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through the *Years*

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL

honors

Dr. John & Mrs. Nancy Murphy

for their dedication to Catholic education

Honoring service in our community

“Each one should use
whatever gift he has received
to serve others, faithfully
administering God’s grace
in its various forms.”

—1 Peter 4:10



DR. JOHN AND MRS. NANCY MURPHY

program

Cocktail Hour

Silent Auction

Class Raffle Baskets

WELCOME

Mr. Bardhyl Gjoka, Principal St. Rose School

Monsignor Robert E. Weiss, Pastor, St. Rose Parish, Master of Ceremonies

BENEDICTION

Monsignor Robert E. Weiss

DINNER

THE BLOOMS BENEFIT/ MONSIGNOR ROBERT E. WEISS AWARD FOR SERVICE

Dr. John and Mrs. Nancy Murphy, Honorees
Presented by Todd Ingersoll, Past Honoree

BLOOMS VIDEO PRESENTATION

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Where children Bloom in mind, heart and soul

DANCING

CnT Entertainment

menu

International Station

Passed Hors D'oeuvres

SALAD

MAIN COURSE

Pre-selected choice of

Filet Mignon

Salmon

Chicken Normandy

Chef's Choice Vegetarian/Vegan

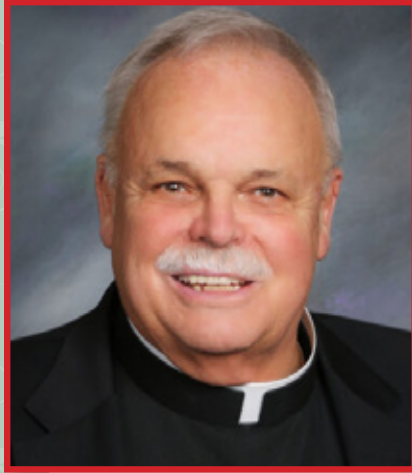
DESSERT TRIO

COFFEE & TEA SERVICE



words from

MONSIGNOR WEISS



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ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

29 February 2020

Dear Friends of Saint Rose School,

We gather this evening to celebrate over 60 years of providing a faith-based and excellent education to thousands of young men and women. We can be proud of our efforts in helping our students grow in wisdom, age and grace. We are grateful for your support not only this evening but throughout our school's history. Like all Catholic elementary schools, we have faced many challenges, but we remain diligent in our mission to stand strong in our commitment to provide the most optimal education we can to those families who entrust their children to us.

We also gather to honor and thank Dr. John and Mrs. Nancy Murphy, our honorees for this year's event. John and Nancy are devout and active Catholics. They entrusted their four children to our school and they were ever present when we needed help and encouragement to maintain a strong and vibrant school. No task was too insignificant for them, whether it was cleaning the classrooms during the summer break, assisting at lunch duty or cheering their children at school basketball games. They were always at the ready to do whatever they could. Their children benefitted greatly from their Saint Rose experience and education. They continued their education at Catholic high schools and attained a variety of advanced degrees. Their time at Saint Rose School provided a strong foundation for their future which has led each of them to diverse careers where they are enjoying great success and fulfillment. John and Nancy's commitment to Saint Rose School is something for which we will always be most grateful.

Enjoy the evening. Please continue to hold us in prayer as we will each of you and your families.

God bless,



words from

BARDHYL GJOKA, PRINCIPAL



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February 29, 2020

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Murphy,

It is our joy and privilege to honor you at the Blooms Benefit with the Monsignor Robert E. Weiss Award for Service. Your dedication to Catholic education and community service is both heartwarming and exemplary.

Faith and service are key aspects of the curriculum at St. Rose School. Our students expand on the values they learn at home by helping others in the school and greater community. You have been witnesses of this to your own four children and by extension the St. Rose School and parish family through the years. Observing faith and service in action has a powerful impact on students who go out and make the world a brighter place.

Dr. Murphy, you hold a significant role in the health field where you demonstrate leadership and also live your faith which is not always the norm in today's world but so very instrumental in touching lives with Christ's message. Mrs. Murphy, your good works for countless faith organizations and charities have rippling effects in the hearts and souls of those you help. Together you are an inspirational team – doing so much for so many yet very humbly. You are true disciples.

