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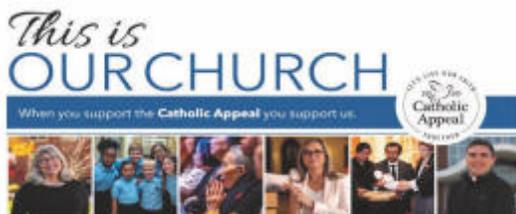
As a seminarian, my time here at St. Agnes parish and St. Rose of Lima parish has been great! I have learned and experienced so much. At the end of the Summer, I will return to St. John's Seminary to continue my formation to the priesthood, returning here to Topsfield and Middleton once or twice a week during the academic year. Next summer, I will be able to be with you for the whole summer as a Deacon, and then for the following year in my final year of preparation for Priesthood. To travel from the seminary to Topsfield and Middleton takes approximately one hour, but I do not yet have a car.

I write this as an appeal to ask if you may have a car you are getting rid of or selling, or know someone who is, if you could please let me know. This will enable me to commute on a weekly basis from the seminary to our parishes as part of my training for Priesthood, and to have transportation between our two parishes when I am here. I would be happy to buy an inexpensive car or receive one from any person's generosity.

Thank you very much for your care and generosity, and may God bless you. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ,

Maxwell Chukwudiebere.



**Even in the midst of a global pandemic, service to others remains core to the work of our Church.**

Our COVID response team of priests is anointing the sick in hospitals.

Our priests continue to serve their communities virtually and in-person as allowed.

Our Central Ministries continue to care for so many in need.

Our Risk Management office continues to provide guidance for parishes and schools.

**This is Our Church. Funded by the Catholic Appeal.** If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal to ensure that this critical work continues. Your support will make a *significant difference* as we continue serving the Catholic faithful and all our brothers and sisters in need. To learn more about *Your Church at Work* or to make a donation, visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) Thank you!

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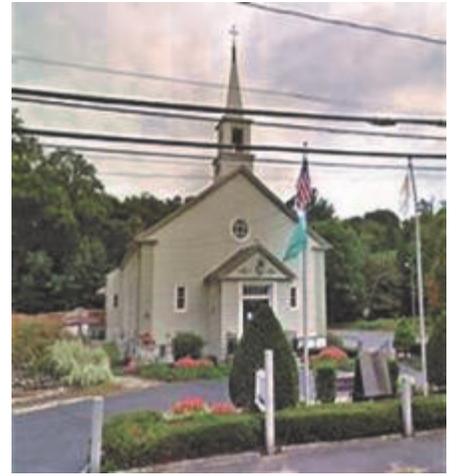
You are the Christ, the Son of the living God, Peter made his profession of faith in Christ and this faith constitutes the firm foundation of the people of the new covenant. The Church is not primarily a social structure; she is the community of those who share the same faith as Peter and the Apostles: the community of those who proclaim the one apostolic faith. The Fathers loved to compare the holy Apostles Peter and Paul to two pillars supporting the church as a visible construction. According to ancient tradition, the liturgy celebrates them together, commemorating their glorious martyrdom on the same day. They both sealed with their blood the witness they bore to Christ by their preaching and ecclesial ministry. Peter and Paul, each with his own personal and ecclesial experience, testify that the Lord never abandoned them, even amid the harshest trials. He was with Peter to deliver him from the hands of his opponents in Jerusalem; he was with Paul in his constant apostolic labors to communicate to him the strength of his grace, to make him a fearless proclaimer of the Gospel for the benefit of the nations.

If the witness of faith and the arduous struggle which the Apostles Peter and Paul had to undertake for the cause of the Gospel are considered in merely human terms, they ended in defeat. In this too they faithfully followed Christ's example. Indeed, humanly speaking the mission of Christ, who was condemned to death and crucified, ended in defeat. However, both the Apostles, with their gaze fixed on the Paschal Mystery, did not doubt that precisely what to the eyes of the world seemed a defeat, was in fact the beginning of the fulfillment of God's plan. It was the victory over the forces of evil won first by Christ and then by his disciples through faith. The entire community of believers relies on the firm foundation of the apostolic faith and gives thanks to "Christ for the solid rock on which its life and mission are built.

