

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – January 4, 2009

Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany

7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (2)

Monday, January 5

9 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
7-10 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)
7-8:15 p.m. H S Confirmation Class (2)

Tuesday, January 6

9 a.m. WEBS (2)
10 a.m. Job Network Support Group
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)
7:30 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting - rectory

Wednesday, January 7

9 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
4:10 p.m. Cenacle (7)
7:30 p.m. Social Concerns Meeting 2
7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, January 8

10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
3-4 p.m. Adoration (7)
6:45 p.m. Family Rosary Night (7)
7 p.m. Adult Choir (1)
7 p.m. K of C Meeting (3)
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)
7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)
8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, January 9

7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
3-4 p.m. Stations & Adoration (7)

Saturday, January 10

1 p.m. Reconciliation Prep Day
4 p.m. Bethany Mass (1)
All Masses Blood Pressures (1)
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. New Hall | 7. Chapel |
| 4. Science Room | |



We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of December 2008.

Christopher David Moseman
Rhyan McKenna O'Neill

PROJECT 2008

Thanks to the following parishioners for their support!

Catherine D'Aquila
Joseph & Paulette Jurewicz
Margaret M. Malone
Mary Beth Patterson
Ronald & Melanie Roman & family

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 5

6:45 Frank Patterson Dan & Ann McCarthy
9:00 Julia Geoghan Peggy & Tony Baiad

Tuesday, January 6

6:45 Anthony Chianese The Ventresca Family
9:00 Raymond Klemmer Bernie & Mary Curran

Wednesday, January 7

6:45 Virginia Previdi Family
9:00 Elizabeth Caffoe Anna Maye

Thursday, January 8

6:45 Terrence Quinn The Rodriguez Family
9:00 Doug Rountree Rod Hamar & Lil Gustilo

Friday, January 9

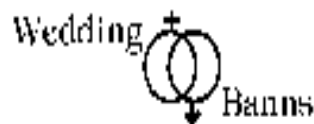
6:45 Jerry & Gloria Menard The Lanza Family
9:00 Julia Szary Mary Maloney

Saturday, January 10

8:00 Jerome Dennen 1st Anniversary Dennen Family
4:00 Bethany Mass
5:30 Olga Paproski Richard & Marie Fadus

Sunday, January 11

7:30 John Smolen John & Anna Pendergast
9:00 Richard Mach The Marusa Family
10:30 Angela M. Sequenzia Frank & T.J. Sequenzia
12:00 Ellen C. Lapak Family



BANNS II Cynthia O'Meara & Warren McMillan III

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Mary Kropfing as requested by the D'Alessandro Family.

Thank You

FROM MSGR. BOB, FATHER MILAN, AND FATHER JOHN

Thank you for all your Christmas cards and gifts, and pictures of your families. Thanks also for all your kindnesses to us and your generosity to St. Rose Parish throughout the year. GOD BLESS YOU.

Sister Thaddeus and Sister Mary Ellen would like to thank the parishioners of St. Rose for the 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 2009.

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A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

The FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY is yet another manifestation of God’s love for us as well as a further sign that Jesus Christ is our promised Savior. Whether we regard the three visitors as astrologers who were taken by the magnitude of the star that shone over that Bethlehem stable, or as wise men who knew that this birth was the beginning of the history of our salvation, or as kings who came to encounter this divine power who in humility became one like us...they were called to give credence to the birth of Christ and to experience a conversion within themselves. We too are called on this great feast to come once again to the crib of Christ. Let us bring the gift of ourselves to this Child most holy, let us in humility recognize our need for forgiveness and let us be changed forever.

