



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 11, 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.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 12

6:45 Robert Schmidle, Sr. . . . Donna Monteleone Randle
9:00 Peter, Camillo & Mary DiCrescenzo . . . Mary
DiCrescenzo
Cheryl Lockwood Family

Tuesday, April 13

6:45 Eugene Sheridan Maturo Family
9:00 Jack Obre Family

Wednesday, April 14

6:45 Richard Powderly The Flanagan Family
9:00 Thomas Brian Shugrue Dave & Ginny Jess
Eugene Bobel Doug & Carol Gaulin-McKenzie

Thursday, April 15

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Marcus Amaral Amaral Family

Friday, April 16

6:45 Elizabeth Rockwell The Flanagan Family
9:00 Joseph Antonazzo Nicolina Antonazzo

Saturday, April 17

4:00 Mary Socci The Murphy & Shrader Families
Susan Mino Rosemarie Abric

Sunday, April 18

7:30 Brandon Hensel The Long Family
Maria del Carmen Carbo . . . Middleton Family
10:30 Richard, Gerard & Peter Nugent . . LaVerne Burzynski
5:00 Brennan Merrick Flip & Knettie Archard

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in celebration of Peggy & Tony Baiad's 55th Anniversary as requested by Joan Gilbertie.



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

Gift of Paul & Marcia Izzo in memory of Geraldine McNulty

FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION 2021 Virtual Hybrid Spring Benefit

Foundations in Education invites you to its re-imagined Virtual Hybrid Benefit on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our Honorees Dr. Julia M. McNamara & Lynn and Frank Mara of the New York Giants and participate in an online auction from the comfort of your home. All to celebrate and support Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide hundreds of children from low- and middle income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please contact Megan Quinn foundationsineducation.org 203-416-1671

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 11, 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace. ©LPI

Daily Prayer For Vocations

Heavenly Father, Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg You to bless our diocese and our world with many priests and religious men and women who will love You fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to Your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that their lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord; that they be always faithful to the Holy Father; and that they may be devoted sons and daughters of Mary, our Mother, in making You known and loved; and that all may attain Heaven.

Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 2021

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on a dire urgency in the 20th century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore, to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930's, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Saint Pope John Paul II explains: "This was precisely the time when the ideologies of evil, Nazism and Communism, were taking shape. Saint Faustina became the herald of the message capable of off-setting the evil of these ideologies: the fact that God is mercy, the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church."

Saint Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed. For example: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable Mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...let no soul fear to draw near to me...it is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary #699). On 5 May 2000, five days after the canonization of Saint Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina in a vision, with His right hand raised in a blessing and His left hand touching His garment above His heart. Red and white rays emanate from His heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under His image. Jesus asked that this image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." (Diary #48) "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls." (Diary #742)

The Chaplet was also given to Saint Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you." (Diary #1541) "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death...even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite Mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite Mercy." (Diary #687) Please join us this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for our Divine Mercy Service in the church. There will be adoration, the praying of the chaplet and the closing of the Diving Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday.

Thanks to everyone for their support of both our Easter Flower and Easter Collections. Your generosity is more important than ever. As you have been made aware, our offertory revenue is down over \$200,000 since last March when we were forced to close our churches due to the pandemic. Recovery had been steady but slow. Now that things are improving, we want to begin more and more activities and ministries. All of these affect our budget in one way or another. We have been doing our best to keep the church open, staff employed, campus maintained and stay on budget as our means allowed. Please do your best to support us as we slowly re-open to a full schedule.

Some other financial updates....

WE STAND WITH CHRIST CAMPAIGN (As of 3/31/21)

The Total Pledged: \$6,307,082.37

The Total Collected: \$4,626,669.31

% Collected: 73.36%

Total Number of Donors: 931

Total Number of Gifts: 989

Overdue Pledges: 83

% of Total # of Pledges: 8.39%

Overdue Pledges with No Pay: 15

\$ Overdue Pledges with No Pay: \$131,850.00

Overdue Payments: \$136,914.93

% of Total Pledge Amount: 2.17%

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (As of 3/31/21)

2021 Parish Goal: \$204,500.

Raised to Date: \$118,147.00

Number of donors: 310 parishioners

On the lighter side... Subject: Vaccine Warning

A man had his 2nd dose of the vaccine at the vaccination center after which he began to have blurred vision on the way home. When he got home, he called the center for advice and asked if he should see a doctor or go to the emergency room. He was told to do neither but simply to return to the center and pick up his glasses.



