

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, January 10, 2010

Sunday, January 10

All masses
7-10 p.m.

Blood Pressure Screening 1
Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, January 11

9-11:30 a.m.
4:00-8:30 p.m.

Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
Sean Forrest (3)

Tuesday, January 12

9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m.

WEBS (2)
Job Network Support Group
Tiger Cubs (8)
Al-Anon (2)

Wednesday, January 13

9-11:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
Women's Club (3)
Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, January 14

10:15 a.m.
3-4 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Spiritual Journey (2)
Eucharistic Adoration (7)
Adult Choir (1)
2nd grade parent Mtg. (3)
Boy Scouts (5)
Prayer Group (2)

Friday, January 15

7:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
3-4 p.m.

Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
Friday Bible Study (2)
Eucharistic Adoration (7)

Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy

Saturday, January 16

All Masses
6:30 p.m.

Rel. Articles & Cares Box 1
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 |

National Vocations Awareness Week: Jan. 10-16

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, January 10-16. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 10, 2010 marks the initiation of Jesus into public ministry. At his baptism Jesus is named the beloved Son of God. With this celebration we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We are also initiated through our own baptism to be the beloved of God, commissioned to proclaim Good News with our lives.

"This week provides the opportunity for parishes across the country to promote vocations through prayer and education," said Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "It is our responsibility to encourage young people to be generous in their response as they discern the possibility of a call to service in the Church. We must also ask parents, families and our parish communities to assist with this work, vocations are everyone's business. As we pray for an increased number of seminarians and candidates for religious life, we recognize the importance of safeguarding the gift of vocations."

Please pray for vocations and encourage vocations in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Want to know how you can help? Contact Father Bob Kinnally, Director of Vocations: 203-416-1512 or frkinnally@dioabt.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 11

6:45 Mary Helen Smith Alice & Edward Walsh & Family
9:00 William Logan Vicki & Bob Bassett

Tuesday, January 12

6:45 Armancia DeCambra Ventresca Family
9:00 Richard Mitarotonda Debbie & Tim Reilly

Wednesday, January 13

6:45 Helen & Dan Howryletz Son, Matthew
9:00 Marion Wesselbrand DeCanio Family

Thursday, January 14

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 John Holian Tim Holian

Friday, January 15

6:45 Lillian & Rudolph Greco Mark Renzi
9:00 Rolf Lunde Ann & Dan McCarthy & family

Saturday, January 16

8:00 Marjorie Check Fred Pendergast, Sr. & family
4:00 Steve & Paul Stefura Poidomani Family
5:30 Bill Honan, Jr. Fred Pendergast, Sr. & family

Sunday, January 17

7:30 John & Evelyn Pendergast, Sr. John & Anna Pendergast
9:00 Richard Fry Pam & John Arsenaault
10:30 Jeff White Joan & Dave Rogers
12:00 Richard Mach Mike & Kathy Marusa
4:00 Catholic Forum Mass



IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Monika Hamilton as requested by the Shivy Family.

FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS
IF YOU ARE TRAVELING AND NEED TO FIND
THE NEAREST CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHECK
THE INTERNET WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG AND
CLICK ON "CHURCH LOOKUP".

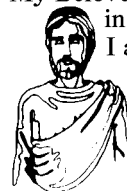
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CHECK IT OUT AT www.strosechurch.com

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 Grethel W. Winters in memory of Gertrude Fritz

"My Beloved Son...
in whom
I am well
pleased."



A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

The feast of the BAPTISM OF THE LORD brings the Christmas Season to an end. We once again witness the manifestation of the divinity of Christ as He is baptized in the Jordan River by John. Not only is this a manifestation of God's love for His Son, but also of His great love for us. The words recorded by the prophet Isaiah speak to the depth of that love as we are assured of God's peace and comfort in our lives. The prophet also assures us that God's plan continues to work through John the Baptist as he proclaims the presence of the Savior. What blessings we are given by God as Jesus comes to us! As God's voice is heard: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" history is changed forever and for all times. We are invited to recall the power given to each of us in baptism as followers of Christ. We are, like Christ, anointed as priests, prophets and kings and called to witness to the world the goodness of God working through us and our lives. May we never take the gifts given to us by the hand of God Himself for granted, but live them in the peace, comfort and joy in which they are offered to us.