We truly had a most blessed and happy Advent and Christmas this year. In addition to a variety of religious and liturgical celebrations, we also dedicated our new building to the Lord and joined in many events that helped us prepare for the Lord’s birth. I am grateful to all who helped, supported and participated in all of these parish gatherings. Some special words of thanks to the following:

- To Fr. Inserra, Fr. Dimic, Deacon Curran, Deacon Naiman, Deacon O’Connor and Deacon Roos for their commitment and service throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. We are truly blessed by their vocation to serve the Church and our parish.
- To the members of our lay staff for their dedication during a very busy season: Fran Gargano, Jean Otton and Roberta Shea, our rectory staff who answered hundreds of phone calls and worked many extra hours. Pam Arsenualt, Meg Arena, Nancie Hubbard, Janice Lindsay and Kate Kunze, our Religious Education staff, for coordinating so many activities. Steve Stohl , Lara Olguin and Jay LaManna, our maintenance staff, especially for their hard work following the snow storm. Doreen Morrissey, our bookkeeper, who wrote endless holiday checks and paid all our holiday bills! Joe Jacovino, our music director, and the many members of our Adult Choir, Folk Choir and Folk Trio for incredible and inspiring music for our liturgies. Mary Maloney, our principal, and the entire school staff and faculty who made these days very special ones for our students and their families. Rodd Blessey and Joe DeMaida, our Youth Ministers, who encouraged our youth to participate in a number of parish activities, especially with the set-up and take down of the Boutique and the now famous reindeer food.
- To the Knights of Columbus who really shined this holy season by sponsoring both the Toy Closet (special thanks to Tim Reilly) and Fun With Santa (special thanks to Larry Rice).
- To Frank LoPiccolo who coordinated the visits by St. Nicholas at the weekend Masses to begin Advent.
- To Peggy Baiad, our Boutique Chairperson, and her helper, Pat Philipp, for an extraordinary boutique. Thanks also to Doreen Morrissey for coordinating the raffle, to Lynne and Dwight Everlith for coordinating the receptions and to Zorianna Spies for handling the Candy Cane Café along with our caterers, the Soto’s.

- To Colleen and Glenn Budzinski, our poinsettia sale chairpersons, for their extraordinary generosity in making this fundraiser a success.
- To Tracy Brady and Stephanie DeBartolomeo and all their volunteer staff for an outstanding celebration of the dedication of our new building...oh, what a night!
- To the Men of Saint Rose and the Knights of Columbus for setting up our parish crèche in the midst of the blizzard.
- To all who donated memorials to enable us to have a beautiful floral display in the church and to Debbie Reilly, Marilyn Doyle and Chris Locke and their helpers for setting it up for us.
- To Rita Power and the Sippin’s for providing us with a beautiful Living Nativity and to all who participated as the Holy Family, shepherds, angels and kings. Special thanks to those who loaned us the animals for the evening.
- To Donna Locke for coordinating the Christmas Pageant at the High School, which beautifully depicts the birth of Jesus through the eyes of children. Thanks to Santa for stopping by as well on a very busy night!
- To all those who helped the Religious Education Staff in providing special liturgies for the religious education classes.
- To all who supported our ADOPT-A-FAMILY program this year. We were able to help over 160 parish and local families as well as several agencies. The generosity of those who participated yielded over \$35,000. to give away!
- To the Honan Funeral Home for the donation of 2009 Sacred Art calendars.
- To all who remembered us priests with Christmas greetings, gifts and goodies. We are truly blessed by your generosity. You made it a very special day for us.
- To all who supported our Christmas collection, and especially to those who made up their donations because they were away from the parish. We will publish a total of the 12 Days of Christmas collection on January 10 and 11. In spite of the economy, your generosity was outstanding as always!
- Finally to the Lord who gave us great reason to come together and celebrate the joy of these holy days! May His peace and hope reign in our hearts and our lives throughout the New Year!

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BETHANY MASS

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those parishioners who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. Last Saturday, December 27th, at the 5:30 PM Mass, we celebrated in a special way Brenda Schlesinger, Josefina Pascual, Mary Crough-Smith, Anthony Melita, and Elizabeth Heinrich who have died since our last Bethany Mass. Although we miss their physical presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased parishioners, their families, and their friends.

