

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – January 25, 2009

Sunday, January 25 (Catholic Schools Week)
 All Sunday Masses Grocery & Gift Card Sale 1
 1-3 p.m. St Rose School Open House
 4 p.m. Catholic Forum Mass (1)
 5 p.m. Catholic Forum Talk (3)
 7-10 Men's CRHP (2)
 7:30 Narcotics Anonymous (2)

Monday, January 26
 9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play 2
 7-10 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)

Tuesday, January 27
 9:30-11 a.m. WEBS (2)
 10 a.m. Job Network Support Group
 7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)

Wednesday, January 28
 9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 4:10 p.m. Cenacle (7)
 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Project (Conroy)
 7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, January 29
 10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
 3-4 p.m. Adoration (7)
 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)
 7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)
 8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, January 30
 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 31
 after 8 a.m. Mass Rosary For Life (1)
 10-11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting (2)
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

LOCATION:

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

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

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

Upcoming seminars are:

St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
St. Jude Parish, Monroe, Feb. 21, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

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

GROCERY & GIFT CARDS FOR SALE

Representatives from Saint Rose School will be at the back of the church today selling gift cards after the Sunday masses. Cards are available in the categories of: **Groceries, Entertainment, Restaurants, Stores & Gas.** Checks & Cash only.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 26
 6:45 Isabelle MacKenzie Murray The Murray Family
 9:00 Donald Clark Pat & Ed Matthews

Tuesday, January 27
 6:45 Katherine Lama Matthew & Jennifer Hubbard
 9:00 Eileen & Kevin Comerford Family

Wednesday, January 28
 6:45 Josephine Tragakiss The Campe Family
 9:00 Marie Grahm Jeff & Brenda Wurtz

Thursday, January 29
 6:45 Mary Notabartolo Ron & Mary Tietjen
 9:00 Brennan Merrick Center for Pediatric Medicine

Friday, January 30
 6:45 Michael Cummins-Cheh Family
 9:00 Lillian Pascual Family

Saturday, January 31
 8:00 Frank Saidis Peggy & Tony Baiad
 4:00 Harland Coffin Joan Clifford
 5:30 Albert Doerr William & Dorothy Healy

Sunday, February 1
 7:30 Joanne Cwikla Ellen & Tom Curran
 9:00 Yolanda Riva Blanca & Gary Sheehan & family
 10:30 Larry Bouc Kevin & Mary Maloney
 12:00 John Giorno Giorno Family

Thanks for your support!

Collection for January 18, 2009	\$15,085.00
Children's Collection	\$ 27.11
Collection for January 20, 2008	\$16,857.00

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Ed Spinski as requested by the Wojciechowski Family.

CURRENCY ENGINEERS NEEDED-This is a fun way to help the Parish when you have a limited amount of free time to donate. The commitment is about 2 ½ to 3 hours every 4-5 weeks. Time options include after 4:00 mass on Saturday; after 7:30 Mass on Sunday or after 10:30 Mass on Sunday. We work as a team and training is provided. All that is needed is a basic understanding of counting, using an adding machine and preparing a bank statement. If interested, please call Kathy Marusa 426-3152. Note The Diocese does require that we have taken the class "Protecting God's Children".

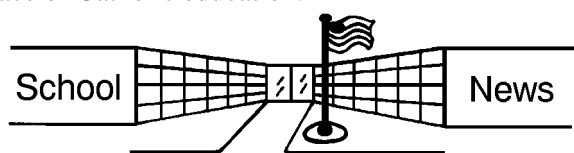
SCOUT ROSARY PATCH RECOGNITION MASS –

FEB. 8 AT 10:30 A.M. Scouts (girls and boys) who attended the Rosary Patch discussion with Msgr. Weiss on 12/6/08 will be recognized on Sun. Feb. 8 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Scouts should please attend in their scout uniform. The Rosary patches will be distributed to the scouts at the main entrance to the church at the conclusion of the Mass. Please contact Michelle DePinto at 364-1229 if you have any questions.

