

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, January 17, 2010

Sunday, January 17

No religious education

All Masses

2:00 p.m.

4 p.m.

7-10 p.m.

Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

No school – No Religious Ed.

7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20

9-11:30 a.m.

3:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 21

10:15 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 22

7:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 23

4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Rel. Articles & Cares Box 1

K of C Free Throw (3)

Catholic Forum Mass &

Talk (1 & 3)

Men's CRHP (2)

7 & 8 gr. Parent Meeting 3

WEBS (2)

Job Network Support Group

Al-Anon (2)

Lay Missionaries of Charity

Teach Me to Pray...Play 2

Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)

Folk Choir (1)

Special Moms (2)

Bishop Lori reception (3)

Spiritual Journey (2)

Adult Choir (1)

Catechist Meeting (3)

Boy Scouts (5)

RCIA (2)

Men's CRHP Prayer (2)

Friday Bible Study (2)

Youth Group Retreat

Bethany Mass (1)

Youth Group Retreat

AA Meeting (2)

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Although approximately half of the world's Catholic population lives in Latin America, the Church in the region is losing members at an alarming rate. They are drawn away from the Church by other faiths and are often obliged to migrate in pursuit of a better life. These tensions can contribute to the destabilization of families and faith communities. You can keep faith through your support of next week's Collection. Your generosity will support pastoral work that engages parishioners and fosters the faith. The Church in Latin America needs your help.

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 Helena H. Conn in memory of Gertrude Fritz

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

6:45 Kevin Taylor

9:00 Francis X. Maher

Ann Marie Mitchell

Kevin & Mary Maloney

Tuesday, January 19

6:45 William Wolf

9:00 Richard Mitarotonda

Sapienza Family

Mr. & Mrs. James D. Reilly, Jr.

Wednesday, January 20

6:45 Monika Hamilton

9:00 Gerry Kuhn

Jim & Dolores White

Family

Thursday, January 21

6:45 Chief Richard T. McGlynn

9:00 Donald Clark

Richard & Rose Passera

Pat & Ed Matthews

Friday, January 22

6:45 Roger R. Perreault

9:00 Rolf Lunde

Gail & Richard Oparowski

The Ryan Family

Saturday, January 23

8:00 Lucie Dattila

4:00 Bethany Mass

5:30 Helen T. Urban

K of C Council #185

Stan & Barbara Urban

Sunday, January 24

7:30 Richard Palo

9:00 Isabelle Murray

10:30 Sharon Llodra Barrows

12:00 Suzanne Craven

The Kirrane Family

Her family

Sheila & Dennis Macauley

Family



IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Stella Byron as requested by Maggie Moller & family.

Thank you for your support!	
Collection for January 10, 2010	\$17,621.00
Children's Collection	19.00
Collection for January 10, 2009	18,346.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE strosechurch.com FOR YOUR REVIEW.	

ATTENTION ALL CURRENCY ENGINEERS

Thank you so much for all you do. The new Schedule and Contact List has been sent out via email/mail to all of you. Please contact Kathy Marusa if you have not received it. 203-426-3152 or kathymarusal@hotmail.com. Please remember to get a substitute if you are unable to count on your scheduled date.

BETHANY MASS:

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those parishioners who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. This Saturday, January 23rd, at the 4:00 PM Mass, we celebrate in a special way, Shaun McClean, Barbara Hanauer, Mary Maguire, Virginia Lathrop, John Messina, Amalia Caggiano, Brendan Baker, John Gill, William Peter Kelly, Dorothy Bresson, Gertrude Fritz, and Edward O'Neill 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)

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

Now that the Christmas season has passed, the decorations taken down and the gifts either put away or returned, we enter into the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. While the readings and liturgies of these weeks are far from "ordinary", we use this time to both reflect on the beauty and power of the Christmas event as well as to challenge ourselves to make more manifest by our own living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have recalled the many manifestations of both the humanity and divinity of Christ through Advent, His birth, the guiding star, the innocent wonder of the shepherds, the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph to God's holy will for them, the visit by the Magi, the Baptism of the Savior by John and our own personal celebration of this great season of faith. Our thoughts this weekend are focused on the words of Paul who reminds us of the many spiritual gifts we possess because of our faith. These days are opportunities for us to put forth our personal manifestations that God dwells in and through us. As we listen to the litany of gifts God shares with us, we know for certain that each of us in our own way is gifted. This is a time to reflect on the gift that God has given so freely to us and to commit ourselves to use that gift to bring His message to a world that too often is lacking in the values and teachings of the Gospel. We are rapidly losing the innocence that once guided us as a society and as families as we are more and more exposed to a way of life that does not parallel the message we just celebrated in the Christmas season. These weeks prior to Lent are weeks when we can reflect on our own living and ask ourselves what more can I do to be a true follower of Christ. Use these days well, for they are far from "ordinary".