Deacon Don and Stephania Naiman
Coordinators (748-7976)

CRHP CORNER

Monthly CRHP mass gathering will take place January 10th at the 4 p.m. mass. We gather together to pray for our parish and the renewal of all our parishioners. Wear your crosses so we can greet one another. Happy New Year Blessings to all of you!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333**

Every Day as an Epiphany

Epiphany is the “showing” of God. On this feast of the Epiphany we celebrate the day that the Kings, representing all nations, witnessed the “showing” of God’s Word in flesh in Jesus Christ – the “tiny one” filled with light. For quite some time, the prophets had been speaking about the fact the all nations would look to Jerusalem for discovering the ways of the Lord – and the world was waiting and watching. And the world learned how to live as our Creator intended us to live. As we receive Christ at this Mass, we know that Christ has been born within us – and once again, the world is waiting and watching. They are watching how we act and speak in this world, knowing that Christ’s is within us. Let us be authentic witnesses of the tiny one filled with light.

Reflection Activity: Gather around your family crèche and give one example of Christ “showing” Himself through others in your life.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Traditionally the “Twelve Days of Christmas” refers to (a) the time between Christmas and Epiphany; (b) the last twelve days of Advent; (c) an Advent calendar; (d) the O Antiphons.

Nativity Gratitude

Thank you to all those who participated in the Live Nativity and the Christmas Pageant. Special gratitude to the coordinators: Rita & Mike Power, Mary Beth & Gary Sippin, and Donna Locke. Thank you also to all who baked for the reception after the Live Nativity. As Christ came to earth over 2000 years ago, you continue to bring His presence to the world through your open and generous hearts!

Children’s Liturgy

Thank you to all the children who participated in Children’s Liturgy this weekend. The next Children’s Liturgy is on Feb. 7 at the 5:30 Mass.

Second Graders and Their Parents **Sacramental Preparation Day!**

On Saturday, Jan. 10, families will gather at the Church and begin a wonderful time of learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are two sessions (9:30 - 12:00 and 1:00-3:30), and each class has been assigned a session. Students and Parents sit with their class. (Snow date, Jan. 11). Fr. Jim will be joining us again this year!

Please remember to hand in paperwork that is due for children who will be celebrating Sacraments this year!

Holy Childhood Association **Annual Christmas Artwork Contest**

The Holy Childhood Association is looking for artwork that will appear as Christmas e-greetings on HCA’s website for kids – www.hcakids.org -- and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC during Advent and Christmas 2009. Twenty-three drawings will be chosen as winners. The

deadline for submission is January 31, 2009. The subjects are: The Nativity, Three Wise Men, Shepherds, Mother and Child, Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem, Newborn Jesus in the manger, the Angel Gabriel. For more specific information about the artwork, either go to the website, or stop in St. Rose Rel. Ed Office.

Adult Formation **Spiritual Journey**

Spiritual Journey will begin the new year of sessions beginning on Thursday, Jan. 8, at which time, Fr. John Inserra is the guest speaker. This will be held at the Religious Education Office at 38 Church Hill Road. Refreshments are served, and all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem Classes for Adults **The Diocese of Bpt. offers the following classes for adults:**

Feb. 4 & 11 from 6:30-9:30: **The Christian Life**; facilitated by Fr. Paul Murphy at Sacred Heart Parish in Danbury.

Feb. 5 & 12 from 6:30-9:30: **Prayer**; facilitated by Dr. Tom Hicks at St. Thomas Parish in Norwalk.

Feb. 21 & 28 from 10:15-12:15 a.m.: **Teaching Chastity**; facilitated by Mrs. Jamila Evans at St. Michael Parish in Bpt.

March 2 & 9 from 7:00-9:00: **Sacraments**; facilitated by Dr. Joan Kelly at St. Pius Parish in Fairfield.

Feb. 26 & March 4 from 6:30-9:30: **Creed I**; facilitated by Fr. Joseph Marcello at St. Edward Parish in New Fairfield.

March 5 & 26 from 6:30-9:30: **Creed II**; facilitated by Fr. Donald Guglielmi at St. Jude Parish in Monroe.

