



ST. ROSE OF LIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 16, 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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, January 17**
 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
 9:00 Joseph Antonazzo Nicolina & Family
- Tuesday, January 18**
 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
 9:00 Virginia Chion Social Concerns Committee
 Allen Hubbard Family
- Wednesday, January 19**
 6:45 Ruth Del Col Donna DeBois
 9:00 Marie Marotto...Joanne Marcinek& Doreen Osto
 Sandra Cappello Kim Fischer
- Thursday, January 20**
 6:45 Marie AttardmoonanCindy Vacaro
 Gindele KatalinAliz Mihok
 9:00 Intentions of Ryan & Katie Keogler. . .Thomas
 Ortega
- Friday, January 21**
 6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
 9:00 Rose Mary KunzeSt. Rose Religious Ed.
 Joseph Ancona Marguerite & Robert Jones
- Saturday, January 22**
 8:00 Raymond Reilly..... Family
 4:00 Thomas Kirrane Morlath Family
 Thomas Flanagan Deborah Tether
- Sunday, January 23**
 7:30 Edward Lovely The Long Family
 Irving Trager. Andrea & Jordan Trager
 9:30 Jack GronowskiCarolyn Gronowski
 11:30 Marie Culotta The Mok Family
 5:00 Charles Keller. St. Rose Religious Ed.
 George Whalen Joanne & Mike McCaffrey

WEDDING BANNS: 

BANNS III: Renee Solheim & Jeffrey O'Dell

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Mary Jo DiMattia as requested by The Women's Club. 

Join us every Thursday and Friday from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. for Adoration in the church. Arise Holy Hour is this Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 8:00 p.m. 

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

Gift of Barry and MaryAnn Meyer in memory of Ginny Chion.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi

St. Teresa of Calcutta's Lay Movement
Holy Hour—January 17
 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!

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

What is ORDINARY TIME? Now that the Christmas season is completed, we begin the next liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. Because the term ordinary in English most often means something that is not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. The season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Church and is a time for growth and maturation. It is a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into our lives.

Ordinary Time is called ordinary not because it is common but simply because the weeks of this season are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis* which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo* from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church, the period in which we live our lives neither feasting as we do during Christmas and Easter nor fasting which we do in Advent and Lent. Instead, we gather in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It is appropriate that we begin this season with the Gospel passage of the wedding feast at Cana where Christ turns water into wine. There is nothing ordinary about the miracles Christ performed! Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives.

The normal liturgical color of our vestments during this season is green, a color that calls us to growth in our understanding of the Gospels. It reminds us throughout the year of the hope given to us by the birth of Christ, who came as one like us to show us the path to salvation. From now until Ash Wednesday we will wear the green and Ordinary Time will continue following Pentecost until Advent.

Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana underlines the resemblance between the vows spouses make to one another and the covenant that God makes with each of us. In the Old Testament, the covenant was the binding contract between God and the Chosen people, the Israelites. God pledges: "I will be your God and you will be My people." He delivered them from slavery and guided them through the desert into the Promised Land. In return, His people were to obey the Commandments, which defined the people's relationship to God and one another. In the New Testament, God extended His love and care to all. And everyone, as individuals and as a community, now has a relationship with God.

And, His Son became one of us and issued a new commandment that we love and serve one another as He did in offering His life for us. The Apostle Paul likened this new relationship to the way spouses relate to one another. He, of course used the terms of his day to explain how spouses were to love and serve each other. In the Gospel, Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana emphasizes both the personal and communal nature of the New Covenant. And His turning water into wine so the celebration could continue demonstrates how the New Covenant of service and forgiveness is a joyful one.

Paul reminds us in the second reading from Corinthians of the many gifts each of us has been given by God and the responsibility to not only accept that gift but to live it for others. Paul provides a litany of gifts we have received: wisdom, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment of spirits, varieties of tongues and their interpretation. There is a gift created in each of us that we must discern and use to build up the Body of Christ, the Church, on earth. This parish community is blessed with a myriad of gifts. Unfortunately, one of the side effects of Covid has been the withdrawal from our usual activities and ministries. It is certainly understandable with all the information that is constantly being given to us, but we can no longer continue to "hide away" if we are going to do the mission given to us by Christ. We are working hard to rebuild our community here at Saint Rose, and it is my hope that everyone will make that effort! It begins by coming back to Mass either in church or in our parking lot at 4:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. We need to take the risk to come home.....too many continue to stay away! We also need to ask ourselves what we might be able to do to help re-establish our community's ministries and programs. What gift have you been given that can help us achieve that goal? We are always in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Currency Engineers, and Catechists. Saint Paul tells us:

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Let's use this new Church season to discern what we can do with the Spirit given to us.

A word of thanks to Cathy Cragin for coordinating our Christmas Sweepstakes. As usual, your response was amazing and we were able to net \$11,500. Cathy used her extraordinary organizational skills for our benefit. A great example of what Saint Paul is encouraging each of us to do.



Week of Jan 16 - "B" week Rotation

Holiday Closure:

Classes will not be held on Sunday, Jan. 16 and Monday, Jan. 17, due to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The Religious Education office will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of the holiday.

UPDATE - 7th Grade Retreat:

Due to the concerns over the COVID effects of meeting in person, and our desire to keep all students safe, we have moved the 7th Grade Retreat to Sunday, March 6. Information on the date and time change, as well as details of the retreat will be sent shortly from Mary Craig, Confirmation Coordinator.