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A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, 2009! Once again, we are celebrating the rich history and tradition of Catholic education throughout America. Catholic schools have been a part of American Catholic history for generations, and hundreds of thousands of us have benefited from schools where Christ is the center. Stories of success abound from the men and women who are products of Catholic education. The face of Catholic schools has dramatically changed in recent years, but we have stayed the course in not only providing a strong faith-based education but have kept current with trends in contemporary education. Walk through our school and you will see for yourself: smartboards have taken the place of blackboards, computer technology is available at every grade level including pre-K, a state of the art science and math lab opens horizons of learning, an athletic facility enables physical development of our students, a media center gives access to learning that is endless and, above all, a school day that begins and ends with prayer! We have never lost our mission to keep the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the focus of all we do, and that mission is reflected in more than just a “mission statement” on paper. A highly qualified and faith-filled administrator and equally qualified and faith-filled faculty and staff set the tone for a school that reflects Christ. As you know, the entire 2008 graduating class was awarded Presidential Honors for being in the top ten percentile of students across America including those attending public and private schools. We are a 2008 Blue Ribbon nominated school and hopefully a 2009 recipient of the Blue Ribbon from the United States Department of Education. For many of our families who choose Catholic education, it is a financial sacrifice, but they make it gladly for their child’s education and development. Celebrate this week with us! Come and visit our school and see for yourself the new face of Catholic education.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: ST. ROSE OF LIMA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 1-3PM

During this 50th anniversary of St. Rose of Lima School, we honor and celebrate our school’s traditions and our mission to provide an educational experience where students foster their spiritual growth, responsibility, and service while building a foundation for individual academic excellence. We reflect on the faith-based curriculum that we offer as well as the vital contribution we make to education and the quality of life in the name of our patron saint, St. Rose of Lima. Daily prayers, community service projects, and weekly liturgies bring our school community close in spirit and closer to Christ-centered living.

This year’s Catholic School’s Week theme is *Celebrating Service*. The culture and climate of St. Rose of Lima School is one where a professional learning community works collaboratively to create an environment that not only nurtures student abilities but also encourages the development of Christian values to serve the needs of families in Newtown, surrounding cities and our country. Students contribute their service to urban and local food pantries, Adopt-A-Family programs, hospitals, parish ministries, national disaster teams, our troops overseas and world missions. The cohesive, dedicated relationship between Pastor Monsignor Weiss, parents, and teachers is the cornerstone of the joy that fills St. Rose of Lima School’s hallways.

Our students are proud to spread the good news about how their education combines the concepts of God’s light in the world with a kindled light of service to others. They will be sharing their enthusiasm during this weekend’s Masses. I thank each and every one of you for your continued generous support of all of our students and school initiatives throughout the year. God Bless, **Mrs. Mary R. Maloney, Principal**

As we celebrate Catholic Schools week, let us together lift up our hearts in joyful praise for the bountiful gifts God has bestowed upon St. Rose School during the past 50 years. It has been both a gift and a blessing for me to minister at St. Rose Preschool and to journey with the parents and their children in their faith and education. Together with a dedicated staff, we provide an age-appropriate program within a spiritual environment. **Sister Thaddeus Rajca, CSFN, Preschool Director**

Whenever I am asked where I teach, I proudly say, St. Rose School in Newtown. The responses from the people I am talking to is most often the same; a huge smile and a comment about how nice and respectful the children are that go to Catholic School. I think that says it all! **Jeanne Vitetta, Grade 1**

Catholic Schools provide a circle of learning and love centered in God. **Tamra Russo, Grade 4**

Catholic Schools not only provide an excellent academic education, they also teach their students to live as Jesus wants us to live. **Rita Garrett, Grade 3**

Catholic Schools bring hope for a brighter future throughout the globe. **Tim Dunn, PE Teacher**

Our blessings in life are many, and St. Rose School is one of them. As a parent and a teacher, we are very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful school community. **Karen Coppola, Kindergarten**

