



December 5, 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 1:00 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.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 6

6:45 Michael Byrne Norm & Mary Roos
9:00 Rosemary Curry Family & Friends

Tuesday, December 7

6:45 Joanne Marie Kelley Mark & Vallerie Principi
9:00 Judy O'Shea Emily & Chris Marks & Family
7:30 Vigil—Stephanie & Clifford Dahl-52nd wedding anniversary)

Wednesday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)

6:45 Shirley Waymouth Jim Gerbo
9:00 Edward Matthews Pat Matthews
5:30 Daniel Warzoha Terri Ambrogio

Thursday, December 9

6:45 John Kaneb Peter Spanedda
9:00 Amelia Lovermi Family

Friday, December 10

6:45 Pastor Adolfo Gonzalez Maria Sanchez & Zoe Silvestri
9:00 Patricia Eng The Gerbo Family

Saturday, December 11

8:00 Dec'd members of K of C Council #185
4:00 Paul Pollock Family
Richard Bolander Krystine Russo

Sunday, December 12

7:30 Mary Vitarbo Donna & Joseph Rahtelli
9:30 Frank & Vivian Bergonzi Children
11:30 Dec'd members of Luzi & . . . Marilyn & Dick Gingras
Gingras Families
5:00 Peter, Camillo & Mary
DiCrescenzo DiCrescenzo Family

Come Celebrate Mass

With Us

For Those Affected by Addiction

December 11, 2021

12:00 Noon

St. Rose of Lima RC Church

46 Church Hill Road

Newtown, CT 06470

Our Celebrant is a Priest In

Recovery

All are Welcome

Fellowship will Follow

WEDDING BANNS



Banns II: Nicholas Shannon & Rachel Mauthe

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

**Gift of William Welch in memory of Catherine Welch
Gift of Walter & Lynn Maginnis in memory of Ginny Chion**

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of November, 2021.

**Madison Susanne Berry
Vincent Thomas Gonzalez
Michael Joseph Harris
Wyatt Theo Jansky
Ivy Kathleen Jeanfaivre
Jaxon Christopher Pignatello
Cono Frank Pugliese
Emma Rebecca Santora
Robert Emmett Sharnick**



BETHANY MASS

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those parishioners who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. On Sunday, December 5th, at the 11:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way Ella Jurgelewicz, Francis Loda-to, Louise Andrews, Alex Huppenthal, Richard Barillari, Ginny Chion, Mary Brigham and Joseph Ancona Jr., whom we have served during the last month. Although we miss their physical presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased parishioners, their families, and their friends.

COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

St. Edward's parish will be hosting Chris Stefanick on December 15th at 7:00 p.m. Chris is an internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host. The cost of the evening is \$15 and that includes a copy of the new book "Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day." Registration for the evening is being handled by the Diocese. It is available online at formationreimagined.org/event/living-joy.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

*Light the Advent candle two
 Think of humble shepherds who
 Filled with wonder at the sight
 Of the child on Christmas night.
 Candle, candle burning bright
 Shining in the cold winter night
 Candle, candle burning bright
 Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