May the Lord, who today gladdens us with the glorious memory of the Apostles Peter and Paul, enable us to listen to their teaching with a docile heart, preserve it with devotion, and transmit it with fidelity, so that the Gospel message may reach to the ends of the earth. Amen!

Saint John Paul II

## *The Year of the Eucharist*



### *Who is part of the Eucharistic celebration?*

In the Eucharist, God the Father receives the sacrifice of *His Son* whom we offer each time we come to Mass. Christ gave Himself to us in the Eucharist for our redemption. When we come to Mass, our Eucharistic sacrifice is offered to God the Father for our own salvation. The Holy Spirit through Christ gives us the gift and grace to be united with God through the Eucharist. The Eucharistic offering of Christ unites not only the members of Christ's body here on earth, but also those already in the glory of heaven and, our dead brothers and sisters who died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified, that is, the souls in Purgatory waiting to be welcomed into heaven. When the church on earth offers the Eucharistic sacrifice, the bishops and priests represent Christ. They act in the person of Christ the head of the body, presiding over the people of God who come to Mass. So, when we come, we collaborate with the priest in offering the Eucharist for our salvation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, even the "*Amen*" we say when we receive the Holy Communion is an active participation in the Eucharistic celebration.

Through our collective collaboration in the Eucharistic offering, we present the whole universe to God. Christ at the same time presents us to God because He is the High priest and our mediator. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that in the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation, loved by God, is presented to God the Father. Everything in the universe and everything in our lives can be offered and transformed in the Eucharist. We can bring our whole selves to the Eucharist and lay them down on the altar – all of them, nothing held back. For the Eucharist *is* Christ, and whatever we give to Christ, we get back perfected and transformed. To the extent we give ourselves to Christ, to *that* extent we get our true, Christ-transformed selves back. Nothing in our lives ought to remain outside the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says it well: "The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value." We all are part of the Eucharistic celebration and through it, we become one body of Christ and unite with God.

One of the great saints of the church; St. Paul of the Cross, says, "The Holy Communion is the most efficacious means of uniting oneself to God."

### **FAQ: How can I make a donation?**



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, July 12 2020

10:00 am @ St. Rose Joan Lewis  
11:30 am @ St. Agnes Julio Suke

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the desire to livestream daily Mass, all daily Masses are being temporarily celebrated at St Rose Church.

### Daily Mass - 9:00 am

Monday, July 13th Marlene McGinnity  
Tuesday, July 14th Farid Sfeir  
Wednesday, July 15th Shirley Sciora  
Thursday, July 16th Carolyn Bresnahan  
Friday, July 17th Helen Mignault  
Saturday, July 18th Al Jones

### Sunday, July 19 2020

10:00 am @ St. Rose Roland Therriault  
11:30 am @ St. Agnes Ida Rose Jeyarajan

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## PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK:

Please join us in praying for the sick members of our parish community:

**Amy, Angelea, Megan Bytof, Catherine, Arthur Carolan, Charles, Dave, David, Frances, Margaret Jacques, Jonathan, Joseph, Kevin, Maryann, Marie, Matthew, Thaddeus Dubiel, Elizabeth, Mary Keohan, Laura Lindsay, Walter Rehak, Dr. Larry Rusin, Leslie Storey, Tara, Thomas, Ann Turner, Tyler & Sylvia Vacca.**

## LIVE STREAM MASSES

Mass is celebrated and can be watched on live stream Monday - Saturday, at 9:00am and Sunday at 10:00am. To access the live stream tci.church/live.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

To send Father Dan Hennessey a personal and confidential prayer request, please see our website to fill out prayer request form or go to tci.church/prayers.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Confessions will be on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm -7:00 pm, Confessions at St Rose will begin July13th alternating Mondays with Saint Agnes.

Please see schedule below

July 13: St Rose

July 20: St Agnes

July 27: St Rose

August 3: St Agnes

August 10: St Rose

August 17: St Agnes

August 24: St Rose

Confession's will be held every Friday after daily Mass from 10:00am -10:30am at St Rose.

