



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 8, 2021

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Sunday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 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 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 Office.



19th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 9

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Pauline Rindos Dave & Ginny Jess

Tuesday, August 10

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Pepe Rojo Dolores Sullivan
Rosemary Curry Family & Friends

Wednesday, August 11

- 6:45 John Thomas Kerins Mary & Ron Tietjen
- 9:00 Don Argersinger Victor & Maria DeGirolamo
Margaret Hogenauer Family

Thursday, August 12

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Eileen Malsch Dave & Ginny Jess
Loretta Ann Decker Carol Bistany

Friday, August 13

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Jack Obre Family

Saturday, August 14

- 8:00 Dec'd members of K of C Council #185
Intentions of Dan & Marie Piselli—50th Anniv.
- 4:00 Henry Trenka Ellen Klaus

Sunday, August 15 (Feast of the Assumption)

- 7:30 Patricia Draper Pat & Bob Llodra
- 9:30 Craig Handwerker Dawn Handwerker
Frances Stokes Dan & Marie Piselli
- 11:30 Stella Juliano Dolores Pruefer
- 5:00 Katherine Arco &
Gloria Codeghini Mary Lee & Bob Cannone
Norma White Carol Bistany

For those attending a parking lot Mass, turn your radio dial to 89.9 FM to listen to the Mass. An extraordinary minister will bring Communion out to the parking lot for those wishing to receive Communion.

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in honor of Marie & Dan Piselli on their 50th wedding anniversary as requested by Rob & Terry Cavaliere.

WEDDING BANNS



Banns I Mary Kate George & Alexis Fuentes



Religious Education Registration for Fall 2021 classes opened on Monday, June 28. Please see the Religious Education webpage for link and information.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 8, 2021- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPI

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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

**I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE;
WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER HUNGER,
AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER THIRST.**

Once again this weekend our readings reflect the providence and care God has for each of us. The series of passages from the Gospel of Saint John tell us of the incredible love God brings to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. The reference to “living bread” is most important for us as Catholics. The Eucharist is our very life source from which all other graces and blessings flow. Jesus tells us: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” That is a powerful call to each of us. It is also a call that more and more Catholics are failing to believe! I hear so often how difficult it is to get through life’s crises without faith, and yet there are many who turn to everyone and everything else trying to find the strength and healing they need. It is more than just saying you believe in God. Faith needs to be nurtured and cared for. Just as we look after our physical and emotional needs, we also need to take time to tend to our spiritual needs. There is no greater way to enhance our spiritual growth than through the Eucharist. No one can ever really explain how a simple piece of bread and a cup of wine can become the source of all holiness; it needs no explanation. It needs belief that the words Jesus Himself spoke at the Last Supper can change things forever. Change things from the most simple to the most sublime! So many Catholics who left the Church for a variety of reasons always tell me that what they miss the most is receiving the Eucharist. The solution to that is simple: COME HOME! I know that life has changed dramatically over the past several years and distractions away from things that really matter have taken many away from weekly Mass and from receiving the Eucharist. The Church can be faulted for many things in our history, but staying away from the very source of life in this world and the next makes no sense! Let us never fail to pray for those who have turned away from the Eucharist with the hope that one day their eyes, their ears and their hearts will be opened once again to the intrinsic beauty and sacredness of receiving Jesus in the greatest of all sacraments.

Speaking of the beauty of the sacraments, a few weeks ago I was asked why the Church is so prohibitive when it comes to marriage. They were not speaking about the sacramentality of marriage, they were asking why the Church does not allow the sacrament to be celebrated outside of a church. The Church was being berated for not “being with the times” in allowing marriages on the beach, mountaintops, in hot air balloons, under the sea, and on and on. A couple can certainly choose to be married wherever they choose, but the Church holds fast to the dignity and the holiness of the Sacrament of Matrimony which includes its celebration in a Church as we do with Baptism and Confirmation, the sacraments we only receive once in our lives. A “church wedding” is more than another option for a marriage, it is the only option in order to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Like everything else in life these days, there are always reasons and excuses. It seems to me that a marriage upon which God rests His hands is a grace-filled moment. So, before you bash the Church for its teachings, think about why the Church is still standing in the midst of centuries of discrimination, challenge, scandal and persecution....perhaps because it was founded on the sacraments that Christ Himself gave us. We need to preserve that tradition.

