ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 19, 2021

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.
- Jn 1:14

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 20
6:45 Dec'd members of Clark & Matthews Families . . . . . Pat Matthews
9:00 Katherine Arco . . . . MaryLee & Bob Cannone

Tuesday, December 21
6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9 :00 Suzanne Reilly . . . . . .Jane & Joe Skibo
Dorothy Earle . . . . . Judith Caracciolo

Wednesday, December 22
6:45 Cynthia Garofalo . . . . . The Conkling Family
9:00 Rosemary Curry . . . . . .Family & Friends

Thursday, December 23
6:45 Joseph Liscinsky, Jr. . . . . Liscinsky Families
9:00 Robert Steinberger . . . . . The Pelisson Family

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
4:00 High School— Gary Loomis & Frank Alagna . . . . . Mike & Rose Pavia
4:00 Church—Peter, Camillo & Mary DiCrescenzo . . . . . .Family
6:00 Church—Michael A. Marusa . . . .Marusa Family
10:00 Church—Joseph & Lucy Jacovino, Sr. & Peter & Helen Velykis . . . . . .Family

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
7:30 Michael & Jennifer Farkas . . . . . Marusa Family
9:30 John Pavia, Marilyn Imbimbo & Frank Alagna . . . . . Nella Pavia
11:30 Oreste DiNinni . . . . . .Family

Sunday, December 26
7:30 Thomas Kirrane . . . . . .Rob & Terry Cavaliere
9:30 Ralph DiMattia . . . . . The DeCanio Family
Robert Berthier, Jr. MD . . . . .Marilyn & Dick Gingras
11:30 Nicholas DeLeo . . . . . Family
5:00 Mary DiCrescenzo . . . . . .Maria DiFulvio

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

Gift of Vincent & Sandra Venitelli in memory of Virginia Chion

St. Teresa of Calcutta's Lay Movement
Holy Hour - December 20, 7-8 p.m.
We invite you to come with us to be in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament for one hour the 3rd Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m.

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." St. Teresa of Calcutta. We invite you to also come to one of our meetings to see how you can grow in holiness by becoming a member of the LMC Family. We offer morning or evening times here in the parish. Come and see!

Epiphany

Question:
Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:
Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPi

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Tom Kerins as requested by the Robert O'Keefe family.

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week in memory of Georgette Morey as requested by the Morey family

Religious Give Thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, & religious order priests.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

Light the Advent candle four, Think of joy forever more
Christ Child in a stable born, Gift of love that Christmas morn.
Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Take some time and come to the crib of Christ. Gaze on the face of the newborn child, his mother and Joseph. It is in those faces that we find freedom from our anxieties and worries and the peace that this holy season holds for each of us. We see the love of a mother for her child, the concern of the father who will raise him and the innocence of a baby. And while we know the suffering that each will endure throughout their lives, just for a moment in the silence and cold of that stable they speak peace, hope, tranquility and pure love. May this Christmas be a renewal of our faith and trust in God's unconditional and absolute love for each of us. Christmas holds the fulfillment of promises made long ago that a Savior would be born to free us from our sins and raise us up in a new hope that the world cannot destroy or take from us. It is only in Christ that there is peace, the peace each of us needs as we journey through our lives. This Christmas we remember the past as we recall all the people who have passed through our lives and all the experiences we have had in life; we live the moment knowing that Christ has chosen to be born again in our hearts; we look to what lies ahead as a Church and as a people of God with Jesus as our shepherd, God as our Father and the Holy Spirit as our source of grace to live as Jesus taught us.
So much all wrapped up in one moment as we come to the stable. I thank each of you for your incredible faith and for the example of Christian living you are for me. I am truly blessed to be the pastor of this community. You may have noticed since we returned after the church was closed that I sit in the sanctuary at each weekend Mass during Communion simply to witness your faith as you receive the Lord Jesus. It lifts my spirits to know how many are in love with the Lord and continue to stand with His Church. Each of you, unique and different from one another, all coming together as one people of faith to share a common bond. That is Christmas every day for me! May these holydays of the Christmas season hold many blessings for each of you. Pray for those who have turned away from working through you. Have a blessed and holy Christmas. And take some time to come to the crib of Christ!

