



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 18, 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

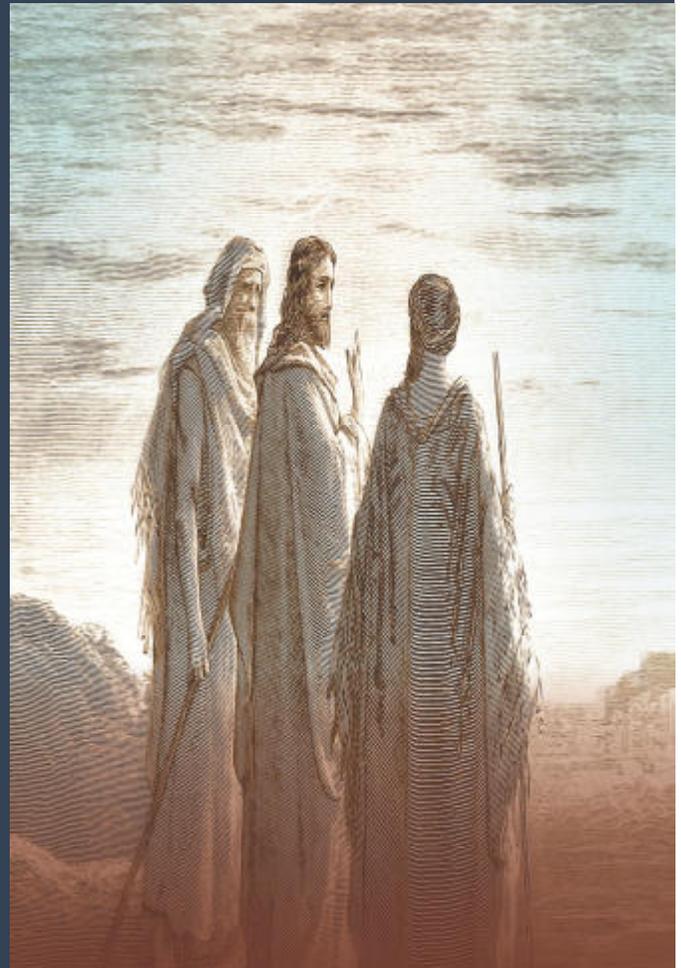
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

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.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 19

6:45 Frank Ramsey The Hettenbach & Rutter Family
9:00 William Carroll Joan & Bill Lavery

Tuesday, April 20

6:45 St. Rose Parishioner
9:00 Intentions of Lily Keogler Amy & Matt Taylor

Wednesday, April 21

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Richard Wesselbrand The DeCanio Family
Patrick Faherty Billy & Teresa Tully & Family

Thursday, April 22

6:45 Eldridge Bean The Flanagan Family
9:00 Mary Socci Michele & Paul Kyle

Friday, April 23

6:45 Intentions of William Donovan . . . Grandparents
9:00 Edward Keough Family

Saturday, April 24

4:00 Michael Duffy Lee Canfield
Matthew Joseph DeLeo Family

Sunday, April 25

7:30 Thomas McLaughlin Billy & Teresa Tully
10:30 Michele (Mickie) Harris Joseph & Cynthia McArthur
Jeanne McGahren The Kirkman Family
5:00 Bob & Sandy Deane,
Anthony & Eleanor Crisci Gary & Karen Crisci

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week
in memory of Peter & Amelia Lovermi as
requested by family.**



We are most grateful for your generous support!

Sunday Offertory March 2021	\$82,646
Sunday Offertory March 2020	76,018
Special Monthly	7,369
Catholic Relief	1,710

Daily Prayer For Vocations

God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our Families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.

Lord Jesus, give us priests and holy priests:
To offer up the unceasing sacrifice of the Mass;
To lead the little ones to You;
To strengthen the faith of believers;
To preach the Gospel to all peoples;
To bring forgiveness to repentant sinners;
To give the Bread of Life to starving souls;
To comfort the suffering
To help the dying;
To spread Your Kingdom in our midst;
Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us; obtain for us an increase of holy priests. Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPI

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

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

As we continue our journey through the Easter season, we are constantly reminded of Christ's unselfish and open love for us. We listen to it as it is recorded in Scripture passage after Scripture passage. Yet, the early believers had many conflicts and struggles within themselves to truly believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He would be able to rise from the dead as He foretold and that He would continue His message of forgiveness and love. As He walked, He began every encounter not with a reprimand or a message of scorn toward those who denied Him, who fell asleep on Him, who ran away in fear. He greeted them with "Peace be with you!" That greeting rings true in our relationship with Christ to this very day. He only wishes us reconciliation with others so that we may know true peace within ourselves. The first disciples lived in great fear that by professing their belief in Christ publicly would be a jeopardy for them and for their families. Nevertheless, they accepted the challenge before them, often facing what they feared the most. We listen to Peter, the one who denied Christ three times at the moment when his presence was needed the most, speaking fearlessly to those who unjustly condemned Christ. He reminded them of their guilt in misjudging Jesus and called them to repentance and conversion so that they might know true peace. John also calls out those who were half-hearted in their commitment to the Gospel. He reminds his listeners: "Those who say 'I know Him' but do not keep the commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him." Jesus' encounter on the road with two of His disciples finds Him comforting and reassuring them in their uncertainty. He asks them "Why are you troubled...look at my hands and my feet..touch me and see." It is very easy in these times to profess one thing and live another. The world accepts that behavior in us and enables us to live in that manner.....but it is not the truth! It is not the call from Christ to us. It is not living the joy, the hope and the peace that Easter promises to those who are faithful. And it is certainly not the path to holiness!

Thanks to all of you who have supported the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. Each week, I receive an update on the works that the Diocese is accomplishing through you support of this appeal. Because of Covid, we are being called to respond to more and more needs: our food pantries, our soup kitchens, our counselling services, our reaching out to the homeless and doing what we can to support those who have grown afraid and isolated. In spite of the many who have been vaccinated, there are still many more who live with a sense of hopelessness and fear.

As of April 5, 2021, we have raised \$130,577 toward our goal of \$204,000.

351 parishioners have made their gifts and pledges, for which I am most grateful.

If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider what you might be able to do to support this important effort on behalf of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

I know much is being asked of you in these times, so your response is doubly appreciated!

This **week** we celebrate **Secretary/Administrative Assistant Day**. Our parish has much for which to be grateful as we say thanks to our rectory, school and religious education secretaries and administrative assistants. We are blessed by their goodness and commitment to the parish and to each of us. Please take a moment this week to simply say thanks to them for the good work they do every day to keep our parish community moving forward during some very difficult times.

We recently said Godspeed to **Kate Kunze** from our Religious Education Office who has joined the ranks of "retired." We are so grateful to Kate for her many years of service to the parish and especially to our Religious Education families and students. Her personal faith was her greatest witness to all those who encountered her. She has taken on the responsibility of assisting her mother in her home. We wish her the very best in the years ahead. Hopefully we will be able to have an appropriate celebration in her honor in the near future, but in the meantime keep her in your prayers.

Men, it is not too late to sign up for our Fellowship Weekend. Take the time to do something for yourselves and your faith, and you will be doing something for your marriage and your family and our parish as well!



UPDATE TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

NO in-person classes on April 18, 19 and 20. Out of an abundance of caution, and since we understand some families have been travelling for Spring Break, we have decided to maintain a safe environment by switching our in-person classes to remote/virtual learning for the week of April 18. Please contact your child's catechist for their individual plans to teach the class. Thank you for understanding during this unique year.

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 on weekends.

CONFIRMATION IS ALMOST HERE!

Our first set of Confirmations will take place next weekend, April 23, 24 and 25. We ask all of our parishioners to pray for these students as they are sealed with the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Piety (Devotion), Counsel, Fortitude (Courage), and Fear of the Lord (Awe). As each student enters high school and a new chapter in their life, we ask for God's loving presence to guide them in their daily decisions so they may live a full Catholic life.

Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, sponsors, catechists and coordinators who have spent many hours in discussion, teaching, and preparation for these ceremonies. We are truly blessed and grateful.

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Mark your calendars: School resumes on 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. Friday, May 7th is an early dismissal day for Professional Development.

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.sayhellcampus.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 Open House 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.

Thank you to the Singer family for donating mulch to enhance the play areas around the school grounds. We are grateful for your generous support as well as for ALL of the family helping hands who spread it!

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, May 11th. Our guest speaker, Annette Richmond's, presentation "Create A Modern Resume That Generates Results, will give you the tools and techniques to create a powerful, results-driven resume". This is a free network group for people looking for new opportunities or interested in professional development. *To request the zoom link for the next Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) meeting, e-mail john@itechp.com.*

ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING

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

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING

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

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Mornings: 1st Tuesday of each month after 9 a.m. Mass
Evenings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. **both at the Bell Garden**. The aim is to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the Cross for the love of souls. The Special Mission is to work for the salvation and the sanctification of the members of their own Families and of the poorest of the poor of the whole world. Come see.