Speaking of weddings....I know that everyone prays for a beautiful and perfect day weatherwise. Some are granted that gift, but others face the possibility of rain. We try to console ourselves by telling ourselves that a rainy day brings a bride and groom good luck. Maybe that’s true. Someone shared this with me about a rainy day wedding: When a knot in a rope gets wet and dries it is almost impossible to untie it. Hopefully the vows a couple speaks to one another will never come untied when they are married on a rainy day! A much better way of thinking.



Catechists Needed

Sunday 1 (9:00 – 10:00 am) Grades K; 3; 6; 7 (one of each)	Tuesday 1 (4:30 – 5:30) Grades 1; 5; 6 (1 catechist each)
Sunday 2 (10:45 – 11:45) Grade 2; Grades 3 & 4 (2 catechists each)	Wednesday 1 (4:30 – 5:30) Grade 1 (1 catechist)
Monday 1 (4:30 -5:30) Grades K; 6 (1 catechist each)	

Returning and New Catechists:

Please make sure your VIRTUS training and Catechist Formation training are completed by August 15, 2021. If you have any questions, or unsure how to begin, please contact Cate Gosselin, (203) 426-2333, Ext. 1. Thank you for your commitment to St. Rose Parish.

Annual School Supplies Collection:

During August, the Religious Education office is collecting school supplies for our classroom and student needs and for the needs of inner-city schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

While you are out shopping, we ask you to help us to help others with items such as: glue sticks (not bottled glue), scissors, paper clips, “scotch” tape, colored or regular pencils, erasers, blue or red ballpoint pens, washable markers, post-it notes, rulers, crayons, highlighters, Mr. Clean Magic Erasers, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizing wipes, bottles of hand sanitizer, white board markers, erasers and cleaner, construction paper, twin pocket folders (no designs), lined paper, notebooks, and 3-ring binders. The inner-city schools also appreciate donations of lunch boxes, ice packs, and backpacks.

Collection bins are located in the vestibules of the church, as well as at the back porch of the Religious education office August 14 - 31. Your donations are very appreciated.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Office Hours for St. Rose School -- Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please direct all inquiries to Mrs. Sweeting, secretary@srles.com. Visit the website, www.stroseschool.com, for updated information including grade level summer assignments.

Mark your calendars! *New Family Welcome Picnic, August 25th, 12 noon; First day of school for K-4, August 30th* (early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.); ***First day of school for 5th-8th August 31st*** (early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.); ***September 1st -- K-8th attend together*** (early dismissal at 11:30 a.m.); ***September 2 & 3 full day for K-8; September 6th Labor Day*** (school closed); ***September 8th -- First day for Preschool.***

Help Pave the Way to Many Bright Futures -- Be a part of the St. Rose School Blooms Brick Walk! Bricks make great gifts for graduation, communion, confirmation, weddings and so many other precious life moments. The Brick Walk will be by the Angel of Hope statue located directly in front of the school. If you or someone you know attended or is attending St. Rose School this is a wonderful way to make a lasting mark on campus and in the heart! Interested in ordering a brick? Visit <https://polarengraving.com/stroseoflimaschool> or email bloomsbricks@srles.com.

Check out ST. ROSE PRESCHOOL -- Tours available all summer! We offer 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! 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!

Our Heartfelt THANKS to all who support St. Rose School! Your donations enable us to provide a stellar academic, faith focused education for children in Preschool through 8th grade. We have a rich history and a bright future because of you! Every gift makes a big difference! Thank you and God Bless!

