



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 21, 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.

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.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 22

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Joseph Principato Dave & Ginny Jess

Tuesday, March 23

- 6:45 Mary Larson Gaulin-McKenzie Family
- 9:00 Lawrence Cavanaugh Marcia Cavanaugh

Wednesday, March 24

- 6:45 Tomasso Todaro Kerins Family
- 9:00 Gloria Snyder St. Rose Religious Ed.
Dr. Roberto Romero The Sonido Family

Thursday, March 25

- 6:45 Joseph Gauci The Keogler Family
- 9:00 Lynn Lewis Sister Colleen Smith, ASJC

Friday, March 26

- 6:45 Dr. Jack Patterson The Keogler Family
- 9:00 Oswaldo Santana St. Rose School

Saturday, March 27

- 4:00 Marie Canfield The Gaulin-McKenzie Family
- 4:00 Lois Burritt The Lansing Family

Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday)

- 7:30 Carmella & William Fargelli . . Fernandez &
Fargelli Family
- James Shukie George & Helen Benson
- 10:30 Theresa & William McGowan, Jr. . . Frank &
Lee-Ann Sequenzia
- Joseph Liscinsky, Jr. Liscinsky Family
- John Pavia, Marilyn Imbimbo &
Maria Alagna Nella Pavia
- 5:00 Mary Socci Mary Kimberlin

Thank you for your generous support of **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 21, 2021 5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

**I asked Jesus, "How much do you love me?"
Jesus answered, "This much....."
Then he spread His arms and died for me.**

As we come together to begin the Fifth Week of Lent, Passiontide, we are reminded that the life-giving mysteries of Jesus' suffering and death will soon be celebrated as we gather on Easter morning. The Gospel image of wheat is part of Jesus' preparation to help His disciples understand why He would willingly suffer and die for us: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." The death of Jesus gives life to all of us. His passion and death are not in vain for those who believe; in fact, they are the very source of all our hope and faith. Passiontide is a reminder to us to put away those things that distract us from the reality and depth of God's love and to free ourselves from the darkness of these times so to live in the fullness of that love. These final days of Lent call us to intensify our Lenten sacrifices, increase our good works of charity and prepare ourselves to walk the journey of Christ through His suffering and death to the glory of His resurrection. The Lord calls out to Jeremiah, the young prophet, to reiterate the covenant He established with the Israelites: "I will be their God; they shall be my people." It is time for us to renew that covenant in our own living. As we draw closer to Easter, let us use well these days to seek the forgiveness that can come only from God. I know that many Catholics have turned away from the Sacrament of Penance. We have bought into the secular attitudes that I do nothing wrong, and yet that is the greatest of all sins, pride! We all sin. We all need God's forgiveness. We forget that every action we take, every decision we make, affects the lives of others. There is no such thing as a "private" sin when you belong to the Body of Christ! We are called through grace to build up that Body and to turn away from those things that destroy it. Now is the time, more than ever, to free ourselves from the web of darkness that sin creates and find our way to reconciliation and peace with God, with ourselves and with others! Stay steady in your Lenten promises, pray more earnestly, sacrifice more generously, open your heart more fully to the needs of others. And if you have not started Lent yet...this is the perfect time to do so!!

COME AND SEEK PEACE THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Thursday, March 25 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 27 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 29 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Good Friday following the 3:00 p.m. Service**

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. *
Adoration until midnight**
**Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.
Family Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon *
The Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. *
Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.**
**Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m.
Blessing of Food at 2:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. ***
**Easter Sunday: Sunrise Mass at 6:00 a.m.
(outside, weather permitting)
Masses: 7:30 a.m. Church*, 9:30 a.m. Church and Hall*,
11:30 a.m. Church and Hall***
*** Reservations required for these Masses and Services**

A word of thanks to the 200+ parishioners who have already made a gift or pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal raising \$62,000+ towards our goal of \$204,000. Please consider supporting this Appeal as part of your Lenten sacrifice and almsgiving and help those so deeply affected by this pandemic, emotionally, financially, spiritually and physically. Your goodness and generosity will come back to you a hundredfold!



