

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, January 31, 2010

Sunday, January 31 (Catholic Schools Week)

1-3 p.m. School Open House--Pk-8 (6)
7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, February 1

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
7:30 p.m. Pro-Life/Family Mtg. (rectory)

Tuesday, February 2

9:30-11 a.m. WEBS (2)
10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group 2
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)

Wednesday, February 3

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)
7:00 p.m. Folk Choir (1)
7:00 p.m. Kennedy Rosary Project (8)
7:30 p.m. Social Concerns Meeting (2)

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5 (First Friday)

7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
After 9 a.m. Mass Eucharistic Adoration
10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
5:00 p.m. Benediction

Saturday, February 6

5:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy (1)
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

LOCATION:

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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – February 5

Come and Adore Jesus here in St. Rose of Lima Church. The Lord is exposed after 9 a.m. Mass, the Rosary Group prays a rosary at 9:30, and then silent adoration follows until 4 p.m. From 4 p.m. to Benediction at 5 p.m., we will pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Evening Prayers.

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection for the Church in Latin America! Your generosity has made a difference by funding pastoral programs that will nurture the faith and strengthen the Church. Thank you for keeping faith with the Church in Latin America. To see where your donation is making a difference, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

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

Gift of Elyse H. Hoffmann in memory of Helen Hoffmann

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 1

6:45 Elizabeth Poggenburg Msgr. Robert Weiss, the staff, Youth Group of St. Rose Grandma & Matt
9:00 Peter Campbell (L)

Tuesday, February 2

6:45 Irene and Jack Daly Drabik Family
9:00 Sr. Mary David, O.P. Mary & Bernie Curran

Wednesday, February 3

6:45 Monika Hamilton Peggy & Tony Baiad
9:00 Rich Mitarotonda Religious Ed. Staff

Thursday, February 4

6:45 Mary Kyle Bernie & Mary Curran
9:00 Bill Dahlem St. Rose Women's Club

Friday, February 5 (First Friday)

6:45 Anthony Melita The Cottingham Family
9:00 Francis Maher Mr. & Mrs. Lou Pontillo

5:00 Benediction

Saturday, February 6

8:00 Virginia Lathrop The Studley Family
4:00 Ann Hyland Hyland & Zaccaro Families
5:30 Andre Prince Oravez Family

Sunday, February 7

7:30 Msgr. Frank Medynski Walsh Family
9:00 Augie & Yolanda Riva Gary & Blanca Sheehan
10:30 Aurora Kovacs Mr. & Mrs. George Paulis
12:00 Catherine McGuire Katherine Sugarman



IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Yola Galardo as requested by Katherine, Kaitlyn and Ashling Sugarman.

Thank you for your support!

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| Collection for January 24, 2010 | \$17,247.00 |
| Church in Latin America | 4,667.00 |
| Children's Collection | 21.50 |
| Collection for Haiti | 21,544.00 |
| Collection for January 25, 2009 | \$18,543.00 |

QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE strosechurch.com FOR YOUR REVIEW.



FAMILY BINGO

SAVE THE DATE!! **FAMILY BINGO** WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, **FEBRUARY 27TH** IN THE PARISH GATHERING HALL, SPONSORED BY THE ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB. DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6 P.M. AND BINGO WILL START AT 7 P.M. TREAT YOUR FAMILY TO AN INEXPENSIVE, FUN NIGHT OUT.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Jan. 31-Feb. 5

This week, we join with dioceses from across the country in celebrating CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. The rich heritage of Catholic education in America has been pushed aside in recent times. As Catholics, we should never forget the values that have been maintained because of the education received in our schools. No system of education is perfect, but Catholic schools provide a message that is perfect: the love of our faith and the truth of our Gospel. Our students are free to pray and worship our God, and they do! At the beginning of the day, at the start of each class and before dismissal, Catholic school students are found in prayer asking God's blessings on their studies, their families and the needs of our world. Visit one of our pre-K classes and witness their prayers before snack; visit our primary grades and hear them as they learn the wonderful prayers of our faith; visit our middle grades as they join in intercessory prayer; visit our lunchroom and hear grace before meals; watch our 8th graders on First Friday kneel before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. Tell the students that there is a special need, and prayer is their first response! Catholic schools are a gift to any community, and we are truly blessed by our school. It is by no means a simple recognition of our school that we have been given the status of a NATIONAL BLUE RIBOON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE, but it demonstrates that we are true to our mission to provide an education for the whole person: physical, emotional and SPIRITUAL. Day after day, new families are visiting our school and are seeing for themselves a "new face" in Catholic education and all that we are able to provide at a cost well below that of other schools in our area. While other schools are dealing with cutbacks, we are enhancing our programs and providing more and more to our almost 450 students. Come and see for yourself!