Weather has not been our best friend this winter! Both weekends prior to Christmas and the weekend following New Year's have created snow and ice events that prevented many from coming to Mass. That has had a deep impact on our offertory, and it has also created more expense due to the added cost of snow removal and sanding for the parish grounds as well as the cemetery. I am grateful to all those who have been making up their offerings from these days. May I ask that if you were not able to attend Mass on these weekends that you help us stay on budget by making up your offertory? I will publish the annual Twelve Days of Christmas Collection Report next weekend. Maybe we could ask the Lord to keep His day free of these winter storms!!!

Please encourage your high school aged young adults to attend the annual Senior Youth Group retreat on the weekend of January 22, 23 and 24. It is a powerful experience for our teens to come together in prayer, sacrament and fellowship. We all know that teenagers have very busy lives, but it is important for them (like us) to put aside some time for their faith and reflect on their lives and the choices they are making. It is also an excellent time for high school seniors to prepare themselves for attending college and leaving home for the first time. For more information or to discuss the content of the retreat or the schedule, please contact Rodd Blessey.

Once again, I would like to remind you that if you are admitted to a hospital or nursing facility, you must REQUEST a visit by one of the parish clergy or Sr. Mary Ellen when you are admitted. Because of the H.I.P.P.A. regulations, hospitals are not free to give out names of patients unless specifically requested by the patient. This is especially important if you choose a hospital other than Danbury Hospital because there is

NO WAY of knowing you or a family member are in the hospital unless you notify us. We take this ministry very seriously, and our clergy and Sr. Mary Ellen are very conscientious about visiting when we are aware of an admission or notified by the hospital or a family member. Please assist us with this ministry by your cooperation. Also, if you would like Holy Communion brought to your home following your hospitalization, we are glad to do so...just give us a call! Our LIFT-A-SPIRIT ministry is also more than willing to provide meals...again, just let us know!



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. **Monsignor Walsh and Father Milan will be available to hear private confessions after the presentation.**

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.

St. Rose Emergency Evacuation Plan

The Newtown Fire Marshal is concerned about the health and safety of our parishioners while we are worshipping together in church. Though unlikely, the Marshal makes the point that a violent storm could create an emergency situation during a mass and he would like us all to be aware and prepared. Notice the location of all church exits. Should an emergency occur please calmly proceed to the nearest exit. Over-reaction many times causes more injuries in a crowded situation than the event itself. So please exit in an orderly manner. At all masses please find a seat toward the middle of the pews so that people are not compelled to stand in the aisles or out in the front vestibule.

Parking – Emergency vehicles must have access to the church building. Please do not park next to the rectory or on the road along the side of the church between the rectory and the rear parking lot. Remember there is additional parking at 52 Church Hill.

The Fire Marshal is interested in our safety. Please try to respectfully practice these simple procedures.



The Baptism of the Lord

John the Baptist was an incredible prophet – one who spoke the truth, regardless of the consequences. At the same time, he was so humble – saying that he was not worthy to untie Jesus’ sandals. His humility stemmed from his powerlessness; all that he was and all that he did and said came from the power of Christ. John’s message was confrontational and it was truth. Often times, we do not like to listen to the truth – especially if it means that we need to change something about ourselves in order to draw closer to Christ. It is also difficult for us to speak the truth when it is a difficult topic – one that challenges others – like speaking up for moral right, to defend life, and confront those who support immoral acts. During these times, it is important to look beyond the difficulty of the present moment and look at the goal – eternal life for yourself and for those to whom you “speak in truth.” John the Baptist teaches us what it means to be “powerless” so that all our power stems from and belongs to Christ. The lesson to us: Grow in intimacy with Jesus Christ and ask for His Words before we speak!