Calling all alumni -- we'd love to hear from you! Email advancement@srles.com to share your news in ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS and stay connected with all who have walked in these halls since 1958! Like us on Facebook, StRoseofLimaSchool; follow us on Instagram, StRoseNewtown.

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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

If anyone wants religious articles, please contact Lynda Healey (203) 300-3211 and she will help you. We have an assortment of inspirational coffee mugs, St. Joseph home seller statues, holy water fonts, saint medals, bracelets, rosaries, baptism items and more.

The purpose of the Social Concerns Committee is to support our parishioners and neighbors in need. 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 ("Available" items are offered free of charge. Just make arrangements to pick them up.)

Available: Fairly new natural wood baby crib

For Social Concerns information please call: Kathleen Belmont, 203-470-3107, and leave a message.

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



PARISH NURSE MINISTRY



HEALTH TIPS:

Fatty liver affects over 25% of the people world wide, and more women than men. Our liver is a great detoxifier filtering out toxins, chemicals and carries out over 30,000 enzymatic processes a second. So take care of your liver: reduce fatty foods, alcohol, lose weight and eat fresh.



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.



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 the second Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory Conference Room beginning in September. 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.

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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, August 11. Please join us for an elevator speech workshop where John Barry will provide a worksheet and discuss the 6 key steps in creating an elevator speech. The attendees will have the opportunity to practice their elevator speech and connect on any potential leads. Meet and network with peers, managers, and professionals. *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 5 to 6:30 p.m.
both in the Bride's Room. 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 invite you to join us in reading *Habits of Holiness: Small Steps For Making Big Spiritual Progress*, by Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, during the months of May and June. Meetings are held either outside in the Bell Garden at St. Rose (weather permitting) or virtually on Zoom on Thursdays from 10 am to 11:30 am. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-994-5106 or email her at lynchejd@gmail.com with questions or to sign up to join us.

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 are welcome.

MEETINGS

ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK

Due to the coronavirus, meetings on campus are postponed. The Men's Faith Network is designed to help parish men of all ages explore what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Our primary mission is to help men grow in faith, accountability, and fellowship; emphasizing real-life application. We meet each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Holy Innocents building. All parish men are welcome! Contact Mike Ryan at mrryan9497@gmail.com

YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meetings are held off campus until further notice.

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

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking With Purpose - Women's Bible Study will return In-Person on Wednesdays beginning September 29, 2021. Day session will be 10-11:45am and evening session is from 7-8:45pm at Holy Innocents Hall. There will be one Virtual Group offered for both day & evening sessions. Space is limited. Online Registration will begin at the end of July. Please go to our WWP link on the St. Rose website, under ministries, to Create an Account to Register and Pay Online. Cost of study is \$35. Any questions: morning session - please contact Joanne Ihlefeld at ihlejpj@gmail.com and for the evening program contact Liz Brestovansky at lizbrestovansky@gmail.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 have an interest in becoming members. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SRWC is not meeting in person. For the past year SRWC members have been supporting each other and our parish by praying for the sick, the hospitalized, the recovering, and reaching out to the lonely, the needy, and the elderly, who are staying home alone. We write, call, visit if possible, inform members where there is a need, and pray for each other. Everyone is welcome to join us. On the second Tuesday of each month, some of our members meet in a home or at St. Rose Cemetery to pray the ROSARY together for the intentions of our members. On the third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP, led by Renee Baade. Call the rectory with any questions.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 29 - 31, 2021 in Farmington, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

On Thursday, July 29th, for the first time in 45 years, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to provide taxpayer funding of elective abortions for Medicaid recipients. Every Democrat present in the House on Thursday voted to kill the Hyde amendment.

Since 1976, every appropriations bill that passed the House included the Hyde amendment, which bars federal funding of abortion except in rare circumstances. The legislation passed the House on a 219-208 vote. This is one of several budget bills that the House Democrats plan to pass without the Hyde amendment.