Speaking of Lent, we are happy to announce that Bishop Lori will be with us on Ash Wednesday to celebrate the 7:30 p.m. Mass. What a blessing for our parish to have the Bishop initiate this great season of grace for us. Ash Wednesday is February 17 this year, less than a month away! I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Bishop's Mass that evening as we begin the holy days of Lent.

Now, back to Christmas! I want to personally thank you for the extraordinary generosity demonstrated during the twelve days of Christmas. These times are economically challenging for many of our families. In addition to your support of so many Advent charitable efforts, especially the parish Adopt-A-Family program and the Knights of Columbus Toy Closet Drive, our collections reflect the generous spirit of this parish community. In spite of the fact that many of our parishioners travel during the holidays to visit family and friends and the inclement weather that affected many of the weekends, the attendance at our liturgies was very high, a sign of the great faith we possess. I have listed below the holiday collection reports from both 2008 and 2009; while we are a bit lower than last year, we are very grateful for what you were able to do to help support the parish and our ministries and programs.

	2009	2008	Difference
Christmas	\$82,450.00	\$86,216.66	-\$3766.66
Holy Family Weekend	\$15,592.00	\$15,073.00	+\$879.00
New Year's Day	\$5,708.00	\$5,829.00	-\$121.00
Epiphany	14,682.00	\$17,974.00	-\$3292.00
Capital Improvement	6,709.00	\$7,307.00	-\$598.00
TOTAL	\$125,501.00	\$132,399.66	-\$6898.66

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Rose of Lima School PK-8 **Open House and New Family 2010- 2011 student registration** is scheduled for Sunday, **January 31**, from **1-3pm**. Application and registration information for the 2010-11 school year may be found by visiting the Admissions tab on our website www.stroseschool.com. All are welcome to visit the school campus prior to the Open House! Simply telephone the PK office (203-426-3405) or main school office (203-426-5102) for a school tour.

"Campbell's Cubs" -- Labels for Education:
The St. Rose Pack 570 Cub Scouts are coordinating The Campbell's Labels for Education fundraising program for the St. Rose School. By saving and redeeming Campbell product proofs of purchase from eligible brands, St. Rose will earn FREE educational merchandise, such as computers, software, sports equipment, musical instruments, library books and much more. You can help by clipping UPC symbols from Campbell products and placing them into the "Campbell's Cubs" collection jars which are located near the secretarial bay in the St. Rose Main School and in the church vestibule. To be sure if a product is eligible, look for the Labels for Education logo on the label, near the UPC symbol. St. Rose will redeem the points collected for free merchandise from the Campbell's Labels for Education catalog. If you have any questions regarding the "Campbell's Cubs" program, please contact Michelle DePinto who is listed in the St. Rose school directory.



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.

DID YOU KNOW? THE BULLETIN IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE. CHECK IT OUT AT www.strosechurch.com



Wedding Feast of Cana

Finding God in the Ordinary

Sacraments reveal God, and God created everything that is good. The sacramentality of life is being aware of the presence of God in all good things. It's like putting on glasses that allow us to view all things differently – from God's perspective. For example, last week the eighth grade retreat director, Sean Forrest, was sick and could not come to St. Rose. He asked us if we would accept a replacement by the name of Louis. What choice did we have? – Rescheduling is always difficult. Those who attended the retreat, although disappointed that Sean was not there, decided to put on God "glasses" and discover the goodness that God had planned for the evening. This group of eighth graders had extremely good "intellectual" questions about their faith, and Louis was prepared to engage in a conversation with them about their faith. As one student said as she was leaving: "It all makes sense." It was a lesson to all of us – let go of our pre-conceived ideas about what should happen (at the retreat), and the lesson of today's Gospel message (the best wine is usually not saved for the end). God does not play by our rules. Sit back, listen and watch – He is perfectly capable of orchestrating everything in our lives; He can be found in the most ordinary and the most extraordinary circumstances in our lives.

Reflection Question: Reflect on this prayer: "Wine Maker God, Fill my soul with the new wine of Jesus Christ. Inebriate me with His presence so that His joy may be my own. Amen"

What's Your Catholic IQ?: Medals, relics, blessings, and rosaries are examples of: (a) incrementals; (b) indulgences; (c) sacramentals; (d) monumentals.

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. The teens who will present to the students on Monday and Tuesday evening (Jan. 25 & 26), as well as a seminarian, Colin Nykaza who will present to students who attend on Sunday (Jan. 24), will also be there! **Please note that this meeting on Jan. 18 was not in the original calendar.** You are welcome to attend even if you do not have a child in 7th or 8th grade!