As we begin the Second Week of Advent, our attention is drawn to the voice of the prophet Isaiah and echoed by John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." These words bring us great hope and consolation as we await the birth of the long-awaited Savior, Jesus Christ. We can only imagine the anticipation that welled up in those who had been promised a savior for generations. The time of fulfillment was drawing near, and all the promises made to them for their perseverance would be given to them. We are called to that same anticipation as we celebrate the birth of Christ. We are in such need of all that this holy season of Advent holds for us: justice, peace, tranquility, hope, strength, healing, love and kindness. What human spirit would not be revitalized if it were filled with these graces and gifts? Think of the life that could be ours if we only opened ourselves to these promises. We live in a society that is slowly becoming paganistic which makes it difficult to walk the path set straight for us by God. We are attracted away from all that is right and good by the promises of the world that are never fulfilled. We stumble looking for things that never truly fulfill us. This Advent season is an opportunity for each of us to take some time to look at our lives and the lives of those closest to us...where are we headed? Is it away from God or toward His boundless love? When I was a student in second grade preparing for First Communion, Sr. Josephine Inez gave each of us a small bag of hay. She asked us to prepare the crib in which Christ would be laid after His birth. Each day we were to do something for another person, and once we completed that task to place a piece of hay in the crib. It was amazing how quickly that crib filled with hay, making a resting place for the newborn child. Simple, but to the point. Even on our busiest days, we can find time to do something that makes a difference in a person's life while at the same time preparing a place for Christ to lay his head. Jesus does not ask the impossible of any of us; He only asks that we do the best we can to live in His love and bring it to others to share. Light that second candle and let it glow for all the world to see!

This Wednesday we celebrate THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. It is a HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION and all Catholics are required to attend Mass in her honor. Our country has been placed under the protection of this feast of Mary...we certainly need her protection more than ever! Immaculate Conception is a doctrine of the Church that states that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception in Ann's womb. Mary is depicted standing on a crescent moon, with a halo of twelve stars, wearing a blue robe with the serpent under her foot crushing him. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Looking ahead to next week...the 9th year of remembrance of the Sandy Hook tragedy will be held on Tuesday, December 14. Masses honoring the victims of that day will be celebrated at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. It is a time to come together in prayer for the continued healing and strength of the families most affected and for the well-being of the Newtown community. The church will be opened throughout the day for private prayer or to light a candle of remembrance.

This week and next, we will hear the confessions of our Saint Rose School and Religious Education students. Please spend some time with your child in helping them examine their consciences and review the Act of Contrition with them. This is an important sacrament for them as they continue to grow in a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church.

Thanks for your continued support of our **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE, ADOPT-A-FAMILY AND CAROLINE'S TOY CHEST**. Your generosity as always is amazing and a blessing for all those who receive your kindness.

CHRISTMAS EVE (FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24)

Masses at 4:00 p.m. in church and Newtown High School, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. in the church

CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday, December 25) Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY (December 26) Masses at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



Week of December 5– A Week Rotation.

Advent Reconciliation for Students:

All students in grades 3 - 8 will be brought to reconciliation during class time, during the weeks of Dec. 5 and 12. Sunday students and Home-school students have been notified as to which session to attend. Parents, please spend time preparing your child for Confession by reviewing the 10 Commandments with them. We await with joyful hope the coming of Jesus Christ and we want our souls to be clean of sin, as we approach Christmas Day.

Tutors and Aides Needed for Religion Classes:

Some of our catechists have requested an assistant for their classrooms. The aide would attend when classes meet (alternative weeks) and do not need to create a lesson plan. We are in need of high school students and adults who enjoy working with children. We also need tutors to work with students who must catch up on multiple years of faith formation. If you are interested in these positions, please contact Cate Gosselin.

Book Collection for Bridgeport's Inner City Schools

Grades 4, 5, and 6 Religious Education students are collecting new and gently used children's books to be donated to Bridgeport students who cannot afford to purchase books which they can keep and read over and over. Please consider donating a copy of your favorite children's story book to a child in need. Reading skills are so important for us for communication, understanding and even attaining a job. Books may be dropped off at the Holy Innocents building during class times or anytime at the Religious Education office until Dec. 15. Thank you.

Children's Christmas Eve Nativity at the 4:00 Mass

Every year, the Christmas Eve Mass features a children's Nativity Pageant. **This year it will take place at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass at Newtown High School.** Children in grades K through three are shepherds, angels, innkeepers, and wisemen. Pre-K are a cow, camel, lamb, or donkey (4 only). If you would like your **children or grandchildren to participate** in this prayerful pageant, or if you are an **adult/confirmation candidate interested to volunteer** - please call/text Elisabeth Gietz at 203-526-0890 or e-mail her at elisabeth@gietz.org. There is **one rehearsal, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 1:00** in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center. What a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy-filled gift of God's Son!