Being part of the St. Rose School community has been such a positive and rewarding experience for me. I cannot imagine teaching anywhere else and truly enjoy the big St. Rose family we have here. Everyone is always looking out for everyone and the showing of caring and compassion is beyond compare. **Cortni Kemlage, Grade 4**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

God's Kingdom is Here and Now

Think about the many excuses we may give to "put something off" that does not appear to be urgent. We will say "I will do it after...." Christ has walked in our shoes, and he urges us to not put off the urgency and immediacy of being a disciple. In today's Gospel, we witness the men "dropping everything" in order to build up the Kingdom of God. Maybe all we need to do in our lives is drop a few of the balls that we are juggling in our lives in order to drop to our knees in prayer each day. It is that important. As Christ used the fishing talents and redirected those fishermen to "fish for men," Christ expects us to use our talents and incorporate the good news into the things that we do each day. The Church needs us all in order to keep our world balanced and growing in the Spirit of Christ. Just one look at the 35 ministries at St. Rose is testimony to the willingness of our faith community to use their diversified talents to minister to the community, the town, and the world.

Reflection Question: As a family, discuss times that you had to "drop everything" to minister to someone. Then discuss the following questions: What do you need to abandon to follow Christ? What is it about Jesus that makes you want to follow Him?

Reflection Activity: Stop in the Religious Education Office for a complete list of the ministries of St. Rose – or log onto the Church website and look for the list, and plan to participate in one ministry that uses your talents.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: The Catholic Professional Organization that provides leadership, direction, and service to fulfill the evangelizing, catechizing, and teaching mission of the Church is called: (a) Catholics for Education; (b) America's Organization for Catholic Schools; (c) National Catholic Educational Association.

Visiting Classes....

This week Religious Education first graders were busy being "Good Samaritans." They had learned about the story of the Good Samaritan, and then they followed the example given in the parable. They made "Happy Placemats," which will be given to residents at area nursing homes for Valentine's Day. The placemats will surely bring a smile to those you are serving!

Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy is on Feb. 7 at the 5:30 Mass.

Thank You To Parents of First Graders

This past Saturday approximately 225 students celebrated the Sacrament of Christ's forgiveness – First Reconciliation. God bless these young children who have experienced the massiveness of Christ's mercy! A reception for the children and their parents took place in the parish hall, hosted by parents of first grade students. We thank you for reaching out in hospitality to the second graders and their families. Next year is your turn to be on the "receiving end" of such a warm welcome in the coldness of January! Thanks especially to first grade coordinator, Tricia Shannon for organizing this event.

More Appreciation

Thank you also to Fr. John for organizing the priests for Reconciliation Day, and to the many priests who joined us. Thank you to Rose Kitzmiller who helped preparations for Reconciliation. Many thanks to the following people who baked two weeks ago for Reconciliation preparation day: A. Rosa, Mrs. Sgobbo, Mrs. Martinez, Jean Milano, Colleen Kelly Mayer, and Alice Maisano. Thank you to Fr. John, Fr. Milan, Fr. Amal, Deacon Dan O'Connor, and June Carpenter who spoke to fifth graders this week about Vocation: God's plan for your life. The children in fifth grade learn about all the Sacraments, including the Sacraments of Vocation: Holy Orders and Marriage.

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

Seventh Grade Social Justice and Forgiveness

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, Detective Steven McDonald will give a witness talk on the power of God's forgiveness within our lives. There will also be a prayer service to honor the Catholic position of Sanctity of all life from conception to death. Parents are asked to join their seventh graders for this powerful evening, which begins at 7:00. Parents and students please sit with your class so that attendance may be taken. This special event takes the place of seventh grade classes for this week. Stephen McDonald does not accept an honorarium for this talk; however we collect a free-will donation for the charity of his choice, which he will speak about that evening.