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

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

LENTEN ALMSGIVING: As the students are returning to in-person classes, the catechists are handing out the Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl" to remind children to pray for the poor children around the world who live each day without clean drinking water, medicine and a surplus of food. We are so blessed in this community to have an abundance of everything we need, and if someone needs help, our Newtown Community is here to assist families.

Please be as generous as you can to assist others through the collection of coins during Lent. The donations collected will be shared with Catholic Relief Services and Morning Glory Breakfast Program in Fairfield County. Thank you.

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.

HOLIDAY REMINDERS: Classes will not be held on Easter Sunday, April 4, and during the week of April 11 due to Spring Break for Newtown Public Schools. Classes will continue to be held in person through the months of March and April. Please check with your child's catechist for any updates.

MASS RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO ATTEND IN CHURCH MASS EACH WEEKEND.

Go to our website 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.



Lenten Mission Drive is underway. Thank you for your generosity -- we have raised more than \$2,000 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.

St. Rose School students are thriving as classes continue on site, safely. Innovative lessons such as the Pi-Line skyline to celebrate national Pi Day, the 5th grade competition to list as many digits in Pi (winning students got up to 130!), 2nd grade weather erosion experiments, 1st grade Polar Bear gummy experiment and 3rd grade's "Step into History" reports, as well as the upper grades Virtual Mock Trial competition, are among the many exciting things happening these days. Service projects continue with great enthusiasm. This past week the school community celebrated St. Patrick and St. Joseph Day with an equation -- \$2 + 2 canned goods = dress down day with proceeds going to the Faith Food pantry. Kindergarten students presented our St. Rose Knights of Columbus with THANK YOU cards for all they do to support our school. **St. Rose School, where children BLOOM in mind, heart and soul!**

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. **Parents of 2-year-olds inquire about our Peek-A-Boo 2's Program.** A warm welcome awaits you!

Your donation helps St. Rose School continue to thrive! Think of it as investing in MANY bright futures! <https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/blooms-fun!>

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!

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
Available: Thomasville couch with coffee table and matching side table

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, April 13th with our Guest Speaker, Rob Thomas presenting “Who Do You Need To Meet?”

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.

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

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 mariottcorson@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

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 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 strosechurch.com/ministries/walking-purpose-womens-bible-study or contact Joanne Ihlefeld at jihlefeld@charter.net or Sandy Previdi 203-830-9044, 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.



Pro-Life

The bill to legalize assisted suicide in Connecticut (HB6425) has made it out of the Public Health Committee. Please visit www.ctstopsuicide.org to sign the petition to stop the legalization of suicide in Connecticut. 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/>

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>

“The Annunciation (March 25) celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary’s courageous “yes” to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that “the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.” <https://www.respectlife.org/he-made-his-dwelling-among-us>

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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
LTC 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
TSgt 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 Meredith 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



• UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY •

A COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF
ST. ROSE NEWTOWN, ST. JOSEPH BROOKFIELD AND ST. MARY BETHEL

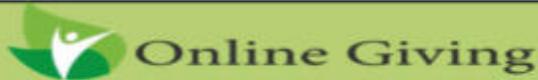
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information and
updates!

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United meets on Sunday evenings 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
Is located on 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.

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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/>.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must die to self to give more in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on:

Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29
Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25

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.

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 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.

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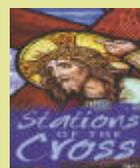
LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

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 fewwe can use your help! If you are interested, please call 203-430-0633 or send an email to : fonschoreservices@gmail.com

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES - March 2021

Newtown Congregational Church
14 West St, Newtown CT
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 and the Blood Donor App. If you've had a COVID vaccination, please bring the type of vaccine used. Schedule via redcrossblood.org/ or 800-733-2767. COVID-19 protocols apply; facemasks are required and provided if needed.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Fridays of Lent at 12 noon and 7:30 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

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 to learn more. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume to Project Beloved: 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, [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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Spiritual Communion

Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:

The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way. ©LPi

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are 7 Birthright centers in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.

