

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, December 27, 2009**

**Sunday, December 27**

Christmas Recess (No Religious Ed.)  
7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

**Monday, December 28**

Christmas Recess (No School, No Religious Ed.)

**Tuesday, December 29**

Christmas Recess (No School, No Religious Ed.)  
10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group  
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)

**Wednesday, December 30**

Christmas Recess (No School, No Religious Ed.)  
7:00 p.m. Folk Choir Rehearsal (1)

**Thursday, December 31 (New Years Eve)**

Christmas Recess (No School)  
4 p.m. Vigil Mass

9:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. Adoration (1)

**Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)**

All offices closed

**Saturday, January 2**

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

**LOCATION:**

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Church              | 5. Parish Center/ Safeplace |
| 2. 38 Church Hill Road | 6. St. Rose School          |
| 3. Gathering Hall      | 7. Chapel                   |
| 4. Science Room        | 8. Msgr. Conroy Room        |

**ST. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND**

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

**Gift of Walnut Tree Village Phase II in memory of Mildred Maguire**

**Gift of George & Eleanor Demchak in memory of Mary Mildred Maguire**

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS**

The Diocese of Bridgeport requires that all volunteers attend a Protecting God's Children Seminar, read and acknowledge both the Diocesan Policy Against Abuse and Code of Conduct, and authorize background check.

Upcoming Seminars are:

**Christ the King parish (Trumbull) 1/8/2010 at 6 p.m.**

Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) – click on the registration tab, select Bridgeport, CT and follow the prompts. For the question regarding your title, please enter "volunteer" followed by what you volunteer for (carnival, lector, school, etc). If you don't have Internet access or have any questions, contact Doreen Morrissey at 203-426-2572 ext. 27. Please bring all your paperwork and a copy of your card to St. Rose if you take the class elsewhere.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, December 28**

6:45 John McMahon, Jr. Anna McMahon  
9:00 Monika Glaesel Moritz Family

**Tuesday, December 29**

6:45 David M. Forde Soto Family  
9:00 William Sheluck Sheluck Family

**Wednesday, December 30**

6:45 Helen Obre Family  
9:00 Lillian & Josefina Pascual Family

**Thursday, December 31 (New Years Eve)**

6:45 Robert McMahon Anna McMahon  
9:00 John Murphy Kevin & Mary Maloney  
4:00 Vigil -- Herman Rosa Evelyn & Tom Evagash

**9:30p.m. -12:30 a.m. Adoration**

**Friday, January 1 (New Years Day)**

9:00 Robert A. Liscinsky The Liscinsky Family  
10:30 Henry Bojnowski Wife & Son, Joseph  
12:00 Maria Alagna John & Nella Pavia

**Saturday, January 2**

8:00 Albert Kruzshak Norma Kruzshak  
4:00 Maria Vosen Larry & Mary Beth Rice  
5:30 Bill Honan Roseanne & Jim Loring

**Sunday, January 3**

7:30 Edwin & Catherine Cahou Walsh Family  
9:00 Michelina Palanzo Joan Rogers  
10:30 Lucy Borruso Paula Stephan  
12:00 Helen Syc Jim & Lynda Healey

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Gerard Lardner as requested by the Lardner family.

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Stella Bujalski as requested by Cathy and Jack Hickey-Williams.

**Thank you for your support!**

Collection for December 20, 2009 \$12,754.00

Children's Collection 7.15

Collection December 21, 2008 \$12,132.00

QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com) FOR YOUR REVIEW.



Sister Thaddeus and Sister Mary Ellen would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Rose for their generosity and many kindnesses shown to us and to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth during this Christmas season. May God bless you in the New Year 2010.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEARS**

**There is a vigil mass at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31**

**The New Years Day Mass Schedule is:**

**9:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

**12 noon**

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

The FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY is a perfect time for all of us to reflect on the blessing that family is for each of us. While there is no "perfect" family, we are called to live together with a deep respect and genuine love for one another. What better place to learn that respect and love than in a family! Our Gospel this weekend recalls the time when Jesus was left behind in the temple by his parents. What anxiety they experienced when they realized that they could not find their child. It took them three days to find him which only added to the concern they were already experiencing. We know how we feel when we cannot find our child for a few moments! This is what family is all about, a deep concern for each other's well-being. This also reminds us how often family life is a challenge. There are so many styles of families in our society today, each presenting its own set of values and norms. Hopefully, there is one basic value that guides every family which is rooted in a deep faith in God: unconditional love. We pray this weekend for all families. Many are vibrant and healthy, and many are experiencing great difficulty. We need to work to keep family as the center and soul of society. As Mary and Joseph turned to faith in their times of need, let us as families model ourselves on that same faith. Thanks to all of you who work so hard to be a family; you are a wonderful example to me!