Reflection Question: Who has been like John the Baptist in your life?

What’s Your Catholic IQ? What feast is generally celebrated on the Sunday after January 6 in the United States? (a) Epiphany; (b) Presentation; (c) Annunciation; (d) Baptism of the Lord.

Meeting for Parents of Second Graders and Catechists

On Thursday evening, **Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall, Fr. Jim Sabak is facilitating an evening to "refresh and renew" our knowledge about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Jim, who is earning his doctorate in sacramental theology at Catholic University, gives us a fresh look at Christ's merciful design for this Sacrament. Although attendance is required of parents of second graders, all other parents and catechists are welcome to attend as well. You will be happy that you came! If you have some questions, bring them!

Meeting for Parents of Seventh & Eighth Grade Students

During seventh and eighth grade, students attend a presentation (during class time) about God's gift of human sexuality. On **Monday evening, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall, Carol Bracken, educator from Carolyn's Place, will lead a discussion with parents about the importance of feeding children spiritual knowledge that will help them fulfill God's plan for His gift of sexuality. Let's arm our children with what is good and what is right about themselves and their bodies! Parents will also learn about what their children will hear in class during their sessions.

A Treat for Catechists:

Joe Paprocki, author and speaker about having the tools to teach children about their faith, will be the guest speaker at a Diocesan event on Wednesday morning, **Jan. 13 at 9:30 at the Catholic**

Center. Joe wrote the book "*The Bible Blueprint*," which you received at the opening catechist meeting in September and he also wrote "*The Catechist Toolbox*." Call the Religious Education Office to carpool -- 426-2333 (the carpool will leave St. Rose at 8:30 a.m.), and e-mail the diocese (gdonnarummo@diobpt.org) to make a reservation to attend.

Sean Forrest Retreat for Eighth Grade Confirmation Candidates

As we come closer to Confirmation, the growth in the spiritual lives of our students is encouraged through God’s inspiration during a wonderful retreat, which will take place on **Monday, Jan. 11 from 4:00-8:30** at the parish hall. Pizza will be served for dinner. Attendance is necessary. We appreciate your understanding when the date was changed to a school night – and we also are grateful to the Middle School for their consideration as well.

Catechist Meeting

Do you struggle to understand the children who you teach? Are you looking for creative ways to fully engage them in the class? Join us on **Thursday evening, Jan. 21 at 7:00** in the parish hall for: **“Classroom Management: Learning styles and Hand-On Activities to stimulate interest and spiritual growth.”**

Spiritual Journey

Please join us on **Thursday, Jan. 14 from 10:15-11:15** as Jack Hickey-Williams leads the discussion. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

The following week, **Thursday, Jan. 21 from 10:15-11:15**, Dorothy and Dick Lambert will lead a discussion emphasizing the ***Peak Experiences That Stream Through Our Lives***. Dick and Dorothy’s son, Gerry, was on an assignment with Catholic Relief Services in South Africa. While there, he visited an orphanage run by an order of Catholic Sisters. All the children were dying from AIDS, and the only document on file was a death certificate. The remarkable part is that every child was happy – they were living in the present moment and had no fear of death. The question that will be explored in Spiritual Journeys on Jan. 21: *“Is it possible in our sophisticated culture, educated with advanced degrees, to embrace life – at any age – with such freedom?”* Please join us as the Lord leads our discernment of the possibilities for our lives.

This week we celebrate: St. Hilary (Jan. 13).

There will be no classes for Religious Education on January 17-18 – Martin Luther King Holiday.

Catholic IQ Answer: (d) The Baptism of the Lord is traditionally seen as one part of a three-part “epiphany” or “showing” of Jesus: the coming of the magi, the Baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana.