Thank you for raising four faithful children and sending them to St. Rose School. Thank you for being active parishioners and honorable community servants. Thank you for all that you and your peers did to lay the foundation of this special place where children in Preschool through 8th grade bloom in mind, heart and soul.

Congratulations! May God continue to bless you and your family.

Gratefully Yours,

Bardhyl Gjoka

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Dr. John
&
Mrs. Nancy
Murphy



When you look at a building you can't see its foundation and yet it is the very heart of the structure. And so it is with special people who quietly but with great strength and faith build up the families and communities of which they are a part.

Dr. John and Mrs. Nancy Murphy moved to Newtown in 1989 and became members of St. Rose parish. Here they developed strong friendships and became active parishioners. In 1992 their oldest child Katie (Class of 2001) entered Kindergarten at St. Rose School; she was followed by brothers Michael (Class of 2003) and Brian (Class of 2005) and sister Megan (Class of 2007). The Murphys embraced the school community

forming friendships that last until this day. They, along with fellow families, became pillars of St. Rose School. As a result of their commitment the school thrived; their good works continue to echo through the halls.

During their years at St. Rose Parish and School the Murphys have given countless hours to numerous outreaches. Mrs. Murphy was a Class Mom,



volunteered for lunch duty, chaperoned class trips, assisted teachers with projects. Together with other active families Dr. and Mrs. Murphy participated in painting parties and helped with dinner dances and fundraisers. Mrs. Murphy started the Cultural Arts program and Dr. Murphy taught Family Life to Grades 4 & 5 as part of Sister Ethel's Health class. He also taught 2nd grade classes how the brain works and was a basketball coach at different times through the years.

They have taught Pre-Baptism classes to new parents; Mrs. Murphy is a Eucharistic Minister, Dr. Murphy has given lectures to the Men's Club on medical issues

and health care. Both served on the recent Capital Campaign and are Chairing the Bishop's Foundations in Charity outreach which will kick off in June. They believe strongly in taking care of the poor and sick and as such commit much of their time to these important causes. They are active members of the Order of Malta through which they serve locally and take an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Mrs. Murphy has been on the Board of Catholic Charities in Danbury and now in Bridgeport helping to fundraise and promote the many important programs they offer in the community. Dr. Murphy is a respected leader in the community as the CEO of Nuvance



Health. He also is a founding member and serves on the board of the Value Care Alliance (a group of independent Connecticut hospitals); is chairman of the executive committee of the Connecticut Hospital Association; and regularly advocates on behalf of the health care industry on the local, state and national levels. Dr. Murphy also volunteers his time to help the underserved at a local neurology clinic.

The Murphys describe faith as their foundation. They are both products of Catholic education so it was important to them that their children attend schools where the values and faith teachings were

reinforced. They loved all the teachers at St. Rose School and believe their children received a wonderful education here. All four children went on to Catholic high schools and colleges and are now enjoying professional success. Most important to Dr. and Mrs. Murphy is that they are kind, caring individuals.

The students and families of St. Rose School benefit from role models like the Murphys. Their humble dedication to God, family, parish, school and community are commendable and so it is our joy and privilege to honor them with the Monsignor Robert E. Weiss Award for Service. We ask God's continued blessings on Dr. and Mrs. Murphy, their children and all whom they hold dear. We also thank the many parents, teachers, administrators, clergy, religious, parishioners and community members who have and continue to support St. Rose School. We have a rich history and bright future, bound together by shared values and the desire to help children in Preschool through 8th grade bloom in mind, heart and soul.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. JOHN AND MRS. NANCY MURPHY!

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DR. JOHN & MRS. NANCY MURPHY
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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Murphy

We are so grateful for your dedication to Catholic education and community service. You are wonderful role models. There is a special place in the St. Rose School family for you and your children. May God always bless you!

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to John & Nancy Murphy

in appreciation for all you have done
for St. Rose of Lima School,
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Dr. John and Mrs. Nancy Murphy

Your devotion to
community plants the seeds
of faith and service that bloom
within our children.

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