Adult Confirmation Classes

Are you an adult in the Catholic Church and have not yet celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, there is a six-week course beginning Thursday Feb. 18 from 7:00-9:00 at St. Rose Religious Education Office. Confirmation takes place the weekend of April 16-17. Call the Religious Education Office to sign up to attend the classes. 426-2333.

God's Gift of Human Sexuality

During class time Jan. 24-26, eighth graders will take part in a discussion led by a seminarian, Colin Nykaza (on Sunday sessions), and teens from the youth group (on Monday and Tuesday evening sessions). This discussion will take a closer look at the beauty and wonder of God's plan for human sexuality. This is based on Pope John Paul II's compelling vision for love and life. The presenters will use stories, examples, prayers and references to the culture that teens understand. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about their own bodies and issues about sexual morality, and they will learn about how they were uniquely created for greatness.

First Reconciliation

On **January 30**, children who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament for the first time will gather in the Church with their parents at either 9:00 or 12:00 (depending on the session assigned). They will sit with their parents and classmates for a prayer service, immediately followed by celebrating the Sacrament. There is a reception in the hall, which is sponsored by the families of first graders – thank you for your baking or buying! The snowdate is Feb. 7 (Superbowl Sunday) so let's pray for good weather for Jan. 30th!

Catechist Meeting

Do you struggle to understand the children who you teach? Do you have some good ideas to share with others about teaching our faith? 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

This 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. Fabian & St. Sebastian (Jan. 20), St. Agnes (Jan. 21), & St. Vincent (Jan. 22). On Jan. 22 we observe a day of Penance and prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. There will be no classes for Religious Education on 17-18 in observance of the life of Martin Luther King.

Catholic IQ Answer: (c) Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church that prepare us to receive the fruits of the sacraments (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1677). Sacramentals can be objects or actions.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

This weekend: After each Mass, religious articles are available for purchase in the vestibule.

Also this weekend: The St. Rose Cares box is 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: Three cushion couch.

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: Birch couch and 2 matching rockers.

Needed: Twin size bed frame only

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.

WE ARE LAY ROMAN CATHOLICS – a MOVEMENT OF CONSECRATED PERSONS WITH A SPECIFIC VOCATION AND MISSION:

Missionaries of Charity following the charisma of Mother Teresa; missionaries of love, doing small things with a great Love – with Jesus’ love. We meet every third Tuesday of the month in the Chapel. We pray Night Prayer and the Rosary in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We will conclude our Holy Hour with a reflection on Mother Teresa’s words. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 19, 2010 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

SPECIAL MOMS PRAYER GROUP January 20, 2010

Special Moms is an ecumenical prayer group for women of Newtown who have a special needs child of any age in their life. We meet to read scripture, pray for our families and encourage each other. Social time starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by our prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 38 Church Hill Rd. Come feel God’s love through these special women who gather to support one another! For more information call Anne Marie at 270-7344 or email riehayes@snet.net.

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

Question: My eyes get dry when I’m working on the computer. Is there any way to reduce this?

Answer: A technique that may help decrease dryness is to place the computer/laptop on a slightly lower table. This way, the opening between the eyelids stays smaller and reduces the exposure to open air.

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

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 24, 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. Note date change this month.

EPS – EDUCATION – PARISH - SERVICE

How did the Church grow from a tiny band of believers following 12 apostles to the more than one billion who call themselves Catholic today? Enroll today in the Education-Parish-Service course **The Birth of the Church** to learn how the early Church developed through the fifth century, beginning **Wednesdays, Feb. 17 – March 24**, from 7:15 – 9:20 PM, at St. Philip Church, 25 France St., Norwalk. Contact epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu or 203.847.2363. For details about upcoming EPS courses, see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>

Do you hunger to understand your Catholic faith? Education-Parish-Service (EPS) addresses this need by offering academic courses in Scripture, theology, Church history, and opportunities for spiritual development. EPS classes are held at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk. Find out more at <http://eps.trinitydc.edu> or contact Priscilla Toumey at epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu or 203. 847.2363. EPS relies solely on donations.

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

Attend the Annual March For Life in Washington, D.C., Friday January 22, 2010! For more information, contact Father Ignacio at 203-426-1014 or Queta Donovan at 203-426-2153.

Also happening on January 22: Holy Mass for Life at Holy Trinity Church, Hartford, CT at 9:30 A.M. followed by Rosary and Divine Mercy prayer gathering for the unborn at 11:30 a.m. at the state capitol in Hartford. Contact Mary Timmis (860) 638-7095 or Chris D'Amore (866) 660-6831

Upcoming event:

The Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee is proud to host PETER WOLFGANG of the Family Institute of CT (FIC) on **Sunday, February 14, 2010** in the Gathering Hall. in. Mr. Wolfgang's talk, entitled **"Defending Faith and Family in Connecticut"**, will commence at 1:15 p.m. after the noon mass and light luncheon will be served. Admission is free. A freewill donation to benefit FIC will be accepted.