Christmas Greetings from the Staff:
At this special time, we need to be aware that God was born over 2000 years ago to bring us His Love and Peace. At this difficult time for all of us, we really need God in our lives. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. **Fr. Tom**

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and grace-filled New Year—**Fr. Lawrence**

"For a CHILD IS BORN to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace." (Is 9: 6)...
….and by the grace of faith we will come to know Him as, Brother, Friend, Teacher and Savior. May the Nativity of The Lord be as intimate to your heart as it is joyous to your spirit. Merry Christmas and God's good blessings to each of you for the coming New Year! **Deacon Rick Scinto**

God so loved us that he gifted us with his own Son, to share our joys and our pains, our triumphs and our lapses, and to be with us now and until the end of time. May your celebration of this divine gift fill you and yours with profound love, joy and peace. **Deacon Norm Roos**

I am so very grateful for your kindness and to be in the midst of a people who rejoice in hope, endure in affliction and persevere in prayer (Rom 12:12). Blessed Christmas to you and your families. **Deacon Mike Ronan**

During the Christmas Season, the Church rejoices in the mystery of the Incarnation; we are filled with joy as we celebrate the birthday of our Lord and King! We recall that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to be our Savior. At this time, I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support during these uncertain times. As I kneel before the manger in our chapel in Monroe, I pray that all the families of St. Rose have a blessed Christmas filled with peace and joy. Best wishes for a very Happy New Year! **Sister Thaddeus Rajca, CSFN**

The year 2021 has indeed been one which we will remember for many years to come. We have endured difficulties and sadness. I would like to thank all of you for the kindness, concern, support and love that you have shown, not only to me, but to the Sisters with whom I live; always asking me how all of us are, and do we need a meal or anything else. Speaking for myself and for all of us, we are most grateful for the outpouring of love. With the Lord watching over us, we will get through this together. Let us pray for one another! May the Christ Child abide in your home this Christmas filling your heart with the greatest love you will ever know. I rejoice with you in God's endless blessings and wish you many more in the New Year. Love and peace for a blessed Christmas! **Sr. Mary Ellen Genova, CSFN**

Christmas greetings from St. Rose School. May the hope that Jesus brings, and the pure faith exhibited by Mary and Joseph, fill your hearts with peace and light the way for an inspired new year. God Bless, **Mr. Bardhyl Gjoka, Principal**

I am always humbled by our families who go above and beyond when the call goes out to help others. It makes me believe that the spirit of Christmas is never very far from the hearts and souls of our community. I continue to be in awe and inspired by the families I interact with at St. Rose and know that God is with you and blessing you at this time and throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas and God's Blessings now and for a happy and healthy year to come. – **Mary Craig, Confirmation Coordinator**

I am so grateful for all our priests who play such an important role in our faith formation and their faithfulness and love for the laity. Thank you for shepherding us through the good times and the difficult ones". I am thankful for Fran Bifulco who has been an excellent support to Religious Education, and a good friend to all those who have had the honor to have met her. **Sandra Jarvis, Coordinator of Reconciliation/First Communion & Grades K-3**

Thank you to all of our families who through your patience, kindness, and generosity have been examples of Christ. Your support is deeply appreciated. Wishing you a Holy Christmas and a year filled with peace, love, and joy!
Silvia Harper, Database Coordinator

Religious EDUCATION

Week of December 19– A Week Rotation.

Season's Greetings, Happy Holy Days!!
The St. Rose Religious Education office sends our best wishes to the parishioners of St. Rose Parish, and to all who are visiting during this joyful season. May the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be a renewal of faith in your heart and in your home. Come and seek THE Child that was born on Christmas Day, for HE comes to bring you hope, joy, peace and love! These are the gifts that are timeless and precious.

Many Thanks:
Our biggest thanks and appreciation to all of our parents/ guardians, catechists, coordinators, volunteers, staff, priests and parishioners for your support of St. Rose Religious Education. The wonderful work of our God is shown through your talents, time, and treasures. We especially thank Monsignor Bob Weiss for his support of the Religious Education office throughout the year. May many blessings be returned to him for his guidance, love, and support of St. Rose Faith Formation.

Holiday and Class Schedule:
Religious Education classes will NOT be held Sunday, Dec.,26 through Sunday, Jan. 2. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. We will be in the B week rotation when we begin in January.

The Religious Education office will be closed on Friday, December 24, for the Christmas Holiday, and also Friday, December 31. Happy New Year!

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas! Wishing our St. Rose School family and parishioners a joyful celebration of Jesus' birth and a New Year bright with HOPE! Thank you for your part in helping children in Preschool - 8th grade BLOOM in mind, heart and soul.