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FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS. CHECK THE INTERNET FOR MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS AT www.masstimes.org.



The Voice of St. Rose is an online streaming Internet Service operated by St. Rose Parish. This provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in and watch the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass live weekly and all parish archives are available through our parish website strosechurch.com or the St. Rose Parish YouTube website. All scheduled Masses are streamed via the Audiocasts over the Voice of St. Rose service affectionately known as “All Things Catholic”. There is additional programming carried over this audio stream from the Vatican and many sources between Mass times from around the diocese including our own Monsignor Bob’s “Weiss Wednesday”. For all the details see the St. Rose Parish website.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it’s tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it’s okay to be scared, that it’s something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn’t the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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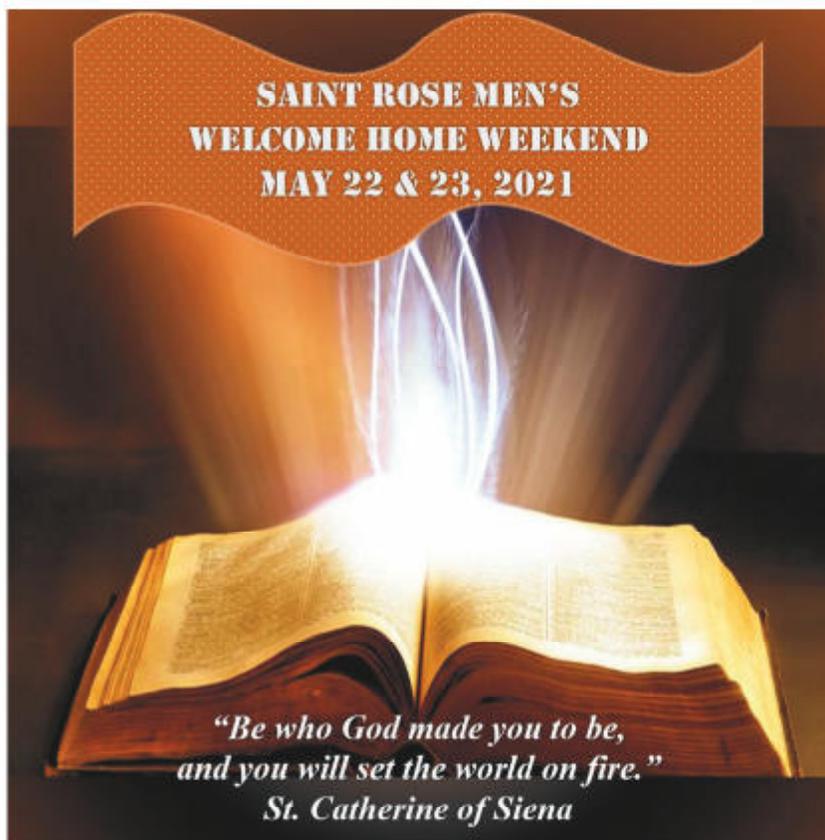


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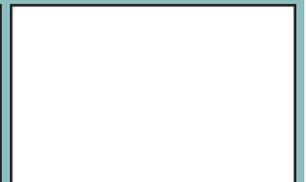
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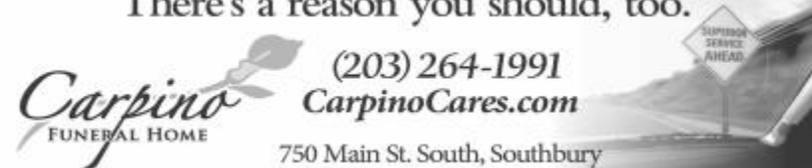
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