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! This year's baby bottle fundraiser for Carolyn's Place and Expectant Mothercare begins the weekend of March 6 & 7. **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 AM at 27 Hospital Ave. in Danbury

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

One dark day in January of 1973, Satan donned judicial robes. Robes flowing, gavel in hand he swept onto the floor of the United States Supreme Court to preside over the most atrocious travesty of justice that ever took place, and he declared we now have the right to murder the most innocent in what should be the safest place in the universe for them. Since then, tens of millions of babies have been assassinated in their own mother's wombs.
Fr. John Corapi

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 next general meeting is Thursday, February 4. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Family Rosary night is Thursday, February 4 at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel.

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 17 – Rodd's Night! (Adoration) 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

In the awareness of the Bible, human beings are related to God in a sacred partnership (covenant), which has conjugal overtones, as today's readings bring out. But in His great love, God does not destroy us as persons. We are and should be different, though the same Spirit of love has been given to all of us, as seen in today's second reading: "There are different workings, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." Christians should live in the joy of the wedding (partnership-covenant) between God and human beings. The first reading today speaks specifically of this.

A question we can all ponder this week is: How do you see yourself in relation to God? Is the promised reward or love the main focus of your Christian lifestyle? God loves you. Then we can echo the words of today's Psalm, "Proclaim His marvelous deeds to all the nations."

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Housatonic Habitat for Humanity

Informational Meeting for Prospective First-Time Homeowners

In 2010, Housatonic Habitat for Humanity plans to renovate two 3-bedroom homes in Danbury. One is on Crown St. and the other is on Linden Place. We anticipate that applicant families will need an annual household income between \$35,000 and \$60,000. Please join us at: St. James Episcopal Church, 25 West Street, Danbury. (Use Terrace Place driveway entrance) on Tuesday, February 2 (7 p.m.) or Thursday, February 4 (7 p.m.) or Saturday, February 6 (1 p.m.) (You only need to attend one meeting).

At this meeting you will be given:

- 1) Information about Habitat and the homes
- 2) An application and information regarding the documents you need to supply with the application

WATCH SPECIAL MARCH FOR LIFE PROGRAMMING ON EWTN

Join EWTN Global Catholic Network as they bring you LIVE coverage of the March for Life from Washington, DC on Jan. 21 & 22 and the Walk for Life from San Francisco, CA on Jan. 23. Watch EWTN on Channel 70. For more information go to www.ewtn.com.

SOLEMN VIGIL MASS FOR LIFE—LIVE Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.

SOLEMN MASS FOR LIFE — LIVE Jan. 22, 7:30 a.m.

MARCH FOR LIFE FROM WASHINGTON, DC — LIVE Jan. 22, 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. ENCORE

WORLD OVER LIVE SPECIAL — LIVE Jan. 22, 8:00 p.m.

WALK FOR LIFE FROM SAN FRANCISCO — LIVE Jan. 23, 1:00 p.m. and Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m. ENCORE.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The **NEWTOWN LIONS CLUB** is sending Care Packages to the War Zone. Personal Care Products are being shipped along with DVD's, magazines, M&M's, energy bars, zip-lock bags, etc. If you have a family member or loved one over there, contact kovacsrichard@att.net with a name and address.

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.

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL will hold a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day **Basketball Clinic** on Monday, January 18th. Open to students in grades 5 through 8 – the boys' clinic is from 9 – 10:45 a.m., and the girls' clinic is from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Both will be held in the Immaculate High School gym. The cost is \$10, and participants will receive a t-shirt and a complimentary pass to an Immaculate Basketball game.

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.

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL REUNION-CLASS OF '74

Members of 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



The Newtown Parent Connection, Housatonic Valley Coalition Regional Teen Prevention Council, and CT Turning to Youth & Families offer a unique opportunity to hear directly from our youth...

**Kids Speak Out:
The Straight Talk
John Hamilton, facilitator**

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**Newtown Middle School
Wednesday, January 20, 2010**

Have you heard what the kids are saying?

Join us for this honest discussion regarding what's happening in the area among our youth. Learn firsthand what our young people are facing each day.

Mr. John Hamilton is the CEO for Regional Network of Programs, a non-profit behavioral health agency. He has accumulated over twenty years in the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention. He has experience with youth, adults, and families in a variety of counseling and administrative roles. Mr. Hamilton works closely with the state and national organizations that educate and treat those who are afflicted with substance abuse and addiction. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist and drug and alcohol counselor. He has facts and statistics that will EDUCATE AND EMPOWER anyone who cares about our youth!

Stay connected with the Newtown Parent Connection... an organization dedicated to educating and empowering the community in the prevention of substance abuse and to embrace families in need. For more information, visit: www.newtownparentconnection.org



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