## GOT PEACE?

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST PARISH SUMMER READ

We hope you will join us for our very first Parish Summer Read! Our goal is to get our entire parish community reading and then discussing the same book, which is "Searching for and Maintaining Peace: A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart" by Father Jacques Philippe. The book is under \$10 and is just 118 pages. Using examples from everyday life, Fr. Philippe explores that which robs us of inner peace and what we can do about it. We can all read the book individually over the summer, and then meet in the fall (either virtually or in person if doable) to discuss it. For more info please email stagnesrosebookclub@gmail.com

**MEET OUR SEMINARIANS**  
**FUTURE PRIEST OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**  
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**REV. MR. DANIEL ZINGER**

**CITY:** BOSTON, MA

**HIGH SCHOOL:** LIVERPOOL HIGHSCHOOL, LIVERPOOL, NY

**COLLEGE:** SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

**SEMINARY ATTENDING:** ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY

**CLASS YEAR:** FOURTH THEOLOGY

**What are some of the factors that led to your decision to enter the seminary and discern the question of a vocation to the priesthood?**

I grew up in a large, extended Irish/German family. From the very beginning of my life the Catholic religion was a central focus. As a family we went to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day and frequented the sacraments, and we learned our prayers and said them regularly. In many ways the faith was the glue of our lives and we were expected to live life so as to please God. I grew up as a regular American kid-- I went to public school, I played sports, hung out with my friends and dated a few girls. Through everything the Catholic religion that played a focal role all through my life was always my foremost compass. I always found my Catholic faith to be life giving and a refuge for me. I didn't have to look far to discover who it was that laid this foundation in our lives. It was our priests. These priests preached to us on Sunday, celebrated the sacraments for us and were there when we needed them. We looked to them for who they were, "Fathers," and I always knew that they had the keys to get us to Heaven. From a very young age I felt drawn and called to do what they did. As I discerned the reality of going into the seminary and becoming a priest, it was with great joy I could see myself in the person of a priest and doing what a priest does. When I encountered that joy, it was a joy that I had never felt before and it was joy that stayed with me. I knew that the drawing and calling I had felt was real and I had to go forward to pursue the vocation of priesthood.

**Who are some of the people who influenced your decision to enter the seminary? What is it about them that assisted you?**

As kids we always looked up to the older generation in our family. My great grandparents and grandparents were in many ways the matriarchs and patriarchs of the family. I saw how they lived very good and wholesome lives with considerable success, they made it obvious that their Catholic faith was very important in their lives. As a youngster I spent a lot of time with my grandparents. They taught me how to pray and passed onto me their devotion. When we love someone we imitate what they do and I watched my grandparents look to the priests and the sacraments to guide the course of their lives. Somewhere along the way at a very young age, in a mystical way the seed of a vocation to the priesthood was planted and nourished inside of me. That seed sprouted and as a young man, it led me to enter the seminary.

**What advice would you give to a man who thinking about his vocation and is considering that God may be calling him to be a priest.**

Discernment is seeking to know God's will for you and while you seek you come to know yourself better. The priesthood, like any other vocation has both joys and challenges and both will be unique to each person. Do not be afraid! God has given the authorities of his Church the grace to discover with you if God is calling you to prepare to be his priest.

My advice would be, go and explore! See what God says to you as you look around. At Ordination, two lifelong promises are made, to be celibate and obedient to the bishop. A good starting block in discernment could be examining these two promises. If you believe you are called to be a diocesan priest, your bishop could assign you to be a priest to any number of different ministries. Here in the Archdiocese of Boston we have many wonderful parishes and collaborative. The Boston metropolitan area has one of the largest populations of young people in the United States and we have over one hundred different ethnic communities.

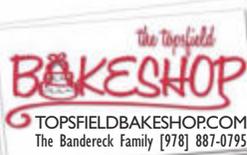
**What do you like most about being a seminarian?**

I simply love preparing to be a priest. By God's will and grace, I will be ordained a priest and that means I will be a Father to his people and as I serve them it will be my job to take them to Heaven. That for me is the best part of being a seminarian!

**What do you think is the best way to encourage vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Boston?**

The Church of Boston is vibrant and alive. We need good priests for all the many peoples that we have. The Archdiocese of Boston is very rich in diversity with many unique and extraordinary blends of parishes and collaborative, and socio-economic and ethnic groups. We need good priests to come forward to serve the people of God and to inspire by example as did the priests I knew growing up did for me.

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