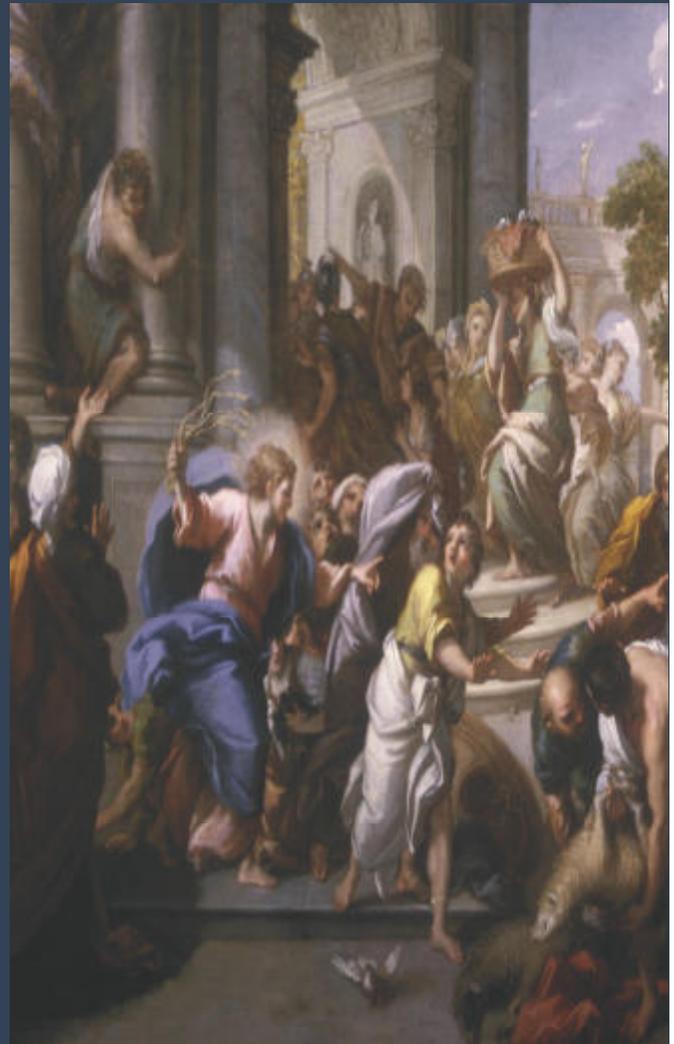
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to [strosechurch.com/marriage](http://strosechurch.com/marriage).

### 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.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Monday, March 8

- 6:45 Owen Heneghan . . . . . Kevin Roche
- 9:00 Joe DeGuilio . . . . . Karen & Paul Kelly  
Glenn Atkinson . . . . . Family

## Tuesday, March 9

- 6:45 James Bixby . . . . . The Kerins Family
- 9:00 Fr. Steve Opra . . . . . Peggy & Tony Baiad

## Wednesday, March 10

- 6:45 Thomas Castellani . . . . . St. Rose Religious Ed.
- 9:00 Joan Kracker . . . . . Flip & Knettie Archard

## Thursday, March 11

- 6:45 Eugene Bobel . . . . . June & Tom Boccuzzi
- 9:00 Patricia Civala . . . . . St. Rose Religious Ed.

## Friday, March 12

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Louis P. Winnington . . . . St. Rose School Staff

## Saturday, March 13

- 4:00 Jack Obre . . . . . Family

## Sunday, March 14

- 7:30 AJ & Tony Valle . . . . . Agnes Tokarski  
Robert Williams . . . . . Debbie & Pat Pepe
- 10:30 Anthony Juliano . . . . . Dolores Pruefer  
Georgette Palilla . . . . . Muriel Flood
- 5:00 Soo Hyeon . . . . . Karen & Paul Kelly

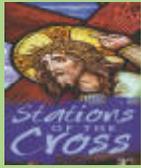
**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Moira Dennigan as requested by Kathleen Belmont.**



**Baptisms**  
We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of February, 2021.  
**Anastasia Marie Cordero**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
All Fridays of Lent at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.



