

THIS WEEK IN ST. ROSE – February 1, 2009

Sunday, February 1
 1 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (2)
 7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, February 2
 9:00 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 7-10 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)

Tuesday, February 3
 9:30 a.m. WEBS (2)
 10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group
 7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)
 7 p.m. Detective McDonald (1)
 7:30 P.M. Pro-Life/Family – (rectory)

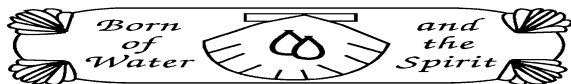
Wednesday, February 4
 9:00 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 4:10 p.m. Cenacle (7)
 7:30 p.m. Social Concerns (2)
 7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)
 7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (2)

Thursday, February 5
 10:15 p.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
 3-4 p.m. Adoration (7)
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (1)
 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)
 7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (Conroy)
 7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)
 8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, February 6 (First Friday)
 7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
 after 9 a.m. Mass First Friday Adoration (1)
 10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
 3-4 p.m. Stations & Adoration 7
 5 p.m. Benediction (1)

Saturday, February 7
 5:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy (1)
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)
 7:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby (3)

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



We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of January, 2009.
Regan Teresa Brooks Logan Colby Matthews
Caroline Jean Del Pozo Ryan Joseph Saplio
Cassidy Jo Del Pozo

THANK YOU FROM FATHER AMAL

I greet you with the peace and joy of Christ Jesus and sincerely thank Msgr. Bob for the invitation to spend a month here with all of you, especially the members of Catholic Forum for giving me an opportunity to speak to you about the missionary activities among the poorest of poor in Varanasi, India. I am so edified to see that so many of you are interested enough to listen and get involved in the mission of Christ. I appreciate it very much and remain grateful to you. If you would like to send your donation directly to help the mission or the poor, please contact Mr. Mike Taylor, President, Pax in Terra, P. O. Box 13, Newtown, CT 06470 or email paxinterra@earthlink.net or visit the website at www.paxinterra.org. I return to India on Feb 3 but you are in my thoughts and prayers everyday. God bless you. **FATHER AMAL**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 2
 6:45 John McMahon, Jr. Anna McMahon
 9:00 Lillian McCloskey The Fuori Family

Tuesday, February 3
 6:45 Irene & Jack Daly The Drabik Family
 9:00 Brennan Merrick The White Family

Wednesday, February 4
 6:45 William McGee The Ramsey Family
 9:00 James Murphy Pat & Ed Matthews

Thursday, February 5
 6:45 Amelia Gerardi Adult Formation, K of C, CRHP
 9:00 Anthony Melita Judy & Kerry O'Donoghue

Friday, February 6 (First Friday)
 6:45 William E. Benzing Your Middle Gate
 6:45 Mass Friends
 9:00 Emma Colley The Jowdy Family

Saturday, February 7
 8:00 William Mulvihill Family
 4:00 Ann Hyland Hyland & Zuccaro Families
 5:30 Msgr. Frank Medynski Chris & Angela Walsh

Sunday, February 8
 7:30 Bob & Harry Obre Family
 9:00 Josephine Saker Kevin & Mary Maloney
 10:30 Robert Abric IV Rosemarie Abric
 12:00 Florence Maron Gen Maron

Thanks for your support!

Collection for January 25, 2009	\$18,039.00
Church in Latin America	3,692.00
Children's Collection	\$ 39.15
Collection for January 27, 2008	\$15,605.00

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Nicholas DeLeo as requested by Audre & Geddie Campe.

Wedding Banns

BANNS I Melissa DeFriesse & Steven Platt



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION- Feb. 6, 2009

The Lord is exposed after the 9 o'clock 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 the Divine Mercy, and Evening Prayers.

GROCERY & GIFT CARDS FOR SALE

Representatives from Saint Rose School will be at church next week selling gift cards after the **Sunday** masses. This is an ongoing fundraiser for St. Rose. We purchase cards in bulk, and get the discount up front. It's a win-win! When you buy the cards from us, you get the **full value** of the card, and help us raise money for St. Rose. Thank you for your support.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

Q: What is FOCA?

A: FOCA is a bill in Congress called the “Freedom of Choice Act.” It represents the most serious legislative threat to unborn children ever. FOCA would create a “fundamental right” to abortion the government could not limit and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision. For the first time, abortion would become an entitlement the government must fund and promote.

Q. How does FOCA eliminate abortion restrictions currently in place?

A. FOCA overturns a broad range of pro-life policies, laws protecting parental involvement in an underage daughter’s abortion decision, laws upholding conscience rights, limits on abortion funding and bans on partial-birth abortions.

Q: What does FOCA mean to Florida and other states?

A. If FOCA were enacted, it would wipe out a very large number of existing state laws on abortion, substantially impede the ability of states to regulate abortion, and override nearly 40 years of jurisprudential experience on the subject of abortion.

Q. What does FOCA mean to parents?

A. FOCA strips parents of their right to be involved in their minor daughters’ abortion decision.

Q. How does FOCA affect Catholic hospitals?

A. Hospitals or other facilities offering health services that presently do not perform abortions may be forced to on the grounds that not offering abortion is discriminatory. FOCA violates the conscience rights of nurses, doctors and hospitals.

Q. Would my taxes be used to pay for abortions if FOCA becomes law?

A. FOCA would force taxpayers to fund abortions.

Q. Why has FOCA become an issue now?

A. Abortion supporters have been trying to pass FOCA since 1989—and now we have a Congress more disposed than any in recent years to pass the bill, and a new president who has said he will sign the measure into law.

Q. What are the U.S. bishops urging people to do?

A. The Catholic bishops of the United States have unanimously called us to prayer and action to prevent passage of the radical Freedom of Choice Act and to oppose other attempts to overturn existing pro-life laws and policies. The bishops are asking people to participate in the “Stop FOCA Postcard Campaign.”

The Freedom of Choice Act would jeopardize human life and freedom of conscience in the United States.

In the months and years that lie ahead, a very real danger exists that this new Congress will introduce a radical piece of legislation known as The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). If passed, and signed into law by the new president, this single piece of legislation would usher in a massive expansion of abortion “rights,” the scale of which has not been seen since the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in *Roe v. Wade*.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES

In the early days of the 2008 presidential campaign, then-candidate Barack Obama told an audience at a Planned Parenthood gathering that on the “fundamental issue” of “choice” he “will not yield,” just as, he said, “Planned Parenthood will not yield.” During the question-and-answer session that followed, he was asked what he would do at the federal level to ensure access to abortion and to

ensure that his judicial nominees uphold *Roe v. Wade*. He responded, “The first thing I’d do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act.”

FOCA is the most radical piece of abortion legislation ever considered by the U.S. Congress. Its goal is to create a fundamental right to abortion and to sweep away the more than 300 federal, state or local regulations that currently exist. FOCA would create an unlimited legal right to abortion that would go far beyond what the U.S. Supreme Court ever contemplated in the *Roe v. Wade* (1973) decision.

FOCA prohibits any state or federal government entity from “denying or interfering” with abortion rights or “discriminating” against the exercise of these rights. FOCA would allow the federal government to use tax dollars to actively promote abortion both domestically and overseas. Not only would it immediately overturn the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, but it would invalidate the Hyde Amendment, which currently restricts federal funding of abortion.

FOCA would deprive U.S. citizens of the rights they now possess to enact modest abortion regulations. It would invalidate all state laws related to pre-abortion counseling, parental notification for children under the age of 18 and restrictions on late-term abortions. It would outlaw informed-consent precautions that disclose to women the physical and emotional risks of abortion, and laws allowing pregnant women to view ultrasounds before they choose abortion. FOCA would even remove laws mandating that abortion procedures be performed by licensed physicians, as well as laws that protect women from unsafe abortion clinics. It would actually nullify state laws that protect infants who are born alive after failed abortion attempts.

FOCA opens the door to require that taxpayers in every state fund abortion. Abortion facilities would be deregulated, and abortion-on-demand would become a right that government is obliged to not only provide, but to actively promote.

In November, during their annual fall meeting in Baltimore, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops & USCCB) stated their univocal opposition to FOCA. USCCB president Cardinal Francis George of Chicago said, “A good state protects the lives of all.” Cardinal George warned that FOCA would have lethal consequences for prenatal human life, adding, “FOCA would have an equally destructive effect on the freedom of conscience of doctors, nurses, and health care workers whose personal convictions do not permit them to cooperate in the private killing of unborn children.” Several bishops at the meeting speculated that FOCA could force Catholic hospitals to close their doors rather than cooperate in evil. Cardinal George echoed these concerns, warning that FOCA could not only threaten Catholic health care, but Catholic Charities as well.

With a new Congress and a new president, the balance of power in Washington will shift. Both the House and the Senate will have heftier pro-choice majorities than before, and for the first time the White House will be occupied by a president who has pledged to sign FOCA. The serious threat that FOCA poses to human life and to Catholic health care should be a wake-up call to all Catholics.

FOCA would deregulate the abortion industry in America, and it would not reduce the number of abortions. The already staggering number of 1.1 million abortions annually in the United States would go up, not down. By invalidating common-sense restrictions on abortion—restrictions that the majority of Americans favor—FOCA threatens the lives of women, their unborn children and the conscience rights of health care professions and institutions. **Reprinted with permission from Columbia Magazine.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Who or What has God Placed Right in Front of Us?

It is difficult to stay focused on the present and on the point – we have a distraction called “mind chatter.” Creating stories in mind and in print has become a national obsession, which sometimes leads us further and further away from what needs to be focused on and what needs to be done. Gossip is the biggest temptation that leads us away from what is truly important. In today’s Gospel Jesus shows us how important it is to be present to the person in front of you. Despite all the idle gossip that surrounded him, he was present to the man who needed healing, and He demonstrated truth and power by expelling an unclean spirit. One of the best homilies that I ever heard was also the shortest! The priest asked us to be present to the Spirit of God within and then merely do the next right thing. In the first reading we hear from Moses, who learned to expect amazing things when he let the Lord speak through him. While we rely on Scripture and church teaching to know what is right, we can also tap into the Divine power of Christ within us to know what words and actions “speak” from the presence of Christ within.

Reflection Question: Jesus is an authority figure in today’s Gospel. What authority does He have in what you say and what you do?

Reflection Activity: Re-read today’s second reading (1 Cor 7:32-35) and talk with your children about all vocation options that God has given us: marriage, priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and lay single life.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: The saint who is invoked every year in the blessing of the throat is: (a) St. Andrew; (b) St. Blaise; (c) St. Valentine; (d) St. George.

Visiting Classes

This week I met with a wonderful group of students in a class called “Journey of Faith for Children.” These children, ranging from third grade through high school, have never received formal religious education. Their humility and joy are a blessing to our parish. They meet at 9:00 Mass every Sunday and are dismissed after the homily to learn more about their faith. They will come into full communion in the Catholic Church at the 9:00 Mass on May 17 at which time they receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

Children’s Liturgy

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

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 p.m. in the church. 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.

Meeting for Home-Tutored Students

Students who are now attending class each week and are “making up” a year that they have missed in their Religious Education, will meet at 4:00 on Thursday Feb. 12 in the Religious Education Office at 38 Church Hill Road. The students will have time to speak to their peers about their faith and they will also take an assessment of the material that they have been studying. Parents are asked to be present for this meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

St. Rose School Mentor Program

During the months before Confirmation, St. Rose School eighth graders have the opportunity to meet with mentors, who are parishioners who witness to the power of their faith in their lives. If you wish to be a mentor, please call the Religious Education office at 426-2333 for a schedule of the dates – the next session is Feb. 11. Mentors meet with the students on Wed. mornings from 9:40-10:20 – a total of five sessions.

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.

Detective McDonald Witness Talk

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church, Detective McDonald from the NYPD, will give a witness talk about the power of God’s forgiveness. He was traumatically injured as he was shot in Central Park; his story of God’s redeeming love and how God brings good out of bad is an inspiration for everyone. All are invited and welcome to attend. The theme of his talk is also appropriate for children of all ages.

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, Feb. 5 from 10:15-11:15, as our Spiritual Journey is joined by Jack Hickey-Williams. 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.

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 Education Office at 426-2333. All are welcome!

Is Your Marriage Tearing You Apart?

Are you looking for a lifeline for your troubled marriage? Do you and your spouse wish to put the past behind you and look for a way beyond the hurt and pain in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way? There is encouragement in a weekend experience called *Retrouvaille* – a time to re-establish communication and to gain new insights as individuals and as a couple. You are not asked to share your problems with anyone else. Hope is a phone call away: call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

This week we celebrate The Presentation of the Lord (Feb. 2), Sts. Blaise & Ansgar (Feb. 3), St. Agatha (Feb. 5), and St Paul Miki & Companions (Feb. 6).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (B) Bishop and martyr, St. Blaise (who died about 316 A.D.) earned his reputation when one time in prison he cured a boy with a fish bone stuck in his throat. His feast day is this Tuesday. You may have your throat blessed at St. Rose on Tuesday, Feb. 3 after the 6:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses

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SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Social Concerns Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., in 38 Church Hill Rd. New members are always welcome.

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

Available: Recliner with slipcover

Available: Trimax exercise weight machine

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

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. ROSE WOMEN’S CLUB

All the women of the parish are invited to attend our next meeting of the St. Rose Women's Club on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Our evening will begin with a brief business meeting followed by our guest speaker, Jill McKean, Professional Organizer. Jill will help us "Pare Down & Simplify". We hope you can join us.

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.

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.

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 7:00 p.m. in the parish center nursing office.

HEALTH TIP:

Here’s a little trick for controlling your appetite. And interestingly, it has nothing to do with what you eat. It’s about how you exercise. Seems that the right combo of physical activity may have the power to make you eat less. the magic formula? Doing both cardio and strength training. Doing just one or the other doesn’t really curb your calorie intake as much, if at all. Pump It Up, Run it Off...and Eat Less. When men in one small study combined aerobic exercise with weight training for 16 weeks, they ate significantly fewer calories compared with the men who did either aerobics or weight training alone or who did no exercise at all. The researchers suspect that the combo of cardio and strength exercises had the most favorable effect on blood levels of fats, glucose, amino acids, and satiety hormones—producing a powerful combination of hunger-controlling physiological changes. We all know that eating fewer calories than we burn is a major key to long-term weight loss. Besides balancing your physical activities, try these other helpful tips for turning the dial down on hunger. Understand why you eat, crank up your fat-burning furnace, and forget fad diets.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

Please take the time during mass today to sign the postcards opposing FOCA (Freedom Of Choice Act).

FOCA is such drastic anti-life legislation, that it could be used to invalidate the laws that currently prevent government from exerting pressure on Catholic hospitals to perform abortions. The mandate would be used to nullify or undermine conscience clauses within medical programs, to create new 'basic benefits' mandates that pro-life providers cannot provide in good conscience. The effect would be to push Catholic and other pro-life providers increasingly out of public health programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, etc., making it impossible for them to survive.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory—please join us!

SIDEWALK PRAYER: Saturday, February 21, and the third Saturday of each month.

ROSARY FOR LIFE: Saturday, February 28 after the 8 a.m. mass and on the last Saturday of each month.

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

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

If it be necessary to go against the current of what is sometimes being thought and said on all sides, then let us never grow weary of repeating it: all human life must be absolutely protected; in fact, abortion and euthanasia are murder.

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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.

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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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. 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

The Irish Cabaret is on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 7:30 in the St. Rose School Hall. Music by Keltic Kick. Cost is \$20 per person - BYOB and snacks. We expect tickets to sell out quickly as always! Please call to reserve your table today: Tim & Debbie Reilly (270-1838) or Jud & Marilyn Doyle (426-2696)

Our next council meeting is in the Monsignor Conroy room on Thursday, February 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.



stroseyouthgroup.com

5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: February 13 - Valentine Bingo

This is a great night with prizes and giveaways - held in the parish hall.

Senior Youth Group: No Youth Group Sunday, Feb. 1.

AROUND THE DIOCESE
PASTORAL PLAN

God's Word in today's Gospel is that of authority which breaks through human history and announces the coming of His Kingdom of justice, love, and peace. The exorcism accompanying Jesus' teaching in Mark's account underlines this authority.

This is Jesus' first miracle according to the Gospel of Mark, which shows Jesus' power over the forces of evil. Even the evil spirit gives witness to Jesus, recognizing him as "the Holy One of God" and then submitting to his commands.

In all things, we should learn to trust in Jesus and in his loving care for us. Be attentive to God's quiet voice in our hearts, urging us to trust Him and to do what He asks of us.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, at 3:30 p.m., the Diocesan Celebration of Confirmation for Adults will be celebrated at Saint Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. Diocesan refresher classes are offered on seven consecutive Tuesdays from April 14-May 26, from 7-9 p.m. at Saint Luke Parish in Westport. Adult Confirmation information forms may be obtained from your parish office. If you require further information, please call the Diocesan Office for Pastoral Services at 203-416-1446 or email doconnor@diobpt.org.

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

BIRTHRIGHT INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER

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

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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 @ jbrosz@immaculatehs.org.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY
COME DANCE WITH US IN 2009

Live music for your dancing pleasure, huge wooden dance floor at the McClinch Family Center of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Shelton Road, Trumbull, CT.

7:30 – 11:30 p.m. – one Saturday a month.

Feb. 14 Valentine Dance – Bring your sweetheart dancing! All are welcome. Dress to impress. (jackets required—no jeans or sneakers). Singles encouraged to contact Pat for more information.

\$15. pp. BYOB and snacks. Set-ups, refreshments and door prizes provided.

Music by Craig Calistro

Bring your friends—reserve a table. Reservations being taken for all dances.

Don't miss out—spread the word. See you at the Dance!

Call Pat for more info: 203-881-1478, or email luv2dance405@att.net.

RESERVATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN, and requested, or open seating where available. Any new parishioners attending with a copy of this notice in the bulletin will receive a \$2. discount.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

"Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide"

Presenter: Sr. Elissa Rinere, C.P.

Wednesday, February 25

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

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

What is your conscience? How does it become formed and informed, and how do we, as Catholics, understand our obligations with respect to conscience and the teachings of the Church? Both the day and the evening will include 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 Road

West Hartford, CT 06107

860-521-0440

or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC SINGLES
VALENTINES DINNER DANCE

Stella's Restaurant

7365 Main Street

Stratford

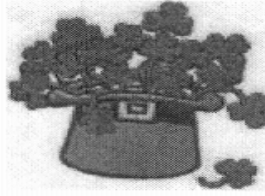
Saturday, February 14 7 p.m.

\$30

For reservations call (203) 261-2414

St. Rose Irish Cabaret

Saturday, March 14, 2009



7:30

**St. Rose School Hall
42 Church Hill Rd
Newtown, Ct. 06470**

Music by *Keltic Kick*

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!

The first Irish Cabaret in the new Hall!!!

\$20 per person (includes entertainment, coffee, & Irish soda bread)

BYOB and Snacks

Enjoy a relaxed, comfortable cabaret atmosphere, the company of your friends, and some great Irish entertainment with plenty of laughs.

This event sells out every year so book your table early.

**To purchase tickets and reserve tables (seating will be arranged based on the order in which reservations are made)
please call:**

Tim & Debbie Reilly (270-1838) or Jud & Marilyn Doyle (426-1696)

**Tickets will also be available after Masses
(if available)**

