



ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 3

- 6:45 Margaret, Donald, Lillian, Terence Clark & Ed Matthews . . . Pat Matthews
- 9:00 Marilyn Imbimbo & Maria Alagna Rose & Mike Pavia

Tuesday, January 4

- 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
- 9:00 Rita Doris Rachel Rowan & the Rowan family
Alvaro DelRisco Yolanda DelRisco

Wednesday, January 5

- 6:45 Gene Cardoza Mark & Valerie Principi
- 9:00 Marie Marotto Joanne Marcinek & Doreen Osto
Joseph Liscinsky, Jr. The Liscinsky Family

Thursday, January 6

- 6:45 Intentions of Neal Evertetz . . . St. Rose Religious Ed
- 9:00 Roberta (Dusty) Offchis Peggy & Tony Baiad

Friday, January 7 (First Friday)

- 6:45 Jack & Peggy Patterson Nancy & Bill Ramsey
- 9:00 Mario Alberghini Tim & Debbie Reilly

Saturday, January 8

- 8:00 Dec'd members of K of C Council #185
Michael Walsh Meg Walsh
- 4:00 Robert Berthier, Jr. MD Ellen Klaus

Sunday, January 9

- 7:30 Bob Mitchell Sue & Joe DiDomonico
- 9:30 Robert Berthier, Jr. MD . . Lisa & Tom Abrams
& family
- 11:30 Joseph Freeman Lorraine Frisina
- 5:00 Carmela "Mini" Procaccini Kathy Calise

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—January 7, 2021
"There is no greater love given to Catholics than Christ present in the Eucharist." Pope John Paul II

Come and adore Jesus, here in St. Rose of Lima Church. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after 9 a.m. Mass, the Rosary group prays a rosary at 9:30 and then silent adoration follows until 3 p.m. From 3 p.m. to Benediction at 4 p.m., we will pray The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Evening Prayers.


"Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will give you rest."

BAPTISMS

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

Quinn Ruby Cloutier
Cameron Blake Heard
Grant Kevin Kehoe
Gladson Mathieu, Jr.

Nicholas John Muckell
Timothy James Muckell
Dominic Ryan Scinto



GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.


We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

WEDDING BANNES:

BANNES II: Caroline Quentin & Joseph LaCourse
BANNES I: Renee Solheim & Jeffrey O'Dell

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Eileen Cashin as requested by The Columbiettes.



A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

*Arise from your slumber, Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.
Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned unto dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day.*

For some reason, the lyrics of the hymn "City of God" are in my head as we begin a new year of God's grace. We have celebrated with great joy the birth of our Lord. Now is the time to make those resolutions about our faith and our commitment to follow and live His ways. Like the three wise kings, we now journey to pay our tribute to the Savior of the world. They bring with them the gifts that represent the role that Christ will play in our lives. They bring gold as a symbol of Christ's kingship on earth, not as an earthly king but as one who will lead us in the ways of truth and justice. They bring frankincense as a symbol of Christ's dual nature, God made man, who will dwell among us in the fullness of divinity and of humanity, save sinfulness. They bring myrrh (an embalming oil) as a symbol of the suffering and death He will willingly endure for our sake and that will lead those who are faithful to the glory of resurrection. We are gifted in much the same way by the faith given to us. Faith is the cornerstone of our lives. It is in faith that we are able to trust God's love and mercy as we journey through the valleys and mountains of life. It is faith that enables us to respect, love and honor each other created in the very image of God. It is faith that will guide us through those desert moments to the streams of living waters that refresh and renew us. It is faith that gives us the courage to rise each day with a new hope and a new resolve. It is faith that helps us recognize our sinfulness so that we can live in the peace of Christ. It is faith that makes the difference that truly matters in life. As we begin this new year, let us truly wake up to the possibilities that are ours in Christ. Let us work together to build that city of God so that all of us, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any other difference may find purpose in life that is rooted in the one great gift we receive, not from the wise men, but from Christ Himself...our faith. Have a blessed and holy new year!

When you enter the rectory office door tomorrow, you will notice that our most dedicated parish secretary, Fran Bifulco, will not be there to greet you. Fran has begun a much-deserved retirement after 21 years of faithful and faith-filled service to our parish. From day #1, Fran came into the office with a heart to serve, and how beautifully she accomplished that every day. She will be greatly missed, but we pray that God give her the blessings of good health and time to enjoy her family and the things she enjoys in life. Go with God, Fran, and with our gratitude and love.