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. **Note: We are asking the student to bring only ONE parent/guardian with them to maintain social distancing and limit the number of attendees at each service.**

Reception for First Reconciliation:

Due to COVID concerns, we will not hold the reception this year. Thank you for your understanding.



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. **Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend and will also be on sale after all Masses the weekend of 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! Email raffle@srles.com or call the school office weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 203-426-5102 to purchase tickets.

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. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m. in Holy Innocents.

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
A limited supply of N-95 masks have been delivered by the DPH for our parish. Many parishioners received the masks at the 4pm Mass last week. Due to the weather, the masks were not distributed at the other Masses. They will be distributed based on family numbers/needs at all the Masses on Sunday, January 16. Remember to wash your hands before handling the masks. See the information about the application and care of the mask. If you have any questions, reach out to Nancy Rhodes APRN-BC.



After use, put the mask in a closed brown paper bag. The bag actually keeps the mask away from decontaminating someone else or a surface, and also keeping a dry environment in order for the virus to not spread or stay on the mask.

Experts recommend storing your mask in a paper bag for 24 to 48 hours in a dry place.

This is not recommended for health care workers, but for everyone else, it can extend the life of something we use every day.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

If the economy, job loss, illness or an unexpected emergency has caused your family to have difficulty regarding housing issues for St. Rose parishioners, please contact Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. Everything is strictly confidential. St. Joseph, pray for us! Praise the Lord! He takes care of His children!

LIFT-A-SPIRIT MEAL MINISTRY

There is nothing nicer than a home-cooked meal! For many members of our St. Rose parish family who are dealing with chronic illnesses or who are facing medical emergencies, a hot meal, made with love and prayers, is nourishing to the body and soul. Please consider joining our group. Contact Kathy: 203-456-6303.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Do you have cancer? Are you a cancer survivor? Are you a family member of someone who has cancer? Have you lost a loved one to cancer? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are encouraged to attend a support group being held the **second Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. 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 Due to Covid, meetings are temporarily postponed. 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: Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) Zoom meeting is 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 8. Our guest speaker, Annette Richmond, will present on “Build Your Professional Brand On LinkedIn”. She will be covering some of the newer features like LinkedIn Cover Story. *To receive the zoom link, please e-mail john@itechpc.com*

ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING
Are you interested in being involved with men seeking the Lord asking for His guidance to fulfill the calling on your Life? Then this men’s group is what you are looking for. Hope to see you soon! For additional 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, followed by a march up to the flag-pole and back which will include the Rosary.

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. It runs from Jan. 19-27. Please visit www.9daysforlife.com.

“The Catholic bishops of the United States have designated January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, directs: *In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.*”

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>

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.” -United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB.

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
 AIC 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 Meredith 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

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WINTER RETREAT

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 PSALM 139:5

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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 strosec church.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 New-town Bee, Caraluzzi's Market, Fisisio 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.

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/>.

Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

-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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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

LEGACY PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

In collaboration with the Diocese of Bridgeport, Saint Rose will be hosting an information session regarding legacy planning on **Thursday January 27th** in the parish hall. Experts will be present to discuss the spiritual, liturgical, financial and legal aspects of planning for end-of-life from a Catholic perspective.

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
Michele Gartland, Esq., Rucci Law Group, LLC

Please contact Kelly Gerbo in the parish office if you plan to attend at parishsecretary@strosechurch.com or (203) 426-1014.



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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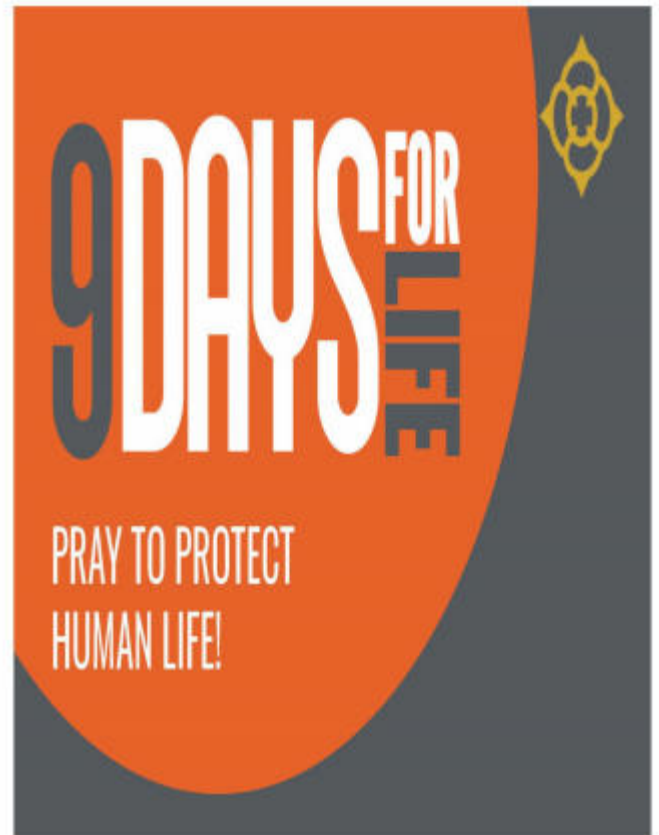
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