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Next weekend: After each Mass, religious articles will be available for purchase in the vestibule.

Also next weekend: The St. Rose Cares box will be in the front of the church, near the St. Rose statue. Your contributions go directly to our neighbors in need. Thank you

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

Available: Kenmore Sealed (Gourmet) Burner 30" Gas Range (converted to propane) with electric self-cleaning oven. Approx. 10 years old. Very good condition. Color: Almond with black burners, black control panel and black glass oven door.

Available: Three cushion couch.

Available: Birch couch and 2 matching rockers.

Needed: Vacuum cleaner

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.

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

Parish Nurses always welcome new members! Please call us at 426-2573.

Blood pressure screenings will take place this weekend after all masses. The nurses are in the reconciliation room (near the organ). This is a FREE service!

Health Tip

Neutralize LDL with Almonds! Cholesterol. You know it's bad for your heart and arteries. But you could make it *less* bad with this crunchy party snack: almonds. Turns out almonds not only improve cholesterol levels but also help make LDL -- the bad cholesterol -- less likely to oxidize. Which is great, because LDL can do scary things when it's oxidized, like block arteries and cut blood flow to the heart. **Almond Joy** Because oxidized LDL is even more likely to gunk-up your arteries than the unoxidized kind, recent study results on almonds and LDL oxidation helped secure the nut's position in a heart-healthy diet. When older adults with high cholesterol ate a daily handful of almonds as part of a 4-week cholesterol-friendly diet, not only did the nut eaters suffer less bad-for-the-arteries LDL oxidation, but their LDL levels took a nosedive as well. Pass the almonds, please! **Dance of the Antioxidants:** Other good news for the almond eaters: The study subjects' healthy (HDL) cholesterol rose. How do almonds do it? Researchers suspect that the vast array of flavonoids and phenols in the skins play a role -- so be sure to buy whole almonds with the skins on. Those skin-based nutrients may react synergistically with other antioxidants in your body to produce the cholesterol-controlling effects. Shield your heart and arteries with these other disease-busting strategies, too

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.

ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING – January 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The Christmas Dinner postponed from December 9 will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. If you plan to attend, please call Cathy Hickey-Williams at (203) 426-4502.

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 3rd 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 2nd floor 1 BR apartment—utilities included

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

"A fundamental reason why increased access to contraceptives fails to reduce unintended pregnancies is a well-documented fact of human behavior called risk compensation. Those who mistakenly believe that contraception protects them from pregnancy and STDs are more likely to become sexually active at an earlier age." from the pamphlet *Contraception: The Fine Print*, distributed by the USCCB.

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.

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.

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, February 1 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 A.M. at 27 Hospital Ave. in Danbury

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

Since the legalization of abortion in 1973, we have entered a second Dark Age where human life counts for little. We find ourselves allowing our unwanted babies to be killed; and now the elderly, the handicapped, and the terminally ill are all at risk. We are rushing down the slippery slope to killing at any stage of life.



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

102nd Infantry
Capt. Andra Allison
Capt. Robert A. Bassett, DO.
SSG. Anthony T. D'Aquila
Capt. Kathryn Devonshire
Sgt. Daniel Dobbs
SSG. Michael Dobbs
2nd Lt. Thomas K. Dyer
Major William Gottmeier
Cpl. Marc Hellig
1st 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
2nd Lt. Jessica Zencey
2nd Lt. Phillip Zencey

United States Navy

Airman 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

The Knights would like to remind everybody that the Toy Closet remains open all year long. Whether you need a toy for someone or would like to donate for someone in need, contact Markus Balas at 449-7190 or email markus@designsbymarkus.com

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



www.stroseyouthgroup.com

5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: January 23, 2010 – Ice Skating at Danbury Ice Rink – Cost \$10.00. Permission slips are in the church. Departing 12:30 p.m. and returning at 4:00 p.m.