Adult Formation
Confirmation Classes for Adults

If you are an adult and have not yet been confirmed in the Catholic faith, there are classes beginning on Feb. 26 and extending each week until April 2, which you are invited to attend so that you will be confirmed April 3 or 4 at St. Rose. Please call the Religious Education Office at 426-2333 to sign up for the classes.

Lenten Day of Reflection

On March 5 from 9:00-3:00, Spiritual Journey is sponsoring a day to reflect on "The Healing and Hope of the Holy Spirit." Jean Kechejian, former director of Adult Formation for Diocese of Bpt., will be the facilitator of the Day, which will be held in the Msgr. Conroy Room of the school. For more information or to RSVP, please call Margaret Malone at 270-1817, June Carpenter at 364-1154, or the Religious Ed. Office at 426-2333. All are welcome!

Spiritual Journey – Instruments of God

Perhaps your New Year's resolution is to feed your spiritual life more nourishment. If so, join us this Thursday morning, Jan. 29 from 10:15-11:15, as our Spiritual Journey is joined by June Carpenter, who will lead a reflection on "We, the Varied Instruments of God." June is a member of the third order of Lay Franciscans. This session 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.

Bring Light to the Poor of India

This Sunday, January 25 at 5:00, Fr. Amal, who has been visiting St. Rose for the last few weeks, and is Chancellor to a Bishop in India, will tell us his story of his life in India. We are blessed by the presence of Fr. Amal, and we have so much to learn about the challenges to Christianity in other countries, especially India. Come and learn with us!

St. Cyril of Jerusalem Classes for Adults

The Diocese of Bpt. offers the following classes for adults:
2/4 & 11 6:30-9:30 p.m. The Christian Life – Fr. Paul Murphy
2/5 & 12 6:30-9:30 p.m. Prayer – Dr. Tom Hicks
2/21 & 28 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.–Teaching Chastity–Jamila Evans
3/2 & 9 7-9 p.m. Sacraments – Dr. Joan Kelly
2/26 & 3/4 6:30-9:30 Creed I – Fr. Joseph Marcello
3/5 & 26 6:30-9:30 Creed II – Fr. Donald Guglielmi
3/14 & 21 9:00-12:00: Methodology and Class Management – Michelle Grieco
Two online classes: Prayer – Dr. Hicks, & Scripture – Fr. Peter Lynch. Register online at <http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com/ps-cyril.asp>

This week we celebrate the lives of Sts. Timothy & Titus (Jan. 26), Angela Merici (Jan. 27), Thomas Aquinas (Jan. 28), and John Bosco (Jan. 31).

Celebration of Catholic Schools

Beginning today with an open house, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is "Celebrate Service." Catholic schools participate in many service projects, which range from collecting canned goods for the needy, to supporting missions in other countries. St. Rose is blessed to have a Catholic School, which lives out the Catholic identity. "Come and See" all St. Rose School has to offer at the open house on Sunday afternoon.

Answer to Catholic IQ: (c) The NCEA was founded in 1904 and members include elementary schools, high schools, parish religious education programs, and seminaries.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

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

Available: Trimax exercise weight machine

Available: Kitchen table, dark stain, 62” by 38”; with 6 chairs.

Available: Washer and dryer.

For information regarding any listed item, 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** 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. JOSEPH PROJECT

Our group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month and welcomes everyone, those in need and those who want to be involved in helping Newtowners with their housing issues. We have been successful in adding support where it was needed and in making a difference to someone. That, in itself, encourages our ideal. Please join us. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 28 in the Msgr. Conroy room at 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

The St. Rose Women’s Club will sponsor a family Bingo night from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 28 in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets January 31 at 10 a.m. in the basement of the Parish Center. Join us if you knit or crochet, and make shawls for Parishioners going through hard times. Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles (long ones) or your crochet hook. We supply the yarn if you are making a shawl for the ministry to distribute. To request a shawl call Kathleen Chrusciel Desrosiers at 426-9922. A \$20 donation to cover the cost of the yarn will help us to continue our ministry.