We hope you will join us for school mass on Wednesday December 22nd at 9:00 a.m. This is a DRESS UP day for students. Our Preschoolers will have a HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS party that morning in the gathering hall, 9:30-10:30 a.m. On Wednesday, December 23rd we will play Buddy Christmas Bingo followed by an early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. School will be closed December 24 - January 2nd with classes resuming in person on Monday, January 3rd. Have a wonderful, safe break!

Service is a prominent part of daily life at St. Rose School. We have been blessed to participate in a variety of outreaches including the K of C coat drive (collected 517 coats!), the Buddy Turkey Trot through which the school collected more than 3,500 canned goods for Faith Food Pantry, the Caroline Previdi Toy Drive with the Knights of Columbus, a collection of hats, gloves and coats for veterans and visiting our friends at Church Hill Village for tea and a watercolor paint session. It is a joy to bring Christ's love to others and it is truly in giving that we receive.

Still searching for the perfect Christmas gift? What about a ticket for the **$10,000 Tuition Raffle?** Winnings can be applied to tuition for ANY K-12 school, college/ university accredited in the United States. Can also be applied to student loans. Grandparents take note -- the prize can be split among 2 students! Questions? Email raffle@srles.com. You can order tickets over the phone weekdays, 203-426-5102, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (excluding Christmas break). Another great idea is a personalized brick -- mark your memories of St. Rose School in a lasting way by being part of the **Blooms Brick Walk! Place your orders now for a spring installation, Welcome to St. Rose of Lima School Website (polarengraving.com). Please note that the first wave of brick orders have arrived but due to the cold ground installation will take place in the Spring. We will alert all brick purchasers to the date once it is determined. THANK YOU for your orders -- it's going to be a beautiful sight to all who visit our school.) Questions? Email bloomsbricks@srles.com.**

Mark your calendars for St. Rose School's Open House, Sunday January 30, 2022, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 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

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: Electric dryer **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

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE MINISTRY HEALTH TIPS

Nancy Rhodes APRN-BC, Parish Nurse

THE EYES HAVE IT!

When a baby is born, the vision is poor, but improves as the brain develops. As we age, eye-related conditions increase, especially after age 50. The leading cause of loss of vision around the age of 60 is macular degeneration. The macula is a part of the retina which works like a camera. This disorder causes loss of vision/blurred vision leading to difficulty with reading and driving. Other conditions that can occur are: dry eyes, cataracts (cloudy lens), glaucoma (increased pressure in the eyes), and diabetic retinopathy due to high blood sugars and high blood pressure. It is important to keep our eyes functioning at their optimum level. Adequate hydration is key to helping not only our eyes, but the rest of our body as well. As we age, dehydration is a concern. Foods that keep our eyes healthy are: fish (e.g. salmon, tuna), nuts (e.g. almonds), raw red peppers, dark green leafy vegetables (e.g. spinach), eggs and beans. When these foods are consumed daily, the body receives Vitamin C, A, E, omega-3 fatty acids, and zinc (so important for healing). In conclusion, eating healthy foods will help not only our eyes, but our body's immune system as well.

The next health council meeting will be Tuesday, January 4, 2022 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the rectory conference room.

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, January 11.

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 Evertez at tevertez@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 January 3rd for a social gathering. 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 January 20th at 4:15 p.m. in the church. Thereafter, we will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:15 p.m.

Pro-Life

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!

The next pro-life committee meeting will be a social gathering on Jan. 3.

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

"In the United States, abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies every year. *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* could change that. We pray that the Court will do the right thing and allow states to once again limit or prohibit abortion, and in doing so protect millions of unborn children and their mothers from this painful, life-destroying act. We invite all people of good will to uphold the dignity of human life by joining us in prayer and fasting for this important case."
-statement by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishops-pro-life-chairman-supreme-courts-dobbs-case

Please visit https://www.prayfordobbs.com/ for resources to join in prayer for the end to *Roe vs Wade* and abortion!

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 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
PV2 John Henry Brehmer
PFC Louis Enriquez
SGTThomas 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

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.

OSV ONLINE GIVING

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, 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, 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

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

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Ask Mary to intercede for your marriage. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

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.

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

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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!