WEBS - WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY

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.

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

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.



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.

“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"... Please 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>

“Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (Mt 25:40).”

-Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith “Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life”. (© 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

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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 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

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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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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

DOROTHY DAY HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY— Spring St., Danbury, CT. We are seeking new volunteers the **third Wednesday** of every month from 1-5 p.m. to set up, serve and clean up. Must be **16** years of age. **Must be dependable.** Contact Marcia Izzo at 203-733-9655.

Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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://wwmectw.org/>.

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (in English) on

Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24
Thursdays/Mondays Jun 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 fewwe can use your help! If you are interested, please call 203-430-0633 or send an email to : fonschoreservices@gmail.com

Everyday Stewardship-How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?" It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored. Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out. It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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.

Confession & First Communion

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: “It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the age of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession” (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child’s “First Confession” can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their “First Confession” and “First Communion” help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church. ©LPi



Social Concerns Spring Food Drive

We need your help in feeding
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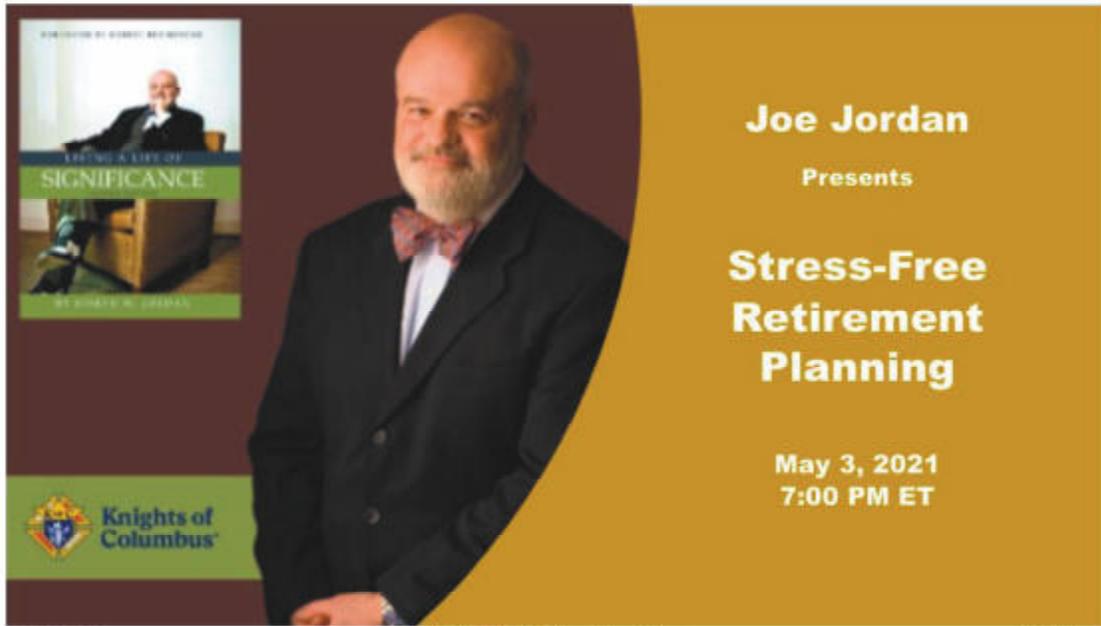
Social Concerns Committee will be collecting
~ Grocery and Pharmacy Gift Cards
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after all Masses on April 17 & 18.
Or, you can go online to donate.

Your donations help those in need by providing
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We support St. Rose Parish, FAITH Food Pantry,
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(Scan to Watch Joe's Special Message)

Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss “Stress-Free Retirement Planning,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Only by helping others can we truly “Live a Significant Life.” Here are some of the topics Joe will cover:

- The importance of “Living a Significant Life” that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth
- Eight steps to financial security
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes
- The importance of having a plan and a partner
- Why long-term care doesn’t have to be a financial nightmare
- How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income
- Protecting your loved ones with life insurance
- Why patience pays when claiming Social Security
- Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them

His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. Click [here](#) to see Joe’s special message to the Knights. We look forward to Joe’s presentation on May 3rd at 7:00 PM ET. Click [here](#) to register now!

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