A special word of thanks to our principal, Mrs. Mary Maloney, our pre-K coordinator, Sr. Thaddeus, our incredible faculty and staff and our students for being a great witness to Catholic education today. The greatest thanks go to our parents for entrusting their children to us for their education. Know that many of these parents forego many other things in life in order to provide this education for their family. Without their trust and their support in ways that go far beyond financial, we would not be the successful school we are today. May God keep a steady and blessed watch over all of them.

And now, a few words from our school community.....

The faculty, staff, and I walk into the school buildings every morning to be greeted by a large blue ribbon that reminds us of our daily blessings: the ability to see Christ reflected in the faces of our PK-8 school children, the opportunity to witness every student's academic, physical and spiritual growth as well as the ability to collaborate with parents effectively. Sister Thaddeus and I extend much appreciation to our teachers, parents, staff, our most dedicated Pastor, Msgr. Weiss, the Most Reverend Bishop E. Lori, and to all St. Rose of Lima parishioners for supporting our school's mission to provide families an excellent Catholic school education for their child. -Mrs. Mary R. Maloney, Principal

Catholic education is very important to me because it lets me learn about God and Jesus. This can help me be a better person in and out of school. Since my classmates also learn about God and believe as I do, there is less teasing. Everyone respects each other here more than in other schools, so we are less likely to be bullied or hurt in any way. That makes a Catholic school a very safe and happy place to be. **Madeline Meier, Grade 5**

In a Catholic school we can learn about why Jesus died for us and why being faithful is so good. **Colleen Denault Grade 3G**

I love St. Rose because we do many projects to help others. I feel good about Pennies for Peace because I am doing something good for children that need a school or that are poor or need stuff. I also feel like I am responsible and loving to everybody!" - **Gabrielle Kerekes, grade 1B**



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.

ATTENTION ST ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL GRADUATES! St. Rose School now has a Facebook page for all graduates of St. Rose School to join. Simply visit the site and click on "Become a Fan" <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Newtown-CT/St-Rose-of-Lima-School/229298151889?ref=mf>

"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.

ECUMENICAL VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
The Ecumenical Vacation Church School will be held this year at St. Rose the week of July 19th – 23rd. Since we are hosting this wonderful event this year, there will not be a separate St. Rose Vacation Bible School. Registration & volunteer information will be coming soon. If you have any questions please contact Michele Buzzi www.mbuzzijr@att.net or Dot Perpignand www.dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net

SCOUT MASS – 3/13/2010
Scouts (girls and boys) of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend St. Rose Church's Scout Mass on Saturday, 3/13/ at 5:30 p.m. All scouts should come in their scout uniform. Girl scouts may like to wear pearls in honor of Juliette Low.



Recognizing Prophetic Voices

Interesting Gospel today – hard to believe that people’s familiarity with Jesus “got in the way” of them recognizing they were listening to the voice of God. We, too, fall into the same trap. Hard to believe that God is speaking through a parent with Alzheimer’s disease or a child who brings light to the word “integrity” – especially when it is a challenge to our own pre-conceived ideas! People change and perhaps we are still judging people in our lives by their past actions – not recognizing that Christ has made them “a new creation.” It is good to look for the goodness that God has created and to know, as Jeremiah tells us, that we are *all* formed and called by God in the womb. God can speak through anybody, and it is up to us to be open enough to hear.

Reflection Question: Is there a “prophetic” voice in your life that you ignore? What pre-conceived ideas about that person need to change?

Reflection Prayer: Dear Jesus, stand by me when I am criticized and even rejected when I bring pressure and anxiety as I speak the truth. Amen

What’s Your Catholic IQ? “Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the _____ of Christ.” (a) Cross; (b) promises; (c) salvation; (d) Paschal mystery

CHANGE IN DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please note for your summer vacation plans
And tell your friends as well!

VBS WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 19-23

(This is one week earlier than the original calendar date)

The next Children’s Liturgy will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the 5:30 Mass.

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are an adult and have not yet been confirmed, you are welcome to attend a six-week preparation program beginning on Thursday, Feb. 18 and continuing the next six Thursdays until March 25 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office. Please call (203) 426-2333 to register to attend. The celebration of Confirmation is April 16 or 17.