March 14 & 21 from 9:00-12:00: **Methodology and Class Management**; facilitated by Michelle Grieco at Our Lady of Fatima in Wilton.

Two on-line classes are offered as well: **Prayer** with Dr. Tom Hicks and **Scripture** with Fr. Peter Lynch. Register on-line at <http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com/ps-stcyril.asp>

This week we celebrate the lives of St. John Neumann (Jan. 5), Blessed Andre Bessette (Jan. 6), St. Raymond (Jan. 7).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (a) Epiphany used to be fixed on January 6, and Christmas was celebrated for the whole 12 days.

Please Note: Religious Education Classes resume on Sunday, January 4.

As we receive Christ into our body and spirit at Mass, may this New Year be a time of continuing conversion of our hearts and minds to the heart and mind of Jesus Christ. May we be Christ’s presence in this world!

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SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Social Concerns Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 7:30 p.m., in 38 Church Hill Rd. New members are always welcome.

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

Available: Loveseat, kitchen table with 1 leaf and 4 chairs, queen size bed frame and headboard.

Available: Baby Trend Double-Snap-N-Go baby stroller base. This item accepts 2 baby car seats (most brands) to form a twin stroller. It is not for use with a single car seat.

Available: Sectional sofa, taupe fabric upholstered.

For information regarding any listed item, please call: Joan Dwyer, 426-9337.

From your Social Concerns Committee, best wishes for a happy and holy new year. Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made through the past year to help our brothers and sisters in need.



The **Friday Morning Bible Study Group** meets 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. on the second floor of 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.

ST. ROSE WOMEN’S CLUB

All the women of the parish are invited to attend our next meeting of the St. Rose Women’s Club on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in a room off our new Gathering Hall. Our evening will begin with a brief business meeting followed by our guest speaker, Sal Gilbertie of Gilbertie’s Herb Gardens in Westport and Easton. His topic will be “Planning an Herb Garden”. Please join us for a most enjoyable evening.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

Can you help? Do you know of any affordable rentals? If so, please call 426-2153. God bless you.

Needed: One room with bath and private entrance for woman parishioner.

Available: Efficiency with utilities

Available: 1 bedroom condo with utilities

Available: 2 rooms with utilities

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PASTORAL OUTREACH

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, leave a voice message and she will get back to you.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

KRISTEN VELSMID, COORDINATOR- 426-2573

Blood pressures will be done next weekend after all masses.

Parish nurses always welcome new members. Please call 426-2573 for more information.

HEALTH TIP

Eat these and weigh less: Maybe they’re called "magical fruit" in children’s rhymes for a reason. Just not for the flatulence-producing reasons kids obsess about. What really makes beans magical is their potential effect on your waistline: Bean eaters weigh less on average than non-bean-imbibing folks do. Bean Counting: In fact, bean eaters weigh as much as 6.6 pounds less, according to Real Age expert John LaPuma, MD, author of Chef MD’s Big Book of Culinary Medicine. Makes sense when you consider beans are full of fiber and protein but low in fat, which means a serving will keep you going far beyond the need-to-munch hour but only make a minor dent in your calorie intake.

EPS – Education-Parish-Service: Educating Catholics to Understand, Live and Share their Faith since 1978.

EPS traces the development of Catholic tradition and explores the basis of moral theology, in two courses at St. Philip Parish, Norwalk: The Growth of Catholic Tradition: Medieval through Reformation Periods, Wednesdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 11, Instructor: Rev. Neil O’Connell, OFM. And, Foundations of Moral Theology, Tuesdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10, Instructor: Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Chairman, Philosophy Dept., Fordham University. Classes begin at 7:15 p.m. Register at epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu or call 203-847-2363. EPS relies solely on donations.



Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!: 36th Annual March for Life in Washington D.C.; Monday, January 22, 2009; coach bus departs St. Rose at 4:45 A.M. for mass at noon in Washington, followed by the march to the capitol; return to St. Rose about 10 p.m. - \$45 per person INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN VESTIBULE

SIDEWALK PRAYER: Saturday, January 17, and the third Saturday of each month

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7:30 in the rectory - please join us!