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who supported St. Rose School on #Giving Tuesday! Your donations help children in Preschool-8th grade BLOOM in mind, heart and soul. We have a rich history and a bright future because of you! If you haven't made a donation yet but are interested in doing so please visit www.stroseschool.com/givingtuesday. You can also send a check, made out to St. Rose School, attention Advancement, 40 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470. We are deeply grateful -- God Bless!

What would you do if you won the \$10,000 Tuition Raffle? Find out now by purchasing a ticket ... this is an exciting opportunity to win \$10,000 in tuition dollars that can be applied to ANY K-12 school or college accredited in the United States. Winnings can also be applied toward student loans. Tickets (\$100 each) are on sale after Friday 9:00 a.m. masses through January 28th (excluding Christmas break) the weekend of December 11 & 12, January 15/16, 22/23. Checks (to St. Rose School), cash and credit cards accepted. Tickets can also be purchased weekdays, 8:30-2:00 p.m. by calling the school office, 203-426-5102. Questions? Email raffle@srles.com.

Have you considered the SCRIP program? It's a simple way to shop with sensational benefits to St. Rose School. Whether it's for your weekly grocery shopping, or Christmas and birthday gifts, you can purchase gift cards to a variety of stores that, in turn, give a percentage of your sales total to the school. It's a great way to plan your monthly grocery list/budget! Cards apply to online shopping too. Learn more: scrip@srles.com, 203-426-5102.

Mark your calendars for St. Rose School's Open House, Sunday January 30, 2022. This is also the kick off to Catholic Schools Week during which we highlight all that makes life in these halls so special. Stay tuned for more details. Questions? Email admissions@srles.com and/or visit www.stroseschool.com. A warm welcome awaits 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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room at 10 a.m. **The next Prayer Shawl meeting is Saturday, March 5th, 2022.**

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

The purpose of the Social Concerns Committee is to support our parishioners and neighbors in need. New members always welcome.

Religious Articles are sold on the 3rd weekend of every month in the vestibule. **You can also call Lynda Healey at 203-300-3211 for purchase requests.** Our Cares Box is always in the back of the church for donations. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to support our local organizations.

Parishioner to Parishioner ("Available" items are offered free of charge. Just arrange to pick them up.)

Available: Nothing this week; **Needed:** Nothing this week
For Social Concerns information please call: Kathleen Belmont, 2034703107, and leave a message.

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.

ROSARY RECITATION IN CHURCH

In front of the Blessed Mother statue M.-F. 9 a.m. Mass.

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



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE MINISTRY HEALTH TIPS

Nancy Rhodes APRN-BC, Parish Nurse



As we continue to talk about osteoporosis, it is important to note that what lifestyle we follow throughout our lives, can be a determining factor as to whether we develop osteoporosis or not. Looking back on when you were 20, did you smoke, drink alcohol in excess, live a sedentary lifestyle, were underweight? By 30, your bone mass has been determined for a lifetime. Even if you did these things, you can still backtrack if you know something is changing.

One of the tell tale signs is having non-vertebral fractures that either occur spontaneously or frequently. See the picture below.



Some ways you can change your lifestyle and build bone:

- stop smoking
- limit your alcohol to one drink a day for a woman and 2 for a man
- get up and start moving with weight bearing exercises-walking, jogging, stair climbing, gardening, weight lifting,
- flexibility exercises like stretches, yoga, TaiChi for balance
- swimming and the elliptical are for cardio only!

The next bulletin will be about your diet, and how to supplement with Vitamin D and calcium.



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 - Dec. 15

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. virtually.** For more information please contact Frank Sequenzia at 203-948-1369, email: flsequenzia@gmail.com and he will send you the zoom details.