**MASS RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO ATTEND IN CHURCH MASS EACH WEEKEND.** Go to our website [WWW.STROSECHURCH.COM](http://WWW.STROSECHURCH.COM) and click on Mass times. Click on Go here for more information, scroll down to St. Rose of Lima Mass reservations, click on the mass you wish to attend, click RSVP, click number of reservations needed, click on check out as guest, click next, type in the purchaser information, click next and check "I accept the terms..." click confirm. If you do not have email, please call the parish office **203-426-1014** and we will gladly help you make reservations. **Remember, the deadline for reservations is Thursday at midnight.** Thank you.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 7, 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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## A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

As we begin our Third Week of Lent, our liturgy calls us to reflect on the Ten Commandments! As much as our society wants to erase these commandments from public buildings and education, they remain the very essence of our faith and belief in God. It is important to realize that these were given to us by God Himself; they are not man-made suggestions for a better life! In order to follow them, we need to know them which can be a challenge for us. We all have some knowledge of these commandments, but if we were put to the test of listing them in order, all of them, it might be more difficult than we realize! To know is to love, and we must know so that we not only love them but live them in our everyday lives and in relationship with one another. Why not test yourself and your family and see how you do? Give it a try!

A parishioner sent the following to me that he thought should be shared. As you know, Steve Jobs was the co-founder, Chairman and CEO of Apple Corporation and a billionaire. He died in 2011 after losing his battle with pancreatic cancer. He posted the following observation just prior to his death:

*I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In some others' eyes, my life is the epitome of success. I have little joy. In the end, my wealth is the only fact of life that I am accustomed to. At this moment, lying on my bed and recalling my life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in have paled and become meaningless in the face of my death.*

*You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you, but you cannot have someone bear your sickness for you. Material things lost can be found or replaced. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost: life. Whichever stage of life you are in right now, with time, you will face the day when the curtain comes down. Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others. As we grow older, and hopefully wiser, we realize that a \$13,000 gold Rolex watch or a \$30 watch both tell the same time. You will realize that your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether you fly first class or economy, if the plane goes down, you go with it.*

*Therefore, I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you can chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing-songs with, talk about north,-south-east-west or heaven or earth with, that is true happiness! Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things and not the price. Eat your food as your medicine, otherwise you have to eat medicine as your food.*

*There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage for yourself!*

*The six best doctors in the world are sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, faith and friends. Maintain them in all stages and enjoy a healthy life."*

### LENT AT SAINT ROSE

**Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

**ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED and COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARKING LOT.**

**Daily Masses (Monday – Friday): 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.**

**Confessions: Thursday Evening 8:00 -9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m.**

**Adoration: Thursday Evening from 8:00 -9:00 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross: Friday at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.**

### The Ten Commandments:

I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before Me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.



**FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOPS:** Please join us for the First Communion Workshop for Grade 2 students and parent. Due to limited space, we ask that only one parent join their child, following the schedule below. If there is a question or you cannot attend your scheduled session, please contact Mrs. Sandy Jarvis, at 203-426-2333, Ext. 4.

**Sunday, March 7:** 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. (Mrs. Donigian, Mrs. Russo and Mrs. Ferriera)

**Tuesday, March 9:** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Mrs. Marks)

**Monday, March 22 (new date):** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Mrs. Fahey, Mrs. Manfredonia/Mrs. Mulrane).

**Thursday, March 18 (just added):** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Home-School students).

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN:** The live presentation will take place in the church on Good Friday, April 2. If you are interested in signing up your child to participate in the Living Stations, please contact Mrs. Sandy Jarvis, Coordinator, at 203-426-2333, Ext. 4.

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**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](mailto:content@strosechurch.com)** if you'd like to join our Parish-wide email list, or **go to our website at [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com)** to get connected to our social media!