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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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
December 19, 2021-4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.
Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. ©LPi

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 newtown,YouTube.com/stroseoflimachurch, Twitter@strosenewtown, Instagram@stroseoflimact

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December 24 - during the 4:00 pm mass

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"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

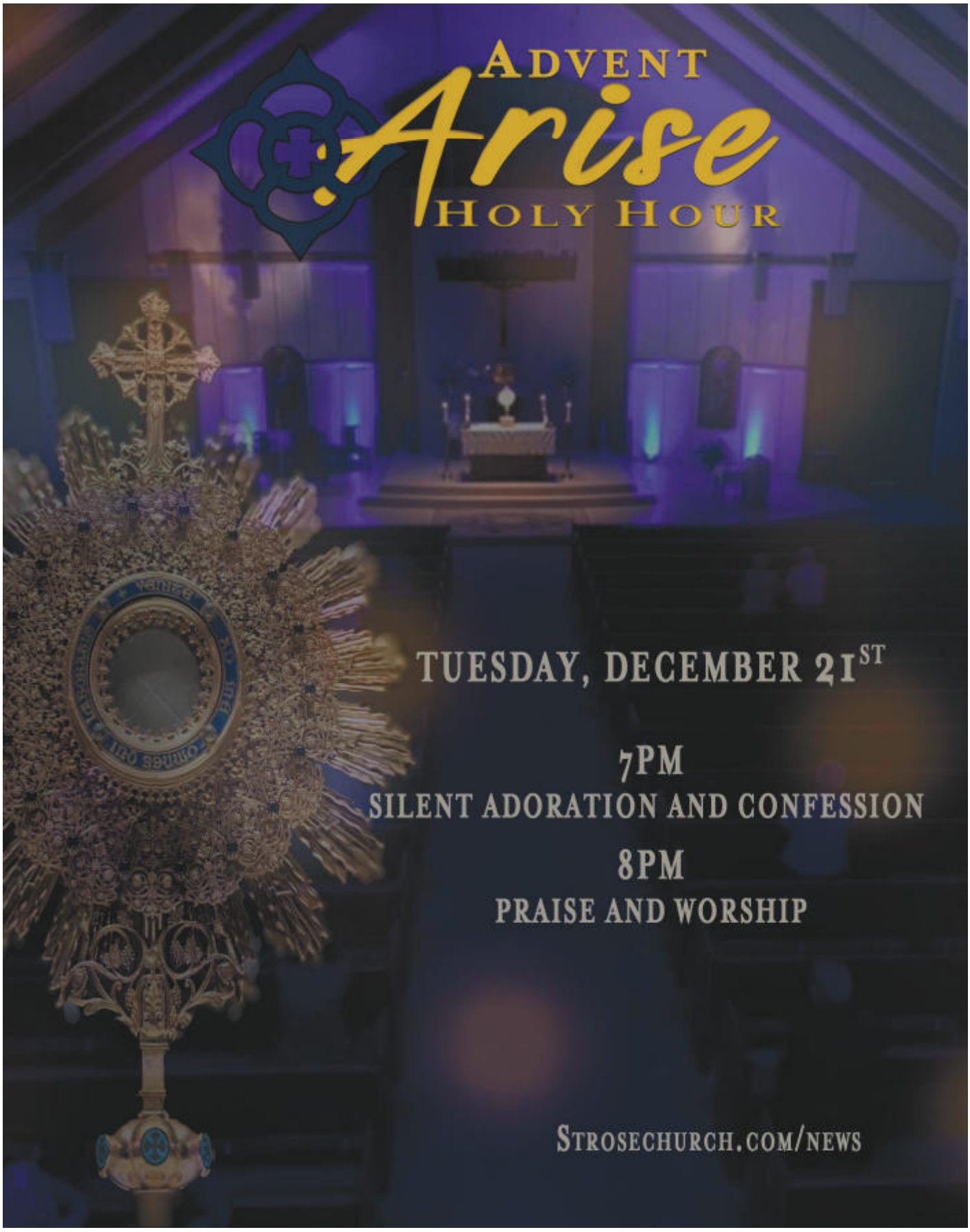
And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12

Children in grades K through 3 will dress as shepherds, angels, innkeepers, and wisemen. Pre-K children dress as a cow, camel, lamb or donkey.

If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate in this prayerful pageant, or if you are an adult/confirmation candidate interested in volunteering – please call/text Elisabeth Gietz at (203) 526-0890 or email her at elisabeth@gietz.org.

There is only one rehearsal, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 1:00 pm in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center.

What a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy-filled gift of God's Son!!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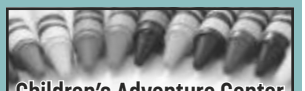

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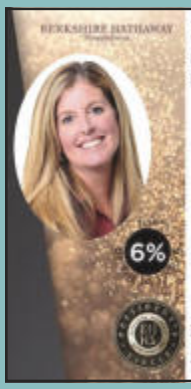

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