Thanks to all of you who in any way made the holiday season a blessing for the parish and for so many in our area who are in need. Your generosity always astounds me as it reflects your willingness to bring hope and help to so many in need. We invited you to participate and your response was overwhelming!

I was especially impressed by the enthusiasm our Saint Rose School and Religious Education students. The amounts and numbers are not the important thing but rather the heart, love and care that each donation represents. Whether it was the **Knights of Columbus Coat Drive, the Social Concerns Committee Food Collection, Adopt-A-Family, Christmas Sweepstakes or Caroline's Toy Chest**, you shared your blessings with others. I hope you know the gratitude of the hundreds of people who were the recipients of your generosity who were blessed because you cared about them.

Thanks also to you for your support of our parish and our school. We published our accountability financial statements which are available on our website. We have been abundantly supported and encouraged by your continued generosity, especially during these challenging times. Because of your support, we were able to stay open and provide as many ministerial services as we were allowed with the restrictions that were put in place.

Thanks also to our staff who continue to be ever present. We are blessed by the ministry of our priests and deacons, our rectory staff, our Religious Education staff, our Saint Rose School administration, faculty and staff, our Youth Ministry team, our Music Ministry, our Extraordinary Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers and Ushers, our Maintenance Staff and the hundreds of volunteers who serve on our committees and ministries. These men and women are dedicated to keep faith alive and strong at Saint Rose.

Finally, thank you for your generosity to your parish priests. Do I believe in Santa? Yes, I do. Every time I walk into the rectory and find a gift, a tray of cookies, homemade treats, cards filled with good wishes, I know that the goodness and love that is Santa is very much alive! Our thanks to each of you for your kindness!



Week of Jan 2 - "B" week Rotation
No Classes will be held on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022

Photos Welcome!

If your child participated in the Live Nativity or the Christmas Eve Nativity, and you would like to share your photos with our St. Rose Church family, please send them to Stephanie DeBartolomeo, St. Rose Church website coordinator, @sdebartolomeo@strosechurch.com. Thank you.

First Reconciliation Preparation Workshop:

Will be held in person in Holy Innocents on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 9 am and 11 am, and Thursday, Jan. 13 at 4:30 pm. Each class has been notified of their session to attend. Please check with your catechist if you are not sure. A parent/guardian must accompany the child to this workshop. Attendance will be taken.

Holiday Closure:

Classes will not be held on Sunday, Jan. 16 and Monday, Jan. 17, due to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

7th Grade Retreat:

All 7th Grade students must attend the Retreat on Saturday, Jan. 22, as part of their Confirmation preparation. National speaker Chris Padgett will lead our students in preparing for Confirmation. The day will include pizza lunch sponsored by our United Youth Group. Students will have the opportunity for Confession during the afternoon. Details will be sent to all students/families via email. Attendance will be taken.

First Reconciliation Day:

On Saturday, Jan. 29, all students who will receive First Communion in the spring will be going to Reconciliation for the first time. A schedule has been sent to all parents to know which prayer service you should attend.

Reception for First Reconciliation:

Many people have inquired if we will hold the traditional reception for our students. At this time, we cannot know what the COVID pandemic will do to this special event. We will make a decision in the coming weeks and announce it as appropriate. Thank you.

Happy New Year! On this day we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. May her peaceful presence and inspiring faith be our guiding light as we enter a new year. Mary's "yes" began our salvation story and gives us HOPE that God has a special plan and place for all of his children.

We are excited to welcome students in Preschool -8th grade back into our halls on Monday, January 3rd. This is an amazing educational, faith-focused learning journey where lifetime bonds of friendship form and the seeds of many bright futures are planted. Alumni often point to their roots at St. Rose School as the foundation for their future successes. Find out if this might be the right place for your family! Visit www.stroseschool.com or email admissions@srles.com. A warm welcome awaits you!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins January 15th. 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. **Our Peek A Boo 2's Program runs Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 -10:30 a.m. with rolling admission.** This is an ideal way for children to get a preview of Preschool in a safe, nurturing environment under the guidance of experienced teachers. Interested? Email admissions@srles.com.

Start your new year off with the chance to win the \$10,000 Tuition Raffle! This is an awesome opportunity to win tuition dollars that can be applied to 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. Tickets will also be on sale after all Masses the weekends of January 15/16 and January 22/23. The drawing will take place January 30, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Rose School. Winner need not be present. Please share the word -- only 350 tickets will be sold so the odds are great!

Preserve 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.

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: 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



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE MINISTRY HEALTH TIPS

Nancy Rhodes APRN-BC, Parish Nurse



Time for a family conversation-health tips

It has been over 2 years since we have all gathered together for the holidays to see our families. This is the time to discuss how we all have been doing mentally, physically and maybe, financially.

I find this is a perfect time to discuss with my brothers and sisters, all in their 60's, about how their health has been. We all found out that we have high cholesterol and have discussed medications and diet.

We also know that we have a history of colon polyps, and that those who have not had a colonoscopy yet, like my twin sister, who has no medical insurance, is at risk for this medical problem.

There is a card "game" called Vercelli that talks about very deep subjects like relationships, life goals, and reflective questions about your last year. You can buy this product online.

It is also time to consider talking about health care proxies, and life wishes. As a nurse practitioner, I love the cards made called "Your Life Wishes." They are also online. Enjoy time with friends and family and make it count! Take care and stay 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 Evertz at tevertz@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158. Meetings are Wednesdays at 10am 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 next pro-life committee meeting will be a social gathering on Monday, 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 Zencye

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 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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A COLLABORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF
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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/>.



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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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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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.

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©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](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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This support group provides emotional and social support for caregivers. This program helps participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. Encourages caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical, and emotional health as well as optimally caring for the person with dementia. The meeting is offered two times a month, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6 p.m. It is held at the cancer conference room at Griffin Hospital. Reservations are required due to limited numbers.

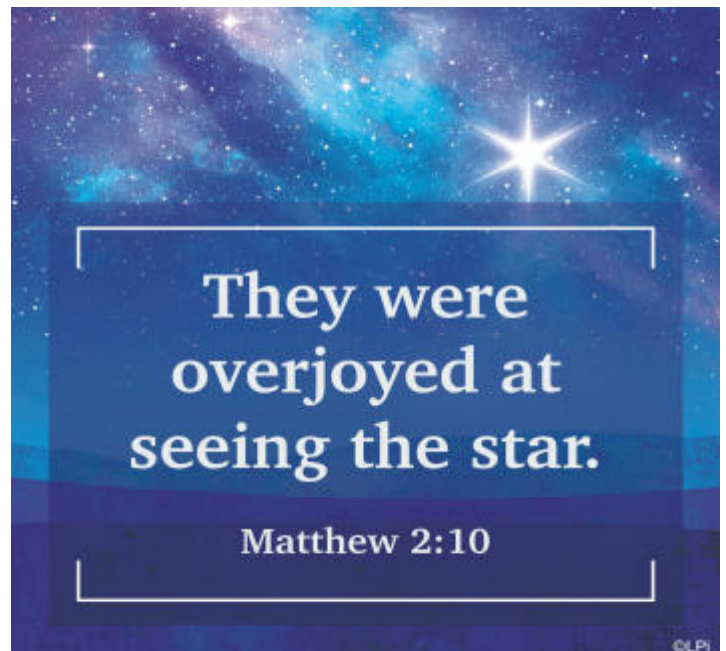
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Dropped Host

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.). ©LPI





15-year-old Blessed Carlo Acutis died in Italy on October 12, 2006 of acute leukemia. Carlo loved Jesus and the Eucharist from a very early age, and one of his sayings was “to be always close to Jesus, that is my life plan.” Another of his quotes is “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.” Carlo was quite an ordinary teenager in that he loved sports, especially soccer; and he was a big fan of computer games and practical jokes. Yet because of his love of Jesus in the Eucharist, and because he was adept with the computer, he created a program of all the Eucharistic Miracles documented through the centuries. After his death, this program was made into an Exhibit, on panels, of these miracles. This exhibit has been traveling all over Europe and is now beginning to be shown in America. The Exhibit will be at St. Jude Parish in Monroe, CT on January 22 & 23. Come and see!

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