Senior Youth Group – January 10 – “Are You Cereal?” 6-8:30 p.m.

Senior Youth Group Retreat – January 22, 23, 24. All the information is on the website

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASTORAL PLAN

Today we celebrate the Lord's baptism by John in the Jordan. This baptism can be seen as another epiphany (manifestation), declaring that the Lord Jesus is the Servant (Son) of Yahweh. His call in life is that of the Servant which is depicted in today's first reading. This is an aspect of Jesus' personality that gives us a deeper insight into who our Lord is. He is the "man for others." Everyone has their own, unique calling by the Lord. We respond to it in the framework of our personal capabilities and the circumstances of time and situation. Serious and mature people understand that only a life of service is a meaningful life. A question to ponder as this feast marks the end of the Christmas season could be, "What do you consider your main calling in life, and how do you fulfill it?"

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 29 through 31, 2010. 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 email us at 3001@retrouvaille.org. Please be assured that all names are kept in the strictest confidence.

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

WORKING AMONG THE POOR IN CUSCO, PERU

If you are interested in working with orphans, children abandoned on streets, children in clinics, children in schools, children neglected by parents or teaching English or constructing new orphanages or working as a nurse in Cusco, Peru, from June 20 to July 2, 2010, please contact Fr. Michael Sequeira, St. Mary's Church, 54 Grove St. Clinton, CT. 06413, or call 860-669-8512 or email at punchamar@snet.net. Please ask for more information on the trip and the cost and conditions. Please come to an orientation session on February 2, at 7:00 p.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL REUNION—CLASS OF '74

Members of the St. Augustine School (Bridgeport, CT) class of 1974 are planning a reunion for the summer of 2010. We are trying to locate our classmates and lay teachers. Any information is welcome. Please contact Edmund Leahy at edmundk82@yahoo.com. Thank you."

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE WINTER OPEN HOUSE

On President's Day, Monday, February 15, 2010, Thomas More College is hosting its annual Winter Open House. All high school seniors, juniors, and their families are encouraged to attend classes, have lunch, converse with students, and meet with professors. Located in scenic Merrimack, NH, Thomas More College provides a Great Books education that is firmly rooted in the Catholic tradition. All students learn iconography in our unique Way of Beauty program and spend a full semester on our Rome campus at no extra cost. Tuition is low and scholarships are available. For more information, and to register, please contact the admissions office at (800) 880-8308 or email us at admissions@ThomasMoreCollege.edu. Overnight guests are welcome.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worn out from the Holidays? Are you looking for a way to avoid the January blahs? How about a special weekend, just for the two of you? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today. Upcoming weekends are **January 29-31, and April 23-25, 2010**. For more info call Joe and Jane Staszowski at 860-644-7260 or meweekend@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.

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 to 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 info along.

THE NEWTOWN LIONS CLUB is sponsoring the Red Cross blood drive to be held on Monday January 11th at the Newtown Congregational Church at 14 West Street. The hours to donate blood are 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Be an after-holiday hero. Donate blood.

DAY AND EVENING RETREAT

A Contemplative in Action: The Extraordinary Gift of St. Teresa of Avila. Wed., Jan. 27 Day 10 a.m.–2 p.m. or Evening 6-9p.m. Saint Teresa of Avila, a 16th 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. Program offering: \$30. Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or send name, address and offering to: Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107 860-521-0440



PRESENTS

***THE UNTAPPED POWER OF THE
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: A PRIEST'S VIEW***
WITH
MONSIGNOR CHRIS WALSH

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Mass at 4pm

**Presentation at 5pm in the Msgr. Conroy Room
Sacrament of Penance available after the talk**



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**Monsignor Chris Walsh Ph.D., author of the book
*The Untapped Power of the Sacrament of Penance:
A Priest's View*, and pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in
Shelton explains why priests cherish
the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a powerful
movement of God's healing love.**

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