STATIONS of the CROSS Thank you's

Thank you to Mrs. Sandy Jarvis and Mrs. Donna Locke for coordinating our church's special presentation on Good Friday. We know the many hours these two ladies spent to prepare and present this children's portrayal of the events of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Thank you to the many students who were actors, actresses, narrators and singers. Your devotion to telling Jesus's story is important and appreciated. Thank you to Justin Jarvis for his technical assistance.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING:

Please return all Lenten Rice Bowl donations to our Religious Education office by April 9. We graciously thank all families for your participation and support of the missions within our diocese and throughout the world. Please continue to pray for those who are less fortunate than each of us.

SPRING BREAK - NO Religion Classes - April 11, 12 and 13.

We wish everyone a happy week off from school, and a safe, healthy time to relax and have fun outside.

CONFIRMATION ROBE and MASK PICKUP.

Please stop by our office between 9:30 to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, to pick up your items for either Confirmation or First Communion. You may also drop off the Butterfly Banner at the same time. Please note: Our offices are not open during weekends.

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Mark your calendars: St. Rose School will be closed for Spring Break April 12-16th. Wishing our families a relaxing time off. School will resume Monday April 19th. Confirmation will be Saturday April 24th; First Holy Communion takes place May 1st. Please keep our Second and 8th graders, who will be receiving these important sacraments, in prayer. 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>

Is it time to choose a Preschool for your little one? St. Rose Preschool offers dynamic 3-year-old, 4-year-old and Transitional Kindergarten (5-year-old) programs in a nurturing environment. Come see why this could be the right fit for your family! Join us for Drop In Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m. beginning April 23rd. In person and virtual tours can also be scheduled other weekdays. Email admissions@srles.com or call 203-426-5102. <https://www.stroseschool.com/academics/preschool>.

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

Did you know that tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating a student at St. Rose School? There is a roughly \$2,000 "gap" per child. This year, we have incurred extra expenses due to Covid so that we can continue to offer on site learning in a safe, sanitized environment. Your donation helps St. Rose School continue to thrive! Every gift makes a BIG difference in the lives of students from Preschool through 8th grade. Think of it as investing in MANY bright futures! <https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/blooms-fun!> **Thank you and God bless!**

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.

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 –All are welcome

HAPPY EASTER! 2021! We are an organization of women united in faith and fellowship. We welcome any women of St. Rose Parish who are interested in becoming members. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SRWC is not meeting in person. The past year SRWC members have been supporting our parish by praying for the sick, hospitalized, recovering, and reaching out to the lonely, needy, and elderly, who are home alone. We write, call, visit if possible, inform members where there is a need, and pray for each other. The second Tuesday of each month, some of our members meet in a home or at St. Rose Cemetery to pray the ROSARY for the intentions of our members. The third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP, led by Renee Baade. Our April book is, *ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE* by Gail Honeyman. Call President Eileen Gallo (203-426-8223) to join any of these groups.

CHILDREN’S ROSARY-postponed until further notice.



“On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ’s message of mercy, especially with those who have been wounded by participation in abortion. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many inaccurately feel that abortion is “the unforgivable sin.” They need to hear that God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus’ message to St. Faustina is the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.” -USCCB, April 2021 “Word of Life”

Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion!
www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

For more information on how the Equal Rights Amendment could hurt women and the unborn, visit <https://www.usccb.org/prolife#recentitems>

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.

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>

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, “be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”* Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *“Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion” www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

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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
 A1C 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 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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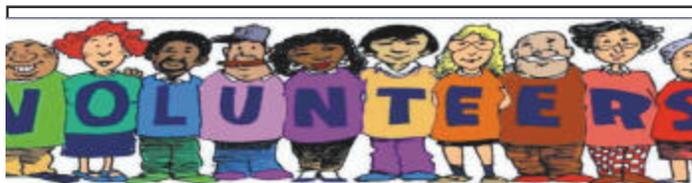
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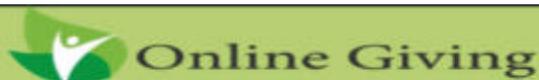


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United meets on Sunday evenings on the campus of St. Rose unless otherwise noted.