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA MEMORIAL FUND**

The St. Rose of Lima Memorial Fund has graciously been chosen by the following families in memory of a loved one. We are most grateful for their generosity.

**Gift of Meg Walsh in memory of George Petermann**



**Our Lenten Mission Drive is underway.** Thank you for your generosity -- we have raised \$1,000 so far! Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each, every weekday. Winners are drawn on Fridays. Monies raised will be donated to help children in Ghana as well as those in need locally. God bless.

**Join us for Live Virtual Tours of K-8 at St. Rose School** with Admissions Director Mrs. Coppola, Tuesdays, 11:00 - 12 noon. Discover why St. Rose School could be the right fit for your family. Pre-registration required, using this link, <https://app.sayhellocampus.com/o/stroseschool/reg/new/az2z>

**St. Rose Preschool is a place of light, learning and love!** Dedicated, innovative and professional teachers create a nurturing environment where social, emotional, cognitive and physical growth are nurtured. Our program encourages children to discover themselves and God's world in educational, creative and engaging ways; we prepare them academically and socially for a seamless transition to Kindergarten and beyond. **Learn more about our Preschool 3, 4 and Transitional Kindergarten programs here, <https://www.stroseschool.com/academics/preschool>.** Interested in a tour? Email [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com). A warm welcome awaits you!

**Do you have a 2 year old? Check out our Peek-A-Boo 2's program** which runs Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., rolling 10-week sessions. Interested? Contact [admissions@srles.com](mailto:admissions@srles.com) for registration details. A warm welcome awaits you!

**A special THANK YOU to our Knights of Columbus** for all the support you give to St. Rose School. We are truly grateful for your hearts of service and our partnership. We wish you great success with the Fish Frys this Lenten season and encourage all of our school families to consider ordering take out on Fridays!

**Your gift can help children in Preschool through 8th grade BLOOM in mind, heart and soul.** Think of it as investing in MANY bright futures! <https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/blooms-fun!> **Thank you and God bless!**

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**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**

**During the pandemic, if anyone wants religious articles, please contact Lynda Healey (203) 300-3211 and she will help you. We have an assortment of reasonably priced items for First Communion, in addition to inspirational coffee mugs, St. Joseph home seller statues, holy water fonts, saint medals, bracelets, rosaries, and more.**

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.

**Parishioner to Parishioner is back!** ("Available" items are offered free of charge. Just make arrangements to pick them up.)

**Available: Shower chair—nearly new, thoroughly sanitized**

**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 Covid.

**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 is 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 9th with Don Smith. His presentation, “The Power of Intention” will tell you why and how success is at the end of your intentions. 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, e-mail [john@itechcp.com](mailto:john@itechcp.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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

We will begin a new book, *Unleashed*, by Sonja Corbitt on Thursday, March 11th. Meetings are held virtually on Zoom on Thursdays from 10 am to 11:30 am. Call Liz: 203-994-5106. Sonja Corbitt was an evangelical Baptist before she converted to Catholicism. In *Unleashed*, she shares her passion for the scriptures by weaving the Word of God with her own experiences to show readers how the Holy Spirit flows through their lives in relationships, prayer, and even in times of suffering and trials.

**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 [mariottecorson@gmail.com](mailto:mariottecorson@gmail.com).

**DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:** Due to the coronavirus, meetings are postponed until further notice. Prayer meetings meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. We meet from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Chapel. All 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](mailto: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](http://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 Wednesdays, starting March 3rd from 10-11:45 a.m.. Meetings are virtual on Zoom. Course: *Living in the Father’s Love*, is a 6-week study. This study will allow us to gain a deeper understanding of how God’s unconditional love transforms our relationships with others, ourselves, and most dearly, with Him. Open registration. For more information, go to [strosecchurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study](http://strosecchurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study) or contact Joanne Ihlefeld at [jihlefeld@charter.net](mailto:jihlefeld@charter.net) or Sandy Previdi 203-830-9044, [jwprev@yahoo.com](mailto:jwprev@yahoo.com).