MEETINGS

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY Spiritual Journey resumed on Thurs. Sept. 30th. All who want to join us in learning more about our Faith are welcome. Deacon Norm has generously offered to lead the group again this year. We will meet weekly at 10:15 in the Holy Innocents Building. We will follow the Didache Series, Faith and Revelation, Knowing God Through Sacred Scripture. All materials will be provided. There is no charge.

ST. ROSE JOB NETWORKING: The next Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) Zoom meeting is 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Dec 14. Our guest speaker is Linda Van Valkenburgh. Her topic will be *Social and Emotional Intelligence for the Career Professional*.

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 info, contact Tony Evertz at tevertz@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158. Meetings are Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Rd.

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING

The Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee will meet on Monday, December 6 at 7 p.m. in the rectory conference room. For more information, please contact Father Tom Przybyl, 203-426-1014

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

Please join us for fellowship, book study, and discussion that will deepen your faith and your connection to our St. Rose community. We are currently reading *Wisdom From the Psalms* by Peter Kreeft. Each week, November through January, we will meet and focus on a psalm that Kreeft highlights in his book. Meetings are held on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Holy Innocents building. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-994-5106 or by email lynchejd@gmail.com for more information.

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 9:00pm. at 38 Church Hill Road. For more information, please call at 203-426-9275 or email at mariottecorson@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3-4:30pm in the Chapel. All welcome.

MEETINGS

ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK

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 mryan9497@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

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

If you want to connect with other women looking to know Christ, love Him more and see how His words relate to our life, join WWP...Registration is Open! Cost is \$35 plus the cost of the Study Guidebook. Registration Link: <https://www.osvhub.com/stroseoflimachurch/forms/wwp-registration>. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10-11:45am and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:45pm and will be held at Holy Innocents Hall. There will be a virtual option offered at the same time, however space is limited. Childcare is offered for the morning session at an additional cost. Go to our link for more details. Questions? Contact Joanne Ihlefeld at ihlejpi@gmail.com for Morning Session or Liz Brestovansky at lizbrestovansky@gmail.com for Evening Session.

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. On the second Tuesday of each month, members meet in the chapel to pray the ROSARY together for the intentions of our membership. On the third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP. Call the rectory with any questions.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY

We will be meeting on December 16th at 4:15 p.m. in the church. Thereafter, we will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:15 p.m.



The next Pro-life Committee meeting is Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 pm in the rectory conference room.

The March for Life will be here sooner than you know! Please join us and come witness to life in Washington D.C. on January 21. A collaboration of the parishes in the area would like to gauge interest in hopes of organizing a bus to take marchers down from this area. We are looking for as many people as possible; come show the country that there are still many of us that hold life sacred! If you are interested in attending, please email Liz Ludanyi at etludanyi@gmail.com so we can find out if we have enough people to reserve a bus!

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and the pro-life committee is sponsoring a night of adoration in preparation. Exposition will immediately follow the vigil Mass on the 7th, and will run through the night until benediction at 6:15 am on the 8th before the 6:45 Mass. Consider signing up to come spend an hour with our Lord! We will have sign up sheets after Mass this weekend.

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend. 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. For more information, visit www.rachelsvineyard.org

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



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
 MAJ 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
 General 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
 Major Drew Taylor
 Capt Katie Taylor
 TSgt Daniel West
 Major Kimberly Solheim West
 Major Philip Zencey

U.S. Coast Guard
 SN Charles Agius
 LT Logan C. Mars
 LT Scott B. Nichols
 LT Meredith 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
 PV2 John Henry Brehmer
 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.



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, Michael Wiley at 516-243-4272 or denisehmcs@gmail.com. Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information contact Earl Spinelli 203-525-1017 or earl.spinelli@gmail.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 Joe Jackson 203-241-3618, or email him at joseph.jackson1@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

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center (formerly the Knights of Columbus Museum) has opened its Christmas 2021 exhibit, “The Nativity Story: Art of the Crèche.” Admission and parking are free and the Center will be open Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 am to 4 pm.