Spiritual Journey

Join fellow parishioners this **Thursday, Feb. 4 from 10:15-11:45** as we watch the film of the live stage production of *St. John in Exile*. This one-man show, through the talent of Dean Jones, is an inspiring and dynamic experience you will not soon forget. Running time: 92 min. Don’t miss this opportunity to jump-start your spiritual gage for Lent!

Lenten Day of Recollection

On Thursday, Feb. 25, all are welcome to meet at 9:00 Mass, and then attend a mini-retreat day based on “Our Search for a Deeper Relationship with God: Applying the Multiple Intelligence Theory to Prayer.” The day concludes at 2:00. The cost is \$15, which includes coffee, snacks, and lunch. Pam Arsenault is the facilitator; there will be time for discussion and private reflection. Space is limited to the first 20 participants; please call Sandra Jarvis at 270-1004 or e-mail her at jarvis315@att.net or Margaret Malone at 270-1817 to reserve a place.

Stations of the Cross for Catechists and Questions and Answers with Msgr. Bob on “Catholic Traditions and Doctrine.” We will meet in the Church on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to being with all our catechists on that evening.

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We are grateful to God for the presence of St. Rose School within our family of faith.

We also celebrate The Presentation of the Lord (Feb. 2), St. Blaise and St. Ansgar (Sept. 3), St. Agatha (Feb. 5) and St. Paul Miki and Companions (Feb. 6).

Catholic IQ Answer: (b) This line is from the Hail, Holy Queen (*Salve Regina*) prayer and is also recited as part of the *Angelus*, a prayer traditionally prayed three times a day (6:00 a.m., noon, 6:00 p.m.) to honor the Annunciation.

There will be no classes on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 14-15 because of the Presidents’ Day Weekend.

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>

ST. ROSE COFFEEHOUSE

COME JOIN US AFTER 9 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 FOR COFFEE, PASTRIES AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING HALL SPONSORED BY CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Social Concerns Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., at 38 Church Hill Rd. New members are always welcome.

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

Available: Loveseat with slipcover.

Needed: Twin size bed frame (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.

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, February 21, 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.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

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

Upcoming Seminars are:

St. Edward the Confessor (New Fairfield) 2/24/2010 at 7 p.m.

St. Edward the Confessor (New Fairfield) 3/21/2010 at 1 p.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, questions, contact Doreen Morrissey at 203-426-2572 ext. 27. Please bring your paperwork and a copy of your card to St. Rose if you take the class elsewhere.

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

High blood pressure increases the heart's workload. The higher your blood pressure, the higher your risk of heart attack, heart failure and stroke. When to get tested: Ever 2 years, possibly more frequently. **KNOW YOUR NUMBERS!** 119 or less/79 or less= Normal 120-39/80-89 = prehypertension. 140-159/90-99 = Stage 1 hypertension. 160 and up/100 and up= Stage 2 hypertension. What you can do: Eat less salt, lose weight, be more physically active and eat more fruits and vegetables. In some cases, medication may be required.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

Can you 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.

THE ORDER OF MALTA

The Order of Malta warmly invites the community, most especially the sick and handicapped, to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Monsignor Kevin Wallin, ChM and Rev. Robert Dunn will concelebrate mass during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Thursday February 11th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church, 40 Maple Street in New Canaan. A reception will follow the liturgy.

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”.



Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

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. 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.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY (203-426-1014) IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND SO THAT PLANS CAN BE MADE FOR LUNCH.

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, February 27 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.

Since 1973 the number of doctors willing to perform abortions has decreased. Why? To an idealistic young doctor, abortion has little appeal. It's fundamentally a destructive operation offering little professional challenge and no ongoing doctor-patient relationship. And in addition, other doctors hold abortion providers in low esteem. There is hope. Pray to end abortion.

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 Friday Knight Fish Fries are back for their 6th year.
Mark your calendars and join us on Feb. 19th, Feb. 26th and March 5th. We look forward to serving you.

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, February 4th @ 7:30 in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Doors open at 7:00.

Also on February 4th @ 6:45 in the back chapel, Family Rosary Night will be held.

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



5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: February 19, 2010 – Pool Party at Dive Shop. Swimming in the winter? That's right. We will be heading to the Dive Shop in Brookfield for a night of swimming. We'll leave at 6 p.m. and return by 8:30. Cost for this event is \$15.00.