DANBURY EMMAUS WEEKEND

Danbury Emmaus has been conducting Catholic retreats for H.S. teens for over 20 years. The 65th Emmaus Weekend is being headed by Blanca & Gary Sheehan on February 20-22 at the Retreat Center at Immaculate H.S. This is a wonderful experience that will touch their hearts. For more information please call them at: 426-3253.

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

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

The next parish nurse meeting will be on Monday, February 9th at 7:00pm in the parish center nursing office.

Health Tip:

A tiny round fruit for better blood flow. A little fresh-fruit snack may put you on the fast track to better blood flow. People in a study experienced better blood flow in their brachial arteries just 3 hours after eating the equivalent of one and a quarter cups of grapes. At 60 calories a delicious cup, that’s a pretty juicy deal. **Boundless Benefits:** The blood flow benefits were even better after 3 weeks of consistent eating. Researchers think it may be the antioxidants in grapes that help keep blood vessels relaxed and blood flowing freely. In fact, grapes may even help protect your blood vessels from fatty meals -- something that normally does immediate, transient damage. And early animal research suggests that something in grapes may help protect your blood pressure from salty foods, too. Of course, no single food will make your heart and arteries impervious to the perils of a bad diet. So in addition to fresh fruit like antioxidant-rich grapes, feed your heart what it *really* wants, including: Garlic, olive oil, dark chocolate, and oatmeal with strawberries.

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

Available: 1 bedroom with utilities

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) CORNER

Monthly CRHP mass gathering will take place February 7 at the 5:30 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.

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:30 in the rectory - Please join us!

SIDEWALK PRAYER: Saturday, February 21, and the third 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.

Science has determined that at conception, a new individual comes into being, possessing a unique genetic code that has already determined that individual's sex, fingerprints, hair and eye color, facial features, etc. It truly is a human life; therefore we must end abortion.

2 NEW INSPIRING CATHOLIC CDS AVAILABLE

NOW: (1) Was Hitler Right? Subtitle: Why Atheists Have No Rights. This is an apologetic aimed at atheists and social liberals. This talk gives you a line of reasoning to use when talking to atheists about the existence of God, and when talking to those who favor abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research about the morality of their beliefs. (2) **Two-Minute Apologetics:** 19 different topics in short Q & A format. Why do Catholics call their priests "Father"? Do Catholics take the Bible literally? Why do we keep Jesus hanging on the Cross? Were Adam and Eve myths? Have Catholics been "born again"? And 14 more. If you want quick answers to common questions asked of Catholics, here they are. **Donation: \$3/CD.**

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY GROUP (WEBS):

The WEBS group is beginning a new book study on Tuesday, January 20th. The new book is entitled "Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul" by John and Stasi Eldredge, and can be purchased through Amazon and other major booksellers. Each week we will meet and discuss a portion of the book beginning with Chapter 1 on January 20th. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00am. Please contact Kristen Renzi at 270-6915 with any questions or if you will need babysitting services. Newcomers are welcome to join at any time during the study.



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

Thank you to all the boy and girl participants and their parents who braved the weather and made this year's Free Throw Shooting contest one of the most exciting and largest the Knights have ever hosted.

Our next council meeting is in the Monsignor Conroy room on Thursday, March 5th, 2009. Doors open at 7PM and the meeting will get underway at 7:30 PM.

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 Bob Buchanan at 426-6195.

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.



Youth Group

stroseyouthgroup.com

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

Senior Youth Group: No Youth Group on Sunday, January 25. Winter overnight with Chris Padgett.

AROUND THE DIOCESE
PASTORAL PLAN

Today we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul. During this year of St. Paul we have been able to come to know this great saint in various ways. The theme of this weekend is repentance, and as we celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul today we begin the prayer phase of the Lenten Confession Campaign in our Diocese.