**ST. ROSE WOMEN’S CLUB**

We are the women of St. Rose Parish, on hiatus since February, 2020. We do hold a ROSARY GROUP on the second Tuesday of each month; place to be determined each month. We meet on the third Thursday of the month for BOOK GROUP, in the Antiques Room of C.B. Library. This month we read ANNE of GREEN GABLES by L. M. Montgomery. The club members are active together as we pray for the health & wellbeing of our members, clergy & parish needs, and special prayer requests. Please call Eileen at 203-426-8223 if interested in the groups. All are welcome! We look forward to meeting in-person when that becomes possible!

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



Please visit [www.ctstopsuicide.org](http://www.ctstopsuicide.org) to sign the petition to stop the legalization of suicide in Connecticut.

“Politicians in Hartford are again considering assisted suicide legislation. The Public Health Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The Committee has raised House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients". Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities.

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it involves taking an innocent human life:

*‘The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear.’ (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).’ -CT Catholic Public Affairs Conference, <https://action.ctcatholicpac.org/>*

“The Public Health Committee has voted legislation detrimental to pro-life Pregnancy Resource Centers in Connecticut out of Committee. Please help the centers oppose the legislation by emailing your State Representatives and Senators. Urge them to Vote "NO" on S.B. 835 "An Act Concerning Deceptive Advertising Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers"...

S.B. 835 is based on completely inaccurate and misleading information about pregnancy resource centers in our state and is part of a national campaign to discredit the work that these centers perform. The word "abortion" is the linchpin in determining who is covered by this proposed legislation and who is not. Proof of this statement can be found in Section 1(7) where "limited services pregnancy center" is defined as centers that do not provide referrals for abortions or emergency contraception.

Visit <https://action.ctcatholicpac.org/> for more information.

For more information on the Church’s guidance on moral questions in regards to vaccines and aborted fetal tissue, please visit <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research>

**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  
 AIC 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  
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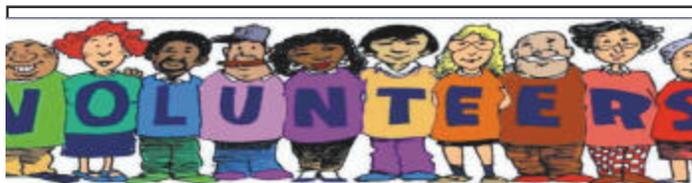
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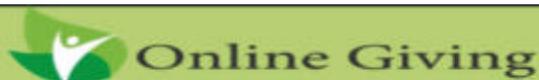


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**DIACONATE DISCOVERY EVENINGS**

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](mailto:mascologuy@yahoo.com)

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**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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage? The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are Friday/Saturday/Sunday, March 19-21  
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

**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.

**THE FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE**

How familiar is your family with the Bible? Does the Bible have a place of prominence in your home? Join with families around the world on Sunday, January 24, 2021 for *Sunday of the Word of God*, established by Pope Francis in 2019. Visit [www.formationreimagined.org](http://www.formationreimagined.org) for a Family Bible Challenge, now in its eighth season and used by families all over the country to grow in their knowledge of Sacred Scripture.

**FRIENDS OF NEWTOWN SENIORS CHORE SERVICES**

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Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? Then we have an opportunity for you! Friends of Newtown Seniors Chore Services is a free service for Senior Citizens (55+) of Newtown that might need a hand with chores around their home so that they are able to remain living independently and with dignity. Chores that at one time were easy but now are a challenge is where **you** can help! If you can change a light bulb, replace a battery in a smoke detector, fix a door handle, move a piece of furniture, help with computer issues or love yard work, to name a few ....we can use your help! If you are interested, please call 203-430-0633 or send an email to : [fonschoreservices@gmail.com](mailto:fonschoreservices@gmail.com)