The House plan is also to eliminate all Hyde related amendments that have existed for decades, such as the Weldon amendment, which protects the right of medical professionals (doctors, nurses, etc.) to not participate in abortions.

The next step for each of the budget bills will be the U.S. Senate. Please visit <https://action.ctcatholicpac.org/> as well as www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com to learn more and please contact your senators and representatives to ask them to support the Hyde amendment.

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>

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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
 Maj 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
 LT Logan C. Mars
 LT Scott B. Nichols
 LT Meridith A. Palo
 CDR 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
 BUMC Robert James Mandulak
 MIDN Nathan Mars
 LT Brian Murphy
 GM Ethan Parsons
 CAPT John Porado
 SN Eric Ralston, Jr.
 CPO Matthew Sidor
 CDR Joseph P. Smith
 PO1 Christopher Szabo

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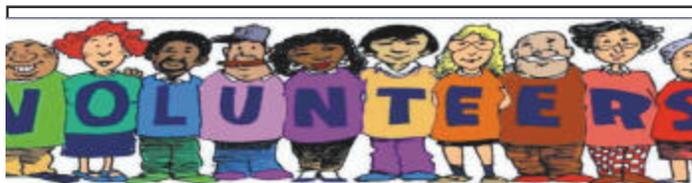
A COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF
 ST. ROSE NEWTOWN, ST. JOSEPH BROOKFIELD AND ST. MARY BETHEL

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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.



Our Online Giving website has been upgraded to a newer, easier--to-use platform! You should have received an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Check it out! If you've never used OLG, go to strosechurch.com and click on "GIVING". It is a safe and secure way to give, with flexible payment options and convenient way to donate. Any questions, please call Doreen in the rectory at 203-426-5250.

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, Fizio 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

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://www.mectw.org/>. Jesus is the living bread. Put God in your marriage. Look on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website for the next experience near you.

Ever wonder how you can let other parishioners know about all the latest at EWTN and help them build up their spirituality throughout the week! Join the growing volunteer group at EWTN: the EWTN Media Missionaries! Now it is easier than ever, just use the FREE EWTN APP to join us right from your mobile device, or call us at 205-795-5771.

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.

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.

Project Rachel: Do you know someone who is carrying the pain and sorrow of a past abortion? The Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting an **Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing for women** on Saturday, June 12, 2021. For confidential registration or more information, call 203-416-1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

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.

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!

GETTING MARRIED?

The Diocese of Bridgeport offers formation for couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church. Formation is available online in English and in person in Spanish. For more information, please visit <https://formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/>.

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**New Day Bereavement Program –
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Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal. We will be offering this program in September. The program will begin on Wednesday, September 8th from 6:30-8:30pm. Registration is required. If you would like to register, please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org

Transitional Deacon

Question:

What is a transitional deacon?

Answer:

There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest. ©LPi

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Lord, we thank You for priests who encourage us on our journey of conversion to a new life in Christ.

Lord, we thank You for the many young people who joyously and willingly respond to God's call to religious vocations.

Lord we thank You for the depth, wisdom and maturity of our priests who pray, "the joy of the Lord is my strength". Amen.

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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 Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass and 9 a.m. weekdays live, 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

What’s Your Hearth Cake?

“Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” I’ve been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don’t know what it is exactly. Maybe it’s just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it’s about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we’re all just nicer people when we’re fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven’t fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that’s your hearth cake. That’s your jug of water. Don’t neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.”

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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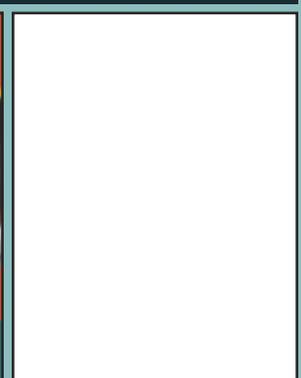
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