The first reading speaks to God's call and our response to be the kind of person the Lord has designed us to be. This reading introduces Jesus' instructions in the Gospel to "repent and believe in the gospel." This is a constant call to Christians. This week we see the disciples' decision of abandoning their nets and following Jesus.

We should keep in prayer this week our own personal conversion of repentance and also how to be better followers of Jesus. Let us be reminded of the Responsorial Psalm "Teach me Your ways, O Lord."

PLENARY INDULGENCES DURING THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL. During this year of Saint Paul marking the 2000th anniversary of the birth of the Holy Apostle, Pope Benedict XVI has granted a plenary indulgence to the faithful who fulfill the required conditions. The sacred places designated by Bishop Lori in the Diocese of Bridgeport to receive plenary indulgence include the only Parish dedicated to Saint Paul (Greenwich) and the Adoration Chapels listed below:

- St. Paul Parish, Greenwich:
- St. John Fisher Seminary Residence, Stamford – Mon. – Thurs. 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday 6 a.m. until Sun. 11 p.m.
- St. Mary Parish, Ridgefield: Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days
- St. Mark Parish, Stratford: Perpetual Adoration: 24 hours, 7 days
- St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield: Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days
- St. James Parish, Stratford: Perpetual Adoration, Monday to Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- St. Theresa Parish, Trumbull: Perpetual Adoration, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
- St. Andrew Parish, Bridgeport: Perpetual Adoration – Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: World Day for Consecrated Life, February 8

In February, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. This celebration is a most meaningful and important event since consecrated life within the Church is a great blessing: It stands as a witness to Christ – Yesterday, Today, and Forever! We observe the World Day for Consecrated Life on February 2 when that day falls on a Sunday; if not, it is observed on the Sunday after February 2. Consequently, it is observed on February 8, which is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR & SENIOR BOYS

Consider adding St. John Fisher Seminary to your list of college visits. It seems to be such a mystery what life is like in a house of discernment. We are offering the opportunity to live the schedule and life of the house for 24 hours. For more information and to schedule your visit, please contact Father Peter Lynch at 203-416-1513 or e-mail vocations@HearTheCall.org.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY
MAGIC GARDEN DONATES TO ST. ROSE

The Magic Garden will donate 15% of your entire communion purchase to St. Rose Church.

For the girls....

dresses, veils, sweaters, and shoes!

For the boys...

suits, blazers, slacks, shirts and ties

Thank you for your support!

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC SINGLES
VALENTINES DINNER DANCE

Stella's Restaurant

7365 Main Street

Stratford

Saturday, February 14 7 p.m.

\$30

For reservations call (203) 261-2414

RETREAT DAY

"Holy Family Celebrates the Pauline Year, St. Paul @ 2000: What Every Christian Should Know"

Sunday, February 15 Presenter: Harold W. Attridge

Retreat Day: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The day will include Mass, lecture and reception.

Program Offering: \$30

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The \$100,000 tuition raffle drawing is March 8, 2009. We appreciate your support of the tuition raffle and support of Immaculate High School. Please continue to spread the word. If you would like to buy a ticket please contact John Brosz at 203-744-1510 ext. 144 or via email @ jbroosz@immaculatehs.org.

January 24 & 25, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For more than 45 years, proceeds from the Collection for the Church in Latin America have been distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions in 23 countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. It assists in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral workers, catechists, and youth ministers.

Funds from the Collection enable Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean – who are rich in faith, but often lack material resources – to participate more fully as disciples through a variety of ministries, reaching youth and elderly alike. Highlights of the past year’s funding include: youth ministry programs that continue to evangelize and engage young Catholics in Ecuador, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic; assistance to rural ministry in Chile, Brazil and Peru; and support throughout the region for family pastoral ministry.

The Diocese of Bridgeport has a long and proud history of the contribution of its funds and the service of its priests, Brothers, and Sisters to the Church in Latin America. This year, I ask you to contribute as generously as possible to this worthy Collection. I am grateful as always for the continuing generosity of our family of faith here in Fairfield County.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
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