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Welcome to our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Karlo, and to our new parish staff members Shelley and Amy.

Like so many of us, St. Agnes and St. Rose parishes have experienced changes during the last few months due to the pandemic. We have seen the departure of some staff members and now so as to serve our current needs, maintain financial stability at our parishes, and set ourselves up to grow and evangelize, I am happy to announce the addition of a new priest, and two new staff members.

FATHER KARLO HOCURSCAK, PAROCHIAL VICAR

My journey to the priesthood was a little different in that I did not think I would be a priest one day when I was young. I grew up in southwest Connecticut and I went to college to study engineering. I ended up coming to Worcester for college where I earned my Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering from WPI. When I started my first job out of college I moved to Haverhill, MA where I lived for the next 10 years while I worked professionally as an engineer. Toward the end of my professional engineering life, I began to ask the larger questions of life like what is life really about? Having been a practicing Catholic all my life and having a pastor that encouraged me to think about the priesthood, I believed that I might have a vocation to the priesthood. Since I had roots in the Archdiocese of Boston over the past 10 years and that I came to realize my vocation here, I applied through Boston's vocation office and was accepted at St. John's Seminary. Fr. Hennessey was the director of vocations at the time and so it is quite interesting that I am now serving with him here at St. Rose and St. Agnes. Once I entered St. John's, I studied philosophy and theology over the next 6 years leading up to my ordination in 2014. After ordination, I was sent to 3 parishes and a school in Beverly where I served almost five and a half years. Then I served in South Boston for the past ten months at St. Brigid and Gate of Heaven parishes. During that time, I also served for about one and a half months with about 20 priests on a covid task force to bring the sacrament of the sick to those affected by Covid-19. After I completed my work on the covid task force, the Cardinal asked that I come to Topsfield and Middleton and work with Fr. Hennessey. I am looking forward to serving all of you and helping to continue the work of the Gospel in Topsfield and Middleton.



AMY KOSTAK, DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

I am excited to join your parishes as Faith Formation Director!
Like Fr. Karlo, I grew up in Connecticut. I was raised Catholic and my faith became a central part of my life in college. I went to UConn (Go Huskies!), where I met FOCUS missionaries who inspired me to develop a personal relationship with God and share the Gospel with others. I graduated in 2016 with a dual degree in Psychology and in Human Development and Family Studies.
After college, I worked for Peace At Home Parenting Solutions and I volunteered at my home parish. I also hiked El Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile pilgrimage in Northern Spain. During that journey, I perceived God calling me to dedicate more of my life to ministry. When I returned to the US, I moved to the Boston area and became the Faith Formation Director at Our Lady of Hope Parish. I love walking with youth and families as they grow closer to Christ.
As I begin working for St. Agnes and St. Rose of Lima Parishes, I hope to meet many of you and learn more about this community. Please email me at akostak@agnesandrose.org if you would like to connect this summer!



SHELLEY BIHL, ASSISTANT FINANCE AND OPERATIONS MANAGER

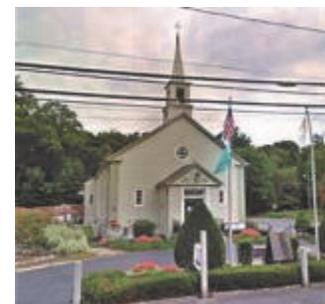
Looking forward to my time here at St. Agnes and St. Rose Parishes! I live in Methuen with my husband of 26 years, we have two wonderful children. My first role as business manager began in 2003 at St. Lucy Parish in Methuen, MA. In 2018 I began working for Karen Miller and was the business manager at the Presentation of Mary Academy, Inc. until I came here this July.



Thank you Seminarian Maxwell Chukwudiebere

Our parishes have been blessed with the presence of seminarian Maxwell Chukwudiebere this summer. It has been a joy for him to be here and he has done an extraordinary job serving in a number of ways, even in the midst of a pandemic! Sunday July 26 will be his last day of his summer assignment, and we expect his return sometime in September on a part time basis while he continues to live and participate in his formation program at Saint John Seminary in Brighton. We are all looking forward to his ordination to be a transitional deacon in June 2021, and to the Priesthood in May 2022.

The Year of the Eucharist



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE AND RECEIVE HOLY EUCHARIST?