Senior Youth Group – The next meeting is Sunday, January 31 from 6-8:30 in the Safeplace.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASTORAL PLAN

Accepting Christ and his outlook on life required faith, and faith is a free gift from God. We should live by word and example which will give witness of a Christian lifestyle which will lead to everlasting happiness. As members of the Church, the Body of Christ which St. Paul speaks of so powerfully in today's second reading, we must fulfill our roles as prophets in our society. We should continue to bear witness and pray that God may open the minds and hearts of those who cannot see the light of Christ.

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER - 860-521-0440

VALENTINE'S EVENING

EUCCHARIST & GOURMET WINE TASTING PARTY

Saturday, February 13--6:00 Mass--7:00 Dinner
Celebrate Valentine's Day with Mass, a festive gourmet dinner, fine wine, and a live jazz trio.
Program Offering: \$130 per couple (\$65 per person)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17

Day of Reflection 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Evening of Reflection 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

“Finding God Again: A Lenten Exploration”

Presenter: Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.

Both the day and evening will include the presentation, a meal and conclude with Mass and the distribution of ashes.

Program Offering: \$30

Send name, address and offering to:

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06107 860-521-0440 or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

DOROTHY DAY HOUSE – DANBURY NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS

St. Rose volunteers at the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen in Danbury on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. They are in need of dishwashers and more volunteers to help at the Soup Kitchen. If you are interested, please contact Marcia Izzo at 203-733-9655.

Greek Isles Cruise and Passion Play

In the village of OBERAMMERGAU seen in 2010 and not again until 2020

Come join Fr. Joe Cervero August 4th-14th, 2010 ~ \$4999 From New York

Roundtrip air, First Class/Select Hotels, Greek Isles Cruise, Most Meals, Comprehensive Sightseeing, Admission Tickets to the Passion Play of Oberammergau and much more!

Travel in the footsteps of St. Paul. Visit Corinth... See the Acropolis in Athens... Take a Greek Isles cruise to Ephesus, Rhodes & Patmos. Visit Austria & Germany... See the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau.

For a brochure & information contact Fr. Joe (203) 746-2200 Ext. 39. Email: jcervero@saintedwardchurch.org

Space is limited—Please book soon.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

VALENTINE DANCE, Saturday, February 13th at St. Catherine of Siena's McClinch Family Center, 220 Shelton Rd., Trumbull. **Bring your Sweetheart Dancing!** Live music by Craig Calistro, \$17.pp, BYOB & Snacks. Set-ups, refreshments and door prizes provided.

Reservations are requested, or open seating where available. Dress to Impress (jackets required). For more information or reservations please call (203) 881-1478.
Any new parishioners attending the dance and presenting this bulletin notice will receive a \$2. discount.

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.

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

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL

Students admitted to the Immaculate High School Class of 2014 must submit their \$500 deposit by February 1, 2010 in order to:

- Secure any merit awards or tuition assistance they may have already been awarded.
- Apply for any additional scholarships – visit <http://www.immaculatehs.org> and go to Admissions -> Freshmen Scholarship Opportunities for more information.
- Schedule a course registration appointment on February 24th or 27th.

For more information, please call Admissions at (203) 744-1510.



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January 30 & 31, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

The national celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2010 will take place Sunday, January 31st through Saturday, February 6th. This is a time to focus on the spiritual and academic achievements of our Catholic schools. Many Fairfield County parishioners have graduated from Catholic schools and this experience has made a difference in their lives. The legacy of faith, academic excellence, and discipline continues today in our 39 Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Catholic Schools provide a safe environment where academics thrive in an atmosphere permeated by Gospel values. Our Catholic faith is taught as a core subject in every year of study. Students attend school liturgies, celebrate the Sacraments, and pray throughout each day. Simultaneously, our Catholic schools provide challenging academic programs.

St. Catherine's Academy is our state-approved special education school located in Fairfield. All other schools are fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). All of our schools benefit from strong professional associations with Fairfield and Sacred Heart Universities.

In the past two years, 6 Diocesan elementary schools have received the prestigious U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award. We anticipate that this number will double in 2010. In these excellent schools, students score in the top 10% in reading and mathematics on nationally-normed assessments. All Catholic high school juniors take the ACT national exam as well as the SAT and receive scholarships and grants to prestigious colleges and universities.

When you attend a Catholic School you receive "Dividends for Life". See for yourself by visiting our website www.catholicschoolsfairfieldcounty.com and then click on a school near you. Diocesan schools will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week in a variety of ways and we invite to you join in the celebration! I look forward to my visits at a number of schools with the team from the Office for Education.

God bless you and keep you and your family in His care.

Faithfully,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Bishop of Bridgeport

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