The list of THANK YOU'S is a long one this year. Just as family life has its up's and down's, so too does parish planning! While most of our scheduled events were able to take place, the weather did not always prove to be our friend. I begin by saying thanks to all those whose events were not able to take place and thank you for your understanding and patience. Many parish programs did happen, however, for which I am most appreciative:

- CONFESSIONS for our Saint Rose School and Religious Education students. Thanks to Fr. Ignacio for arranging several priests to assist us in providing this sacrament to our young.
- CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE was successful thanks to the many volunteers who assisted us and the coordination by Peggy Baiad, Pat Phillip and our Candy Came Café staff and workers. I think we can safely say that we are able to put \$20,000 toward our loan payment as a result.
- LIVING NATIVITY was a beautiful representation of the reason for this holy season. Under the direction of Rita Power, Gary and Mary Beth Sippin, Deacon Don Naiman and the help of many parishioners who portrayed the characters of the first nativity, we truly felt the dignity of that Bethlehem night.
- SAINT ROSE SCHOOL CONCERT AND LIVING NATIVITY also put us in the right spirit of this holiday. Our thanks go to Lyn Nagel for her work with our students in helping us understand the real reason for this season.
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASSES coordinated by our staff gave us the opportunity to celebrate the faith of these holy days with our young. What spirit they demonstrated as they gathered to prepare for the birth of Christ.
- ADOPT-A-FAMILY program proved that this parish community truly has a heart! We raised over \$70,000 to assist families in need. As the program proceeded, more and more families were given to us for assistance. Not one who requested help was denied nor were those who we were able to identify as a parish staff. We reached out to over 300 families, most of whom are parishioners or residents of Newtown. I also know that many community efforts to help those in need were organized and supported by our parishioners which make me equally proud of our generous spirit.
- SAINT NICHOLAS VISIT on his feast day provided a good reminder to our children about the importance of giving to others to make their lives a little better. I am grateful to Saint Nicholas for giving us his time to be with us.
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOY CLOSET was another example of generosity and kindness. Hundreds of toys were collected and donated to enable families and agencies in the area provide some Christmas happiness. The BREAKFAST WITH SANTA also sponsored by the Knights raised over \$1500. to be used for charitable causes. Thanks to all our Knights for their efforts during the holidays.
- REINDEER FOOD supplied by the St. Rose Senior Youth Group always brings a smile to the faces of our children as

they await the arrival of Santa.

-POINSETTIA SALE chaired by the Budzinski's not only raised some funds for our loan repayment but also provided some holiday color for our homes.

-THE MEN OF SAINT ROSE for setting up our beautiful crèche in the church which draws our attention to the Christmas story.

I especially want to thank our PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF for endless hours of helping us prepare for this feast. From cleaning the church, to answering the phone, to coordinating activity after activity and event after event, to keeping us on schedule and for simply giving of themselves as generously as each of them always does. We are blessed by the dedication of our parochial vicars, deacons and lay staff....give them a "THANK YOU" the next time you see them.

Thanks to all of our liturgical ministers for their willingness to serve us as lectors, extraordinary ministers, ushers, altar servers and music ministers. Thanks also to our currency engineers for their added assistance with our holiday collections.

Thanks also to the many who made memorial donations for our sanctuary flowers for the Christmas season. Your loved ones will be remembered during all our Christmas Masses. Thanks to Debbie Reilly and Marilyn Doyle and their crew of volunteers for providing this beautiful display for us.

**SOME SPECIAL NOTES....**

One of our Saint Rose School students won a \$50. gift card to TOYS 'R' US and donated it to the parish for a child who might be forgotten by Santa this year.

Another student from the school broke open his piggy bank and gave me \$84. to give to a family for Christmas.

One of our preschool students decided to take it upon herself to raise money this Christmas as a result of an experience she had during Thanksgiving when her parents were able to explain to her the importance of sharing. She began by counting and wrapping up all the spare change in her house and from her piggy bank and then moved on to her family members for all the money in their wallets. The total came to \$137.50 to buy food for a family!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education classes decided to put together a peace tree. They asked Hollandia Nursery to donate a balled tree and decorated it with a chain of prayers for peace written by each of them. They raffled the tree at the Christmas Boutique and raised \$405. for Adopt-A-Family!