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**Newtown Congregational Church**  
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**Thursday, March 11, 1:30 pm—6:00 pm**  
**Friday, March 12, 9:00 am —1:30 pm**  
**Thursday, March 25, 8:30 am—1:30 pm**  
**Friday, March 26, 9:00 am—2:00 pm**

The need for blood is constant, even during COVID and snowstorms! Schedule now to donate in March at Newtown Congregational Church. All donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Results available within one to two weeks via your donor account on both [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and the Blood Donor App. If you've had a COVID vaccination, please bring the type of vaccine used. Schedule via [redcrossblood.org/](http://redcrossblood.org/) or 800-733-2767. COVID-19 protocols apply; facemasks are required and provided if needed.

**IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

Register for High School Placement Test (9th grade applicants only). If you apply to Immaculate High School, your application fee includes the exam taken at Immaculate. The HSPT is a one-time test and is offered online. Proctored from home Wednesday, March 10 at 8 a.m. Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m.

**VERITAS CATHOLIC RADIO**

We are on **1350AM on the radio**, and you can also live stream broadcasts through the app which is available at the Apple Store and at the Google Play Store.

**Healing After Abortion:** Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A **"Day of Prayer and Healing"** offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call 866-575-0075 (toll free) or by email at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)

**PROJECT BELOVED** is now accepting applications for several key positions in our soon-to-open medical practice. We are seeking candidates for the following paid positions: Family Practice Physician (FT or PT), Nurse Practitioner (FT or PT), Medical Assistant (FT), and Receptionist (FT). Project Beloved Inc. is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to establish a life-affirming medical center in Stamford, CT. Please visit [www.projectbeloved.co](http://www.projectbeloved.co) to learn more. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume to Project Beloved: [info@projectbeloved.com](mailto:info@projectbeloved.com).

***Have a Minute?***

It only takes that long to watch a weekly spiritual and inspirational message from Monsignor Bob.

**Weiss Wednesdays:** Monsignor Weiss offers thoughts and reflections on what it means to live a faith-filled life as a Roman Catholic and navigate through the challenging world around us.

**Stay connected with us!** Watch these videos and more on [Strosechurch.com](http://Strosechurch.com), [Facebook@Stroseoflimanewtown](https://www.facebook.com/Stroseoflimanewtown), [YouTube.com/stroseoflimachurch](https://www.youtube.com/stroseoflimachurch), [Twitter@strosenewtown](https://twitter.com/strosenewtown), [Instagram@stroseoflimact](https://www.instagram.com/stroseoflimact)

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Parents Just Don't Understand**

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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March 19th	March 26th
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**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

**St. Joseph's Seven Sorrows  
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The Seven Sundays Devotion**

**Prayers in honor of  
The Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph**

Published in 1943 by Fr. Hugolinus Joseph Storff, OFM. Updated by Fr. Dan Cambra, MIC

**Sorrow 7. The loss of the Child Jesus (Luke 2:45)**

**Joy 7. Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:46)**

7: Glorious St. Joseph, patron of the dying, great was your sorrow when you lost, through no fault of your own, the Child Jesus for three days. But how great was your joy when you found Him in the Temple.

By this sorrow and this joy, we ask you to help [name(s)] to not lose their Savior for all eternity, but to find Him who is Divine Mercy itself, in the temple of their hearts, especially at the hour of death.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be - or - 7 Our Fathers and 7 Hail Marys*

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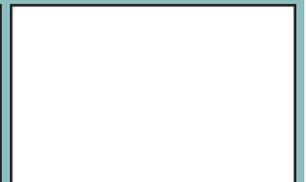
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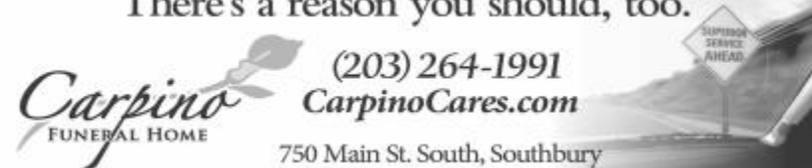
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