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
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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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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.

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/>. He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences:

Friday/Saturday/Sunday April 23-25
Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24

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.

FRIENDS OF NEWTOWN SENIORS CHORE SERVICES

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



Immaculate High School—Spring Preview Day

Join us in-person on **Sunday, April 25, 2021** beginning at 1:00 p.m. by registering for a 45-minute tour time. Tours will be staggered every 15 minutes to allow for small groups and social distancing. During Spring Preview, prospective freshmen or transfer students in grades 6-10 can explore our innovative academic programs, learn about student and spiritual life, attend admissions and financial aid presentations, tour campus and meet some of our administrators, staff and students. Space is limited and attendance is by appointment-only. IHS provides a foundation for a bold future. Register: <https://www.immaculatehs.org/admissions/spring-preview-day>

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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Please join us for the Immaculate High School Light the Way Virtual Gala and Auction!

Each year Immaculate has gathered as a community for our annual gala and has been blessed with unyielding support for our largest fundraiser. Though traditionally we are together in person, this year we have planned a memorable and inspiring virtual evening starting at 7:00 pm on Saturday, May 1. We will honor Brian P. McGovern '89, Nancy K. Dolan Leadership Award recipient and John G. Capilli, Sr., Distinguished Service Award recipient. Sponsorships, donations and digital program ads are available at immaculatehs.org/gala. All sponsorships include a Celebration Gift Box filled with surprises and fun to add to the festivities of the evening. Purchase a \$100 raffle ticket for your chance to win \$10,000 cash at immaculatehs.org/raffle! Drawing will be held on Saturday, May 1 during our livestream presentation. All proceeds benefit the students of Immaculate High School.

Christ the Redeemer Council Knights of Columbus

is running the following bus trips.
Nashville, Sept.19-25. 7 days-six nights \$820.00
Lancaster show trip Queen Ester Oct. 5-7. 3 days
2 nights 379.00. Call John Benard 203-877-2737
for more info and fliers.

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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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!

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

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you’ve ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that’s not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn’t bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He’s not believing the hype. He’s going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We’ve all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven’t seen it with our own two eyes?

That’s when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It’s easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, “you didn’t believe the testimony of your friends!” But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can’t be seen with the naked eye.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*
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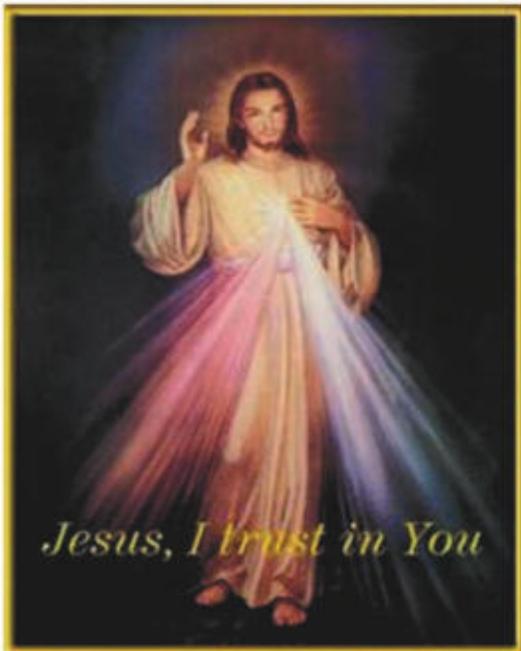
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Confessions!



Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a NOVENA to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday.

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." St. Faustina's Diary No. 1507



Social Concerns **Spring Food Drive**

We need your help in feeding
St. Rose parishioners and others in need.

Social Concerns Committee will be collecting
~ Grocery and Pharmacy Gift Cards
~ Monetary Donations
after all Masses on April 17 & 18.
Or, you can go online to donate.

Your donations help those in need by providing
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We support St. Rose Parish, FAITH Food Pantry,
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The need is even greater this year; please help us
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Visit Strosechurch.com/news to donate online.

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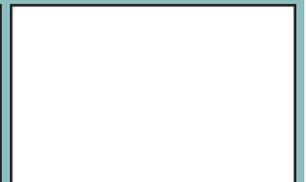
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