Please go to michaelmcgivneycenter.org or call 203-865-0400 in advance to obtain with timed-entry tickets.

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/>.

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Sign up today to prepare your marriage to follow the Lord by attending one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

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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.

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.

Lauralton Hall Shadow Visits

8th grade girls are invited to spend a day at Lauralton in our Shadow Program. You'll experience a "day in the life" at Lauralton including attending classes, having lunch in our dining hall, studying in our library, and navigating our hallways with one of our current students. To schedule your visit, please visit: www.lauraltonhall.org/admissions/visit-lauralton

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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Immaculate High School: Sounds of Christmas (Free Admission)

Children and families are invited to attend Immaculate's Sounds of Christmas event featuring the Immaculate Band, Guitar Ensemble, Inspire Choir, Junior Choir and soloists on Sunday, December 12 at 4:30 p.m. The music presentation will be followed by a special visit from Santa, tree lighting and refreshments.



Tune in to 24-hour Catholic radio!

Veritas Catholic Network is on the radio at 1350AM and on mobile app for your phone. Learn more about the faith, strengthen your family, deepen your spirituality, and discuss the news and current events through a Catholic lens.

Emergency Class Open to the Community



Be The Help Until Help Arrives!

Emergencies happen anywhere and anytime. Rescuers respond as soon as possible, but sometimes it's too late. Your help can save the life of a loved one or friend! The Saint Rose of Lima Church is sponsoring a course, open to anyone age 11 and up. Stop-the-Bleed can help you to Be The Help.

The class will be held on Thursday, December 16th from 7:00 – 9:00pm at the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center, 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, 06482. A donation of \$5 per person is requested to cover the expense of the supplies. Please pre-register so we know how many people to expect and have the supplies ready. We can accept a maximum of \$5 per person.

COVID concerns: Everyone age 11 and older is welcome if they are healthy. Currently, unvaccinated people are required to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose. Fully vaccinated people may wear a mask if they wish. Hand hygiene is requested as soon as you enter the building.

We choose love and hope in our community of Sandy Hook!

To register, use your phone to follow the QR code



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. weekday Masses live. Previous broadcasts 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 access see the St. Rose Parish website Voice of St Rose link.

Livestreaming for special services such as Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms is also available. Contact the parish office for details. Fee Applies. The live stream team is looking for new operators. Volunteers should be comfortable with technology. Tasks include camera operation, sound board control, and Powerpoint for graphics. Training will be provided. We will accept high school age and up. Contact the parish office or the scheduling coordinator, Gerry Belanger, 203-426-8113 or gerry@strosechoir.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@[Stroseoflima](https://www.facebook.com/Stroseoflima) newtown, 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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New, unwrapped toys will be collected the weekend of November 20/21 and running through 12/19. This year, our distribution night will be on Sunday, December 19 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Monsignor Weiss Gathering Hall. Any parents in need of assistance this Christmas Season are welcome to come and select Christmas gifts for their children. Everyone must wear a mask and follow social distancing when they arrive.

May everyone have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Contact: Guy Mascolo 203-837-0466



ANNUAL ADORATION NIGHT FOR LIFE

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Also, if you know a parent who has a baby about 6 months old (or older) that would enjoy having their child act as Baby Jesus in the Live Nativity, please let us know.

Costumes are provided.

Rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 5 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center.

Contact: Mary Beth Sippin, Coordinator

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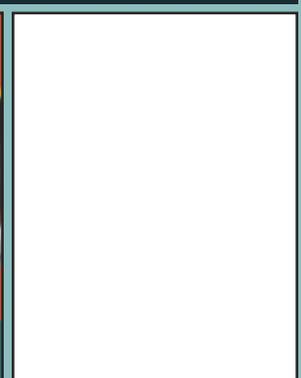
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