ROSARY FOR LIFE: Saturday, January 31 after the 8 A.M. mass and on the last Saturday of each month

PRO-LIFE BRACELETS are available in the back of the church. Suggested donation: \$2

INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL CDs and BROCHURES are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation: \$3.

What hypocrisy it is to rejoice over the first baby born in the New Year in our community and not to mourn over the death of the first baby aborted in the New Year, the first of the estimated 1.2 million babies who will die as a result of surgical abortion this year.

Join Our Sat, Jan 17, Tri-State Medical Seminar

By Robert F. Scanlon, M.D. – OB/GYN Huntington, NY and World Health Organization, and Dr. Leonie S. Watson, M.D., family doctor, Mountainside, NJ, on the “All Natural” “All Green” FertilityCare System treatments for the “full spectrum of women’s health issues and pregnancy management”. For OB/GYNs, family doctors, internists, nurses, and anyone interested in the Tri-state area, PA, and RI.

Discussion will include an overview of the FertilityCare system technologies, diagnostics, treatments, and techniques. Emphasis will be on how high success rates are achieved (such as 85% for infertility and 99.9% method effectiveness for pregnancy postponement) and the wider range of cures possible through natural means -- from cramps and irregularities to cures for complex or chronic conditions such as repetitive miscarriages.

From 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm: At the Villa Maria Guadalupe Retreat Center, 159 Sky Meadow Dr., Stamford, CT, 06903. To register, contact Dorothy Dugandzic, CFCP, 914-476-4858. Fee \$45. Lunch is offered. All Welcome!

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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
SSG. Anthony T. D’Aquila
Sgt. Daniel Dobbs
SSG. Michael Dobbs
Major William Gottmeier
Cpl. Marc Hellig
1st Lt. Rachel (Askue) Hoffman
Lt. Kathryn Hughes
1st Lt. Tucker Hughes
Major David A. Johnson
Capt. Berny Klaus
Capt. Brooke Klaus
Capt. Matthew A. LaRocco
CWO Joseph Letourneau
Sgt. John Martus
Lt. Col. Mary Sara Moore
2nd Lt. Stefania Naiman
Lt. Eric O’Donnell
Capt. Sean Pond
Major Benjamin Wallen
United States Air Force
Capt. Christopher J. Calero
Airman Kurt Kling
Airman Travis Mueller
2nd Lt. Donald B. Naiman
Capt. Gregory Zencey
2nd Lt. Phillip Zencey

United States Navy

- Aman Michael Carter
CEI Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.
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
2nd 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

We are raffling off NFL memorabilia and cash prizes this Holiday season. Tickets are \$10. Time is running out so contact any Knight or call 270-3314 to get your tickets.

The next Family Rosary Night will be held on Thursday, January 8th at 6:45 in the Chapel.

Our next council meeting is in the school’s media room on Thursday, January 8th. Doors open at 7PM and the meeting will get underway at 7:30 PM.

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.



stroseyouthgroup.com

5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: Check in the back of church for our 2009 calendar of events.

Senior Youth Group: The next meeting is Sunday, January 4 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

RETRouvaille OF CONNECTICUT

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again—then the Retrouvaille program can help you. The next Retrouvaille weekend in Connecticut will take place January 23 through 25, 2009. Although Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, couples from all or no faith traditions are welcome to attend. Also, there are no group discussions or coerced sharing times. For more information, please call our confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or e-mail us at 3001@retrouvaille.org. Please be assured that all names are kept in the strictest confidence.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC, JANUARY 22, 2009:

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 on Thursday, **January 22, 2009**, 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 that you, our parishioners, will participate in this “March.” We will travel to Washington, DC, **via buses**. Buses will depart from various locations in Fairfield County on Thursday morning at 12:15 a.m. and then they will depart that afternoon from Washington for Connecticut at 3:30 p.m. The cost per person: \$50. For more information, please visit www.bridgeportdiocese.com/MarchforLife2009.shtml. To make reservations, please call 203-372-4301, ext. 61444 or ext. 61443, or e-mail mgiannino@diobpt.org. The deadline for a reservation and a nonrefundable payment is Thursday, **January 8, 2009**.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS, JANUARY 11, 2009:

Bishop Lori will celebrate a Pro-Life Mass on Sunday, **January 11, 2009**, at 12 noon at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Norwalk. Please join Bishop Lori and our brothers and sisters from parishes and organizations throughout the Diocese who will come together to pray, to witness, and to encourage the pursuit relative to the overall respect of every unborn child. 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 in this most important endeavor. 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, or e-mail mgiannino@diobpt.org.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples

Need a gift that really keeps giving?

Give your spouse or someone you know (married friends, family, co-workers, neighbors) the gift of love by inviting them to a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**.

Upcoming dates: January 16-18, 2009 & April 24-26, 2009.

For more information or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Joe and Jane Staszowski at 860)644-7260 or meweekend@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.

BIRTHRIGHT INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER.

Friendship counseling and clerical volunteers needed. Training provided. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support to women in crisis pregnancies. Our guiding principle: “It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Please join us and be blessed with the opportunity to help a mother and her child. Our office is located in Danbury. Call 744-3737.

WOMEN IN FAITH

2009 Winter/Spring Session

Join us as we discuss the book: “**Living as a Confident Daughter of God**”—A Faith-Sharing Guide for Catholic Women by Patricia Mitchell

This study guides Catholic women to a deeper understanding of their unique callings in life, and offers every woman wonderful tools to nurture and live out her spiritual and vocational gifts.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 13th – May 12th

Location: Sacred Heart Church

Time: 9:15-11:15 a.m.

*Women of all ages welcome

*Babysitting is available

*The book “Living as a Confident Daughter of God” is available at Borders in Southbury – Please mention Women in Faith to receive an extra discount!!!

*Please read and complete questions for Chapter One – be ready to discuss on January 13th.

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL RAFFLE

The State of Connecticut is allowing us to amend our tuition raffle drawing date. We have moved the drawing from November 27, 2008 to March 8, 2009. With the busy holiday season we are confident that this extension will allow us to attain our goal. I thank each of you who have already supported the raffle and welcome all of you to take advantage of the extended date. Please continue to spread the word.

We appreciate your support of the tuition raffle and support of Immaculate High School. If you have any questions please contact John Brosz at 203-744-1510 Ext. 144 or via e-mail [@jbrosz@immaculatehs.org](mailto:jbrosz@immaculatehs.org).

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THE WORD'S FACE

THE WORD OF GOD IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF EVERY BELIEVER

A panel discussion by two participants of the
Synod of Bishops on the Word of God held at the Vatican in October 2008

Monday, January 19, 2009

7:00 PM

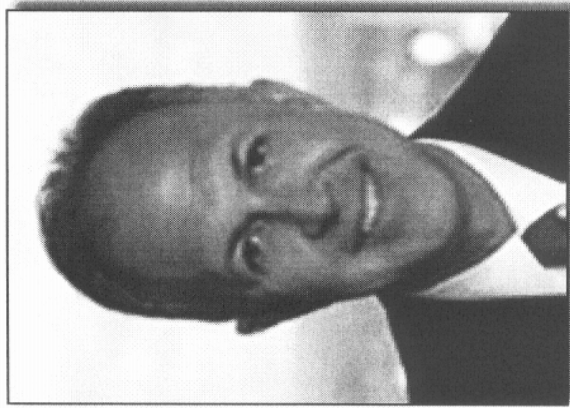
St. Mary's Church Hall
5 Hillhouse Ave., New Haven, Conn.

Moderated by **Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.**
Editor-in-Chief of **MAGNIFICAT**

MORE INFORMATION:

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Knights of Columbus



Fr. Julián Carrón
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