1. Commemoration: the Eucharist is meant to be a celebration of the remembrance of Jesus Christ. This is to be the chief goal of all we do on weekday Masses and Sundays as well as throughout our daily lives. It is all about Jesus and He commands us to remember him. Thus, each Mass, we come to celebrate the person and work of Jesus Christ. As believers we reflect on this gospel story of Jesus' death and redemption for us, not only through the preaching of God's Word but also through the taking of His Body and Blood. **2. Proclamation** - Paul reminds us that when we partake of the Holy Eucharist, we are proclaiming the Lord's death till He comes. This serves two goals in the church. First it reminds us of the gospel story, especially that of redemption and restoration. We are reminding ourselves of Christ's work on the cross as well as His second coming! We need this reminder every Sunday and weekday Mass. The other goal it accomplishes is that we are proclaiming this story to unbelievers who are with us during that time that this our church and the Eucharist is all about the redemption and restoration of Jesus, it is about Him and what He does, not us and what we do. **3. Motivation in thanksgiving** - In Luke 22:17-19 we find Jesus giving thanks and then having his disciples take part in communion. Thanksgiving is a vital part of our time together Sunday for God always wants to be in the position of giver for the givers gets the glory. We don't come to Mass with hands full of gifts, rather we come with empty hands in need of God to fill us up, wake us up and actually give to us. The result is that we respond in thanksgiving to His grace and then in obedience as we move out and He is glorified. Psalm 50 and Acts 17 makes it clear that God does not need anything from us, he wants us to need Him! It is like the hymn "Come ye sinners" which says, "Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him." Thus, grace we see at the cross, responded to in thanksgiving, empowers us to obey and follow Jesus. The Eucharist helps us see this grace and work of Christ each Sunday and weekday Masses. **4. Examination** - This is also our goal on Sundays and weekday Masses. We want to celebrate Jesus and remember him in doing so repent of how we have defamed his name, demoted his supremacy in our lives and deflected his spirit's work on our hearts. This is what St. Paul meant when tells us to take communion and "examine ourselves." This provides us with the opportunity to respond each Sunday and seek to be doers and not hearers only. **5. Unity** - last but not the least, the Holy Eucharist expresses the unity of the church and fellowship with the Holy Spirit. The main purpose of Paul bringing up communion in 1 Corinthians 11 is for the sake of them doing it to promote unity instead of disunity as they were doing. Thus, in taking Holy Communion as a church family we are unifying around the gospel but also communing with God. We call it "communion" for a reason. When we celebrate and receive the Eucharist, we are expressing the spiritual union among believers and with the Lord that is strengthened and solidified at the Lord's Supper. May the Lord continue to strengthen our knowledge and love of the Holy Eucharist Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 26 2020

10:00 am @ St. Rose Chester A. Riley
11:30 am @ St. Agnes Rosa & Joseph Tirrusa

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

Daily Mass - 9:00 am

Monday, July 27th
Tuesday, July 28th
Wednesday, July 29th
Thursday, July 30th Sean McMillan
Friday, July 31st Mauro Molinari
Saturday, August 1st The Farrell Family

Sunday, August 2 2020

10:00 am @ St. Rose George Consolazio
11:30 am @ St. Agnes Bert Suke

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Gabriela Estabrooks and Craig Mannetta, who have been preparing for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist and will receive the Sacraments on August 15th at Saint Rose of Lima Church. All are welcome to attend, or to watch on live stream!

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 July 13th alternating Mondays with Saint Agnes.

Please see schedule below

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.



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The St. Vincent de Paul Society members are committed to helping our neighbors when times are tough. If you know of someone who is struggling in these tough times and needs financial assistance with food, utilities or living expenses, please contact the parish office at St Agnes 978- 774-1958 or St. Rose 978- 887-5505

We are so grateful for our parishioners who generously support our mission!



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.

MEET OUR SEMINARIANS
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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 felt that God was calling me to be a priest when, even though I had a girlfriend, I felt very empty. What led me to enter the seminary was after an experience I had while attending a vocational meeting for young people. In it there was a moment when I felt God's call to leave everything behind, my girlfriend, my work, my old life, and to follow him. Afterwards for about a year and a half I asked God to confirm his will. In the midst of this, one day I opened the Bible and I found a passage from Mt 9:35-37. This word helped me to decide to offer my life to God and eventually to enter the seminary.

Who are some of the people who influenced your decision to enter the seminary?

What is it about them that assisted you?

Fr. Kiko Vitta, an itinerant priest who was, the rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Nicaragua, and my catechist Hermidio Nicaragua. They inspired me to consider the priestly vocation. They were especially helpful in talking to me and guiding me through moments of doubt in my discernment.

What would you say is the role of prayer in the life of a seminarian and what effect does it have on one's ability to see God's call?

Prayer is the food without which I become prey to the temptations of the devil. In moments of my life when I was very confused, prayer helped me a lot. Since the time when I began praying the Liturgy of the Hours, prayer has been a source of life and help to me. In prayer God gives me the strength to continue the mission each day and the courage to fight the devil.

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?

I would say that no one just by himself can know for sure what is the will of God. Therefore I would advise this person to seek the help of a holy priest to see what God wants of him.

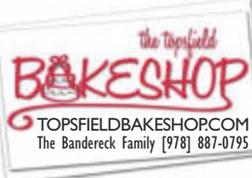
What do you think is the greatest challenge facing a man who is considering the seminary?

The main fear of being a priest is that you will lose everything, even though the truth is that you gain everything. God is our Father, takes care of us and He will make infinitely happy a man that embraces the call to the priesthood.

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

A good way is to send priests and seminarians out to the streets and to places where people gather, to speak to them about Christ and their vocation, and thus propose to the youth the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood.

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