We can all learn something from the example of these children when it comes to the true Christmas spirit!



The **St. Rose Catholic Forum** is dedicated to supporting adult formation. Programs are held on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, and often include a mass. The programs for the '09/'10 season place an emphasis on the role of priests in this **Year of The Priest**. If you are interested in a deeper knowledge of the Catholic faith, please visit our website, [www.catholicforum.us](http://www.catholicforum.us), and watch for information on upcoming events in future bulletins.

**The St. Rose Catholic Forum presents: *The Untapped Power of the Sacrament of Penance: A Priest's View*** with Monsignor Chris Walsh. Sunday, January 17, 2010 – mass at 4 p.m. in the church, followed by program at 5 in the Gathering Hall. Have you ever wondered why we need to bring our sins to a priest in the Sacrament of Penance? What do priests think of the sacrament? Are they bored in the confessional? Shocked by what they hear? Monsignor Chris Walsh, author of *The Untapped Power of the Sacrament of Penance: A Priest's View*, pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Shelton and former director of vocations for the Diocese of Bridgeport explains why priests cherish the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a powerful movement of God's healing love. There's no time like the present to return to this remarkable source of God's mercy and grace.



**Feast of the Holy Family**

When the Gospel of Luke was written, people were searching for meaning in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. What is this Kingdom of God all about? Today's Gospel story about Jesus being lost in the temple was a simple way to understand Jesus' life, death and resurrection. There was confusion and sadness after Jesus' death, as there was confusion and sadness after they realized that Jesus was lost in the temple. It took Mary and Joseph three days to find Jesus in the temple, and it was three days between Jesus' death and resurrection. We, too, search for meaning in our faith and our communion with one another as a Church family. When we find ourselves panicked and worried as Mary and Joseph were, it is reassuring to know that "God's business" is all about "finding" us and reassuring us of his protection as the Head of our Family of God household.

**Reflection Question:**

In what ways do I use my time to support and participate in the household of the Church -- the Family of God here on earth?

**Reflection Activity**

There are more than 30 parish groups that serve the Family of God at St. Rose Church. Take a look at a complete list of these groups, ask for God's opinion and choose one to participate in as a Spiritual New Year's Resolution.

**Catholic IQ:**

The Church considers Mary as: (a) Mother of God; (b) Mother of the Church; (c) Model of Discipleship.

**Reconciliation Preparation**

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will have a special preparation session during the week of **Jan. 3-6**. This will be held in the gathering hall during class time. St. Rose School students will attend on Wednesday, Jan. 6 from 4:15-5:15. Students and Parents please sit together as a class.

**Children's Liturgy**

**The next Children's Liturgy will take place on Saturday, January 9 at the 5:30 Mass. Please call the Religious Education Office if your child would like to join the choir, read, or bring up offertory gifts.**

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**Sean Forrest Retreat for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates**

The Confirmation Retreat will take place on **Jan. 11 from 4:00-8:30 p.m. in the gathering hall**. Pizza will be served for dinner. If you cannot attend, contact the Religious Education Office so that we may reserve a place for you at another parish for their Confirmation retreat to fulfill this necessary requirement of preparation.

**Attention: Parents of Children Who Attend Classes Tuesday or Wednesday Change Your Life Forever**

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:15-5:15 during class time, there is a study group based on Matthew Kelly's book: "Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose" at the Religious Education Office. Please call Pam Arsenault for details at the Religious Education Office to register 426-2333. The book cost is \$10. This series was held this past summer and fall, and it changes the way that we live our lives!

**Spiritual Journey**

Please join us on January 7 from 10:15-11:15 in the upstairs room at 38 Church Hill Road as speakers, Ken & Toni Adams, speak about the healing power of God. Come and see what God has in store for you – a mind- and spirit-broadening experience as well as a wonderful group of friends. All are welcome and refreshments are served.

**EPS – EDUCATION•PARISH•SERVICE**

Do you hunger to understand your Catholic faith? Do you have plenty of questions, but not enough answers? Enroll in Education•Parish•Service, which is offering **Living the Scriptures and Sacraments**, a study of how the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist prepare us for a life of discipleship, Wednesdays, Jan. 6 – Feb. 10, from 7:15 – 9:20 PM, at St. Philip Church, 25 France St., Norwalk. "Who is Christ?" "How does Christ save us?" EPS will explore these questions in its advanced course, **Christ: Savior of Humankind**, which examines the early Church councils, St. Paul's theology, and how we celebrate Reconciliation and the Eucharist, Tuesdays, Jan. 5 – 26, from 7:15 – 9:20 PM. To register, contact Priscilla Toumey at [epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu](mailto:epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu) or 203.847.2363. EPS operates with the blessing of the bishop in each of the dioceses it serves. For details and information about additional upcoming EPS courses, see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>.

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** All of the above. On Jan. 1, we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This term is a western derivative from the Greek word, Theotokos -- God bearer, which was adopted at the Church Council of Ephesus to assert the Divinity of Christ.

**This week we celebrate the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28), St. Thomas Becket (Dec. 29), Pope Sylvester I (Dec. 31), Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1), St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen (Jan. 2), and Most Holy Name of Jesus (Jan. 3).**



**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES**

**Celebrate New Year's Eve joyously and responsibly.**

There were no designated drivers at the wedding in Cana, only because there were no Corvettes or BMW's.

**Parishioner to Parishioner:** ("Available" items are offered without charge; just make arrangements to pick them up)

**Available:** Birch couch and 2 matching rockers.

**Needed:** Twin Size Bed frame.

**For information** please call: Joan Dwyer, 426-9337, weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**MEETINGS**

The **FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

We meet on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. Experience God's Word in Holy Scripture. All are welcome. If you have any questions please call Blanca Sheehan at 426-3253.

The **JOB NETWORKING GROUP** meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. We offer positive support, counsel, advice, and networking ideas to those looking to get back into the job market or seeking to make a career change. Contact Harry Dieck 426-3386 or Michael Ronan at 733-9186 for information.

**WEBS – (Women's Enrichment Book Study)** – will meet on Tuesday mornings at 38 Church Hill Road from 9:30-11 a.m. Please call Kristen Renzi at 270-6915 if you are interested in joining.

**Bereavement Ministry**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** is a meeting for those who wish to find support through prayer, scripture and sharing of personal experience while grieving a loss. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 17, 2010 from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room on the main floor of 38 Church Hill Rd. The group meets monthly on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. For more info, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 203-364-9796.

**ST. JOSEPH PROJECT:** Do you need help or are you in need of help? Do you know of any affordable rentals? If so, please call 426-2153. God bless you.

Available: Large 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 1 BR apartment—utilities included



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!**

**PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRY**

The Outreach Ministry Office is seeking your help in identifying those parishioners who are home-bound or in Nursing Homes, and those recuperating from surgery or serious illness and cannot come to Church but would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit. Also, many times a parishioner is in the hospital and we at St. Rose are unaware of this. Weekly visits are made to parishioners in Danbury Hospital who list themselves during their admission process as St. Rose parishioners. Parishioners in other hospitals can be visited if a family member calls the parish and requests a visit. If you have a family member in any of the above situations and would like someone to visit, please call Sister Mary Ellen at the Outreach Office 426-2572 ext. 11. If Sister is out visiting parishioners, please leave a voice message and she will get back to you.

**PARISH NURSE MINISTRY**

**KRISTEN VELSMID, COORDINATOR- 426-2573**

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Thank you for filling out our assessment! We are getting some great feedback! Our Parish Nurse Assessment is online at [www.strosechurch.com](http://www.strosechurch.com). If you have not filled out our assessment, please do so. Your opinion is VERY important to us!

Parish Nurses always welcome new members. Please contact us at 426-2573 ext. 13

**HEALTH TIP**

Calm your nerves with A Cup of This: It's calorie free and full of disease-fighting antioxidants, and it can also help turn your simmer-down switch from "frenzy" to "phew". We're talking about tea. People like it for a whole lotta different reasons. And now a new study shows that drinking a cup of the hot and healthy stuff seems to help quell minor bouts of anxiety. Steamy De-stressor: In the study, people with similar stress levels were asked to perform a short anxiety-provoking task. And those who were given tea to drink afterward were chattier and more relaxed and dropped their anxiety scores by about 4 percent. The ones who drank a glass of water instead? No change. Stress, Swallowed: How does tea subdue stress? Could be the theanine, a type of amino acid found in tea that has a reputation for alertness-making and mind-relaxing. The study participants also told the researchers that they found the simple act of making and drinking the tea to be relaxing. So put your tea kettle on! And enjoy these other great tea-drinking benefits: A smaller stomach. Drinking green tea can help you burn more belly fat when you exercise. Better blood sugar. Black tea can help keep it healthy and balanced.

**FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS**

If you are traveling and need to find the nearest Catholic Church, check the Internet [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) and click on "Church Lookup".

**Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner**

Sponsored by St. Rose Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Cause of Life:**

The Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee invites all individuals and families to participate in the special devotion to the Patroness of Life by bringing the Lady of Guadalupe Statue home for a week or more. The statue is given to you and your family at the end of a weekend mass of your choice, when you will receive a blessing. The statue can be returned by 3 p.m. the following Saturday. Families who have had this beautiful statue in their homes are reporting many graces and blessings. Please sign up in the book marked Pro-Life/Pro-Family that is in the vestibule.

\*\*\*If you have a special story of received grace or blessing, please share it in the back of the sign-up book in the vestibule.\*\*\*

Attend the **Annual March For Life**, Friday January 22, 2010! For more information, contact Father Ignacio at 203-426-1014 or Queta Donovan at 203-426-2153. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.

**Support** health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all people from conception to natural death. Get the long-standing teachings of the church and the latest updates on healthcare reform. Visit [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

**WE NEED YOUR BABY BOTTLES! IF YOU HAVE A BABY BOTTLE AT HOME, PLEASE REMEMBER TO DROP IT IN THE BOTTLE DROP UNDER THE PRO-LIFE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE VESTIBULE! THANK YOU!**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory

**ROSARY FOR LIFE:** Saturday, January 30 after the 8 A.M. mass and on the last Saturday of each month

**SIDEWALK PRAYER:** every Tuesday and Saturday from 9 to 11 AM at 27 Hospital Ave. in Danbury

**INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL CDs, books and BROCHURES** are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation: \$3. These make great Christmas presents!

As people faithful to God, many of us see abortion as a religious issue. It is, however, primarily a civil rights issue. Our constitution guarantees the "right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It does not exclude the unborn.



**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**

Capt. Andra Allison  
Capt. Robert A. Bassett, DO.  
SSG. Anthony T. D'Aquila  
Capt. Kathryn Devonshire  
Sgt. Daniel Dobbs  
SSG. Michael Dobbs  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas K. Dyer  
Major William Gottmeier  
Cpl. Marc Hellig  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rachel (Askue) Hoffman  
Capt. Tucker Hughes  
Major David A. Johnson  
Capt. Matthew A. LaRocco  
CWO Joseph Letourneau  
Sgt. John Martus  
Lt. Col. Mary Sara Moore  
Capt. Stefania Naiman, DVM  
Lt. Eric O'Donnell  
Capt. Sean Pond  
Major Benjamin Wallen

**United States Air Force**

Capt. Christopher J. Calero  
SMS Thomas Daniels  
Airman Kurt Kling  
Airman Travis Mueller  
1st Lt. Donald B. Naiman  
MSgt. James Rebman  
Capt. Gregory Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jessica Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Phillip Zencey

**United States Navy**

Aman Michael Carter  
Seaman Elizabeth Daniels  
RPSN Philip DeMayo  
CEI Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.  
MIDN Allison Kirk  
ENS Daniel Kirk  
Lt. Cmdr Timothy Krippendorf  
Lt. Commander John Porado  
PO Christopher Szabo  
**Army National Guard**  
CSM Al Almeida  
Spc. Carl Bergquist  
Pfc. Matthew Bergquist  
Major Todd Bookless  
**United States Marines**  
Gy. Sgt. James A. Allen  
WO Michael Costello  
1st Lt. Christopher J. DiNoto  
Cpl. Robert W. Hoyt, Jr.  
Major David G. Irving  
Major Benjamin Krippendorf  
Lance Cpl. Rylan McCollum  
Pfc Luke T. Miller  
PFC Ian Montgomery  
Col. Will F. L. Rodgers  
Lance Cpl. John Tamborino



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** [www.kofc185.com](http://www.kofc185.com)

The Knights hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and would like to send best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year.

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Doors open at 7:00.

Also on January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 in the back chapel, Family Rosary Night will be held.

Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information, contact Kirk Babyak by phone at 270-6265 or by email at [kirk.babyak@charter.net](mailto:kirk.babyak@charter.net)



[www.stroseyouthgroup.com](http://www.stroseyouthgroup.com)

**5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group:** Check calendar for the next event.

**Senior Youth Group** – December 27- NO YOUTH GROUP. OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**PASTORAL PLAN**

Today's readings reflect on the necessity of a family pattern. Every family must be a mirror of the divine love because the root of every love is God; family members should deal lovingly with each other. The presence of children in a family signals the continuation of life and manifests the newness of God's love. In the Gospel, Jesus remained in Jerusalem and Joseph and Mary did not know. In faith, they had to accept this mystery of why Jesus stayed in his "Father's house," which is the special, personal relationship between Jesus and the Father, which only becomes clear in light of Easter. Christmas, God sharing our human condition, is a mystery that we must accept in faith, as Mary did.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD**

If there is an abortion in your past that you need to make peace with, The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Bridgeport offers Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. The next retreat weekend is January 22-24, 2010 in Fairfield County. For more information call the retreat director at 203-218-0291 or e-mail Jeremiah31v17@aol.com

**PRO-LIFE MASS – SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010, 12 NOON.**

**ST. PIUS X PARISH, 834 BROOKSIDE DR., FAIRFIELD.** Please join Bishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., the Sisters of Life, Parishioners from throughout the Diocese, the Knights of Columbus, Youth from our Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs, and Pro-life Advocates from various institutes and organizations who will be participating in this event. In accord with the God-given sacredness and dignity of every human life which begins at the moment of conception, it is our obligation and privilege to participate in activities that proclaim, support, and enhance the basic right to life. Let us come together to pray and to witness in promoting the overall respect for every unborn child. The basic right to life of every unborn child must be ensured. For more information, please contact the Respect Life Ministry at the Catholic Center (Mimi Giannino, 203-416-1444).

**MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, D.C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010:**

It is most imperative that we continue our Pro-life activities on behalf of the unborn children. The "March for Life" at our Nation's Capital will serve as witness and as advocacy seeking the protection and overall respect for every unborn child in the progression to birth. Scientifically and religiously, we know the truth that it is a human life, a person, who is conceived within a woman. Clearly, then, we must at all times continue to stand up and speak out for the overall respect for the unborn children. We must always pursue the protection and total well-being of the unborn person with the same commitment and compassion that we pursue these rights for the born person. We ask you, our parishioners, to join others from the Diocese and participate in this "March." Our diocesan groups will travel to Washington, D.C. via buses. Buses will depart from various locations in Fairfield County to Washington, D.C. at 12:15 A.M., and they will depart from Washington, D.C. for Connecticut at 4:00 P.M. The cost per person: \$45.00. For more information and to place a reservation: please call Mimi Giannino, 203-416-1444, or email [mgiannino@diobpt.org](mailto:mgiannino@diobpt.org). The deadline for both a reservation and a nonrefundable payment is Monday, **January 12, 2010.**

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**CLEANING FOR A REASON**

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning – 1 time per month, for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org>

Please pass this information on to extend a hand a woman going through cancer treatment. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Furthermore, be a continued blessing to someone and pass this information along.

**DAY AND EVENING RETREAT**

*A Contemplative in Action: the Extraordinary Gift of St. Teresa of Avila*

*Wednesday, January 27 Day 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or Evening 6:00-9:00 p.m. Presenter: Sr. Sally Hodgdon, CSJ* Saint Teresa of Avila, a 16<sup>th</sup> century mystic and foundress of the Discalced Carmelites, once described her personal prayer as a conversation with Jesus, similar to conversations one might have with a friend. Come and explore how her form of contemplative or mystical prayer continues to be viable for us today. The day will include the presentation, lunch and Liturgy. The evening will include dinner, presentation, and Liturgy.

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+Mary!

*You are all invited to join us*

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Adoration of our LORD

*Be part of our*

*NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION*  
*With HIS Eucharistic Presence*

- Everybody is welcome, at any time, for a few minutes or as long as you wish
- Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> in the Church to spend the last minutes of the year and the first minutes of the NEW YEAR 2010 with JESUS!
- 9:30 to 10:30 pm Liturgy of the Hours “Night Prayer” & ROSARY
- 10:30 to 11:30 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy & Spiritual Music
- 11:30 to 12:30 am SILENT ADORATION

“Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist” *JPH*

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*HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

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