



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 9, 2022

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

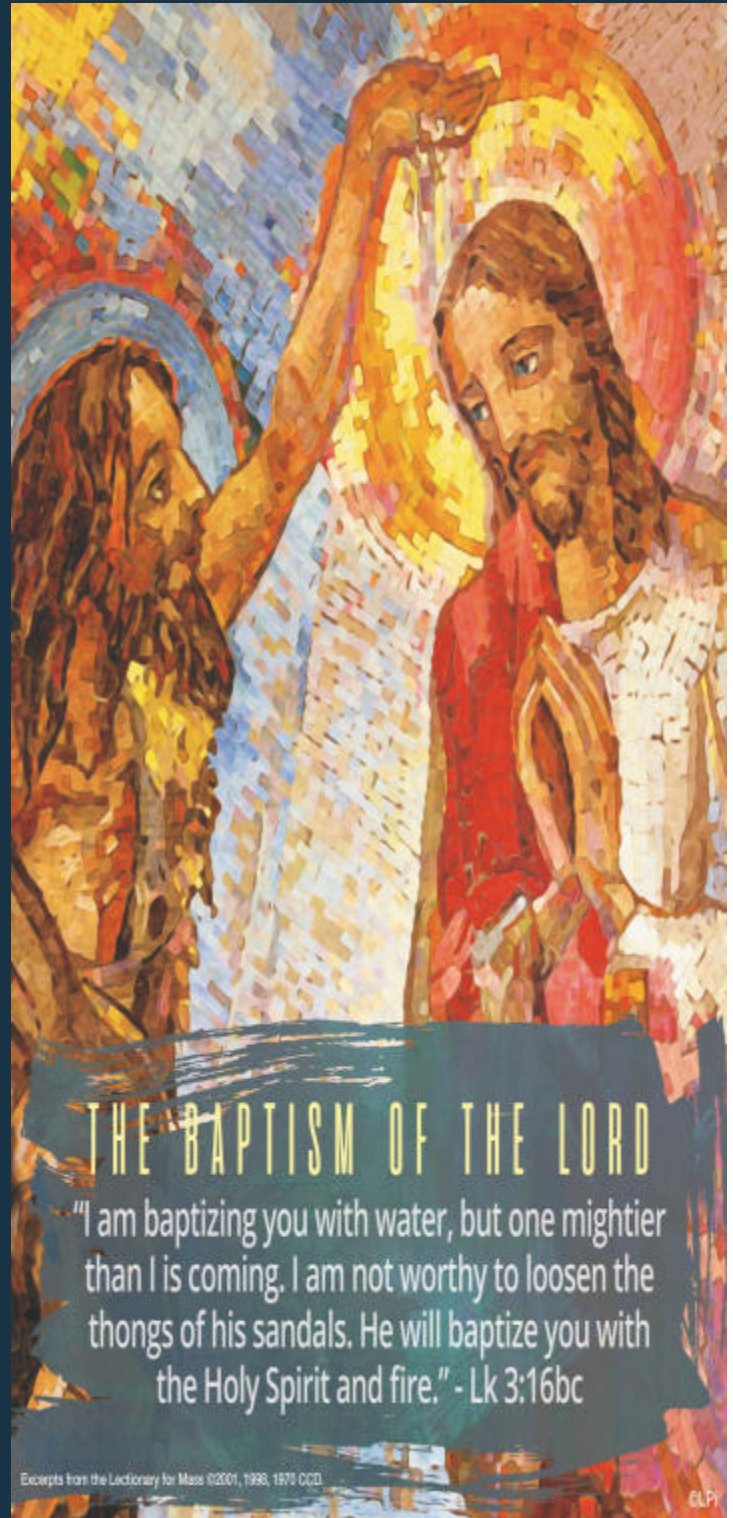
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

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.



46 Church Hill Road, Newtown CT, 06470
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 10

6:45 Beate Engel-Doyle Elizabeth Ludanyi
9:00 St. Rose Parishioners

Tuesday, January 11

6:45 John Pirrone Nicolina Antonazzo
9:00 Mary & Jeremiah Horgan. Maureen Horgan

Wednesday, January 12

6:45 Rose Mary Condron Mary & Norm Roos
9:00 Marie Marotto. Joanne Marcinek & Doreen Osto

Thursday, January 13

6:45 Epifanio Robledo Mary Ellen McGarry
9:00 Marion Wesselbrand The DeCano Family
Jack Obre Family

Friday, January 14

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Philip Mosolino The Long Family

Saturday, January 15

8:00 Joseph Caulfield Beth Groomell
4:00 Victor DeGirolamo Ann & Lorenzo DeLaVega

Sunday, January 16

7:30 St. Rose Parishioners
9:30 Robert Berthier, Jr. MD Tom & Ellen Curran
11:30 Victor DeGirolamo Carol Bistany
George Whalen Maureen Bohmer
5:00 Virginia Fitzpatrick. The Mok Family
Dr. Maureen Boustany Bernie Yearne

WEDDING BANNS:



BANNS III: Caroline Quentin & Joseph LaCourse
BANNS II: Renee Solheim & Jeffrey O'Dell

Join us every Thursday and Friday from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. for Adoration in the church.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

We come together this weekend to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. This feast is celebrated liturgically as the conclusion of the Christmas season, devotionally as the first of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and theologically as the scriptural call to baptism for all who believe in Christ. There is always the question why Jesus chose to be baptized by His cousin, John the Baptist. John's baptism was meant to be a sign of repentance for sin and conversion to a new way of life. Why then did Jesus, who was without sin, ask for this baptism? Jesus uses this moment as the beginning of His public ministry. It was His emergence from a life of seeming obscurity into a life of growing popularity on account of His preaching and the miracles and healings he was performing as well as His call to us to receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Jesus steps into the River Jordan, has water poured over Him and begins His ministry of redemption through this very public and humbling action. As the water flows over His head, a dove appears and a voice from heaven calls out to Him; the Trinity is revealed in this sacred and simple act. We can draw profound parallels between Jesus' baptism and our own. We can plainly see that just as Jesus was revealed as the beloved Son of the Father, so too we receive a new identity in baptism as the adopted sons and daughters of God. Jesus shares His divine life with us through the waters of our baptism. This spiritual adoption draws us into the very life of God and His endless stream of graces. In this moment of Jesus' baptism we witness His anointing by the Holy Spirit, we hear the Father claiming Him as His Son and we begin to share in a mission of love for each of us. It is in this action that Jesus testifies to His willingness to empty Himself totally out of love for us in order to heal our brokenness, forgive our sins and bring us to new life. Let us renew our baptismal promises this day so as to remind ourselves of God's goodness to us.

PERSONAL RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

Response: I DO.

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

Response: I DO.

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

Response: I DO.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Response: I DO.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Response: I DO.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Response: I DO.

And may Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A few words of thanks.....

+ Thanks to Deacon Rick Scinto, the Knights of Columbus and men from our fellowship retreat for setting up our crèche in church and taking it down at the end of the Christmas Season.

+ To Dan Cragin for producing another light show for the community to enjoy throughout the Christmas season and to all who assisted him with this project.

+ To our Music Ministry: Joe Jacovino, our Choir and the Folk Trio for their inspiring music for Christmas.

+ To our liturgical ministers: Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Ushers for their commitment to the parish. A number of our lay ministers have taken some time off due to Covid concerns and the ministries have been managed by a much reduced number.

+ To our office staff for answering a hundred and one phone calls about Mass and service schedules. All with great patience and a smile.

+ To our custodial staff who were always on the ready to help set up the outdoor nativity scene, hang wreaths and keep the campus looking beautiful.

+ To Eugene Reelick and the staff of Hollandia Nursery for the beautiful decorations in church...always the perfect touch to enhance our celebrations.

+ To our Faith Formation team for coordinating the children's pageant at the High School along with a lot of Moms and Dads and the living nativity with the special help from Mary Beth Sippin.

+ To all of you who remembered the clergy of the parish during Christmas with your thoughtful cards, good wishes, goodies and gifts....we are truly grateful for your kindness and support.

+ To our Lord Jesus, our Savior, for being born again among us bringing us the hope we need during these very challenging times!

I recently saw an ad on television that was produced for after the Christmas season. It really touched me as they filmed homeless men, women and children throughout our country. It is just a reminder to keep the Christmas spirit alive all year long. While Christmas is a natural time for us to be concerned about the needs of others, as Christians we are called to maintain that awareness throughout the year. We are not in a position to judge these brothers and sisters for the decisions they made that may have led to their homeless situation; rather we are called to help them have the respect they deserve as God's sons and daughters. Hunger, poverty, homelessness and isolation in our country has reached higher proportions than ever before which we cannot simply ignore. Keep the spirit of Christmas alive all year long!



Week of Jan 9 - "A" week Rotation

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 Thursday, Jan. 13 at 4:30 pm. 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.

Christmas Eve Nativity Thank You's:

Even with the COVID all around us, we were able to hold Christmas Eve Mass with our Children's Nativity Pageant at Newtown High School. The children did a great job of recreating the story of Jesus' birth on that special night. We'd like to thank Liz Gietz, director/coordinator of the pageant for her hard work to put on this beautiful event. Thank you to Isabelle Gietz, who helped with costume distribution, setup & directing students. Thank you to student volunteers & parents who helped with practice and the presentation; thank you to all of our students who participated, and for your patience while waiting for your cue to begin. Thanks to our adults who helped with programs, costumes or offer-tory collection or cleanup after Mass.

We were especially excited to see Santa Claus visit at the end of the Mass, We know Santa had a busy schedule, but his priority in Newtown was to come kneel before the Manger. Thank you to the elves that assisted Santa. We thank Monsignor Bob for his constant support as we prepared for the pageant and decided to move ahead on this family & church tradition. Please keep him and all our priests in your prayers for a happy, healthy New Year.



St. Rose School could be the right fit for your family! Registration for the 2022-2023 school year opens January 23rd. 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. Questions? Email admissions@srles.com; visit www.stroseschool.com. A warm welcome awaits you!

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.

Calling all St. Rose School alumni – we'd love to hear from you! Email advancement@srles.com to share news about school, career, travel, family, service and more. Once a part of the St. Rose School family always a part!

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

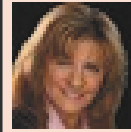
In front of the Blessed Mother statue M.-F. 9 a.m. Mass.

"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 COUNCIL-Nancy Rhodes APRN-BC, Parish Nurse



I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all those who made the vaccination clinics in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center that occurred every three weeks since June 2021, successful.

The DPH and Griffin Hospital helped orchestrate this endeavor; and with our health ministry volunteers and others, including but not exclusive: Anne Dalton, Marilyn Doyle, Denise Wiley, Beth Groomell, Beth Heggarty, Cate Gosselin and her cohorts from the Religious Ed office, we could not have manned the crowds and made it such a pleasant experience.

In order to manage the positive response from our community, it was necessary to move these clinics to a larger space. We will be in the NYA Sports and Fitness Center starting in January.

A side note- Edi Poidomani RN contributed to the health tips featuring "The Eyes Have it" in a previous bulletin. Thank you Edi!! Any of our parishioners who have some health tip ideas are welcome to contribute! Just reach out to me at parishnurse@strosechurch.com.

Thank you and God Bless!



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 February 7. 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.



Please join us for a Mass for the March for Life on Friday, Jan. 21 at noon.

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

"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!

"Every life is sacred: the lives of mothers and the lives of the unborn. Not only does this decision further the tragic taking of unborn lives but it does little to care for the well-being of women in need. Far from the accompaniment that women in crisis pregnancies deserve, this decision would leave women alone in the midst of trauma, often without any medical attention or follow up care.

One of the essential tasks of governments is to safeguard the health and well-being of citizens. As such, the FDA ought to act to protect the lives and health of mothers and children, rather than merely succumbing to the abortion industry's pressure to loosen safety standards."

-statement of Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities on the FDA decision "to eliminate the safety requirement of in-person dispensing in the Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategy for the chemical abortion drug mifepristone"

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishops-pro-life-chairman-denounces-fda-decision-chemical-abortion-pill>

**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 Zency

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
LCR Alex Islin
LCR Allison Kirk Islin
CPO Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.
LT 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

**UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY
WINTER RETREAT**



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PSALM 139:5

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FEAT. OSCAR RIVERA

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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.)

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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.

Come join the Columbiettes! We are ladies interested in helping others with our many service projects. We warmly welcome any Catholic lady 18 and over! Please contact Donna Rahtelli, President at drahtelli@gmail.com



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/>.

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

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

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.

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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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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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The Voice of St. Rose is an online streaming Internet Service operated by St. Rose Parish. This provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in and watch the Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass and 9 a.m. 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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ALZHEIMER’S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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.

CONTACT: Cary Carpino RN 203-732-7371

Baptismal Bib

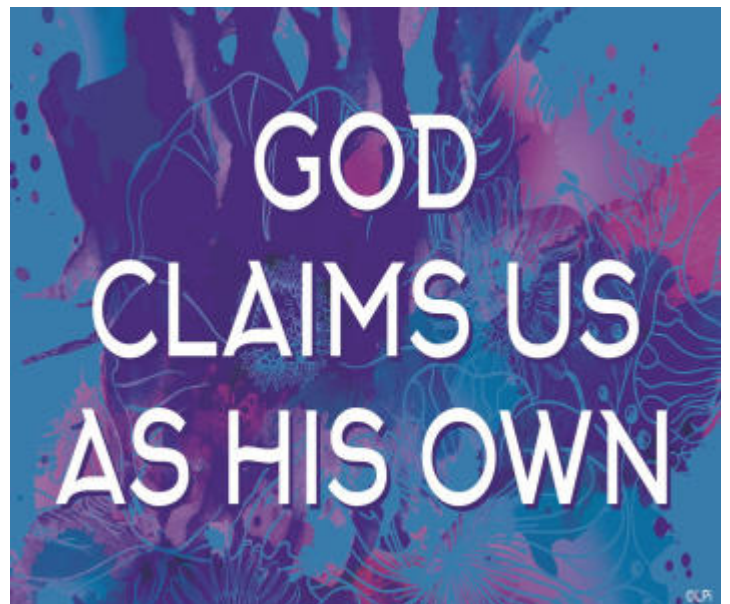
Question:

At my grandson’s Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby’s head. Others are simply placed on the baby’s chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©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!

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. By means of 159 panels, one can “virtually visit” the places where the Miracles took place.

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Refreshments	7:00 p.m.
Presentations	7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Q&A	8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Brief presentations will be given by:

Msgr. Robert Weiss, Pastor, St. Rose of Lima Parish
Joseph Gallagher, Chief Development Office, Diocese of Bridgeport
Dean Gestal, Director of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Bridgeport
Thomas Kolenberg, Trustee, Foundations in Charity
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Please contact Kelly Gerbo in the parish office if you plan to attend at parishsecretary@strosechurch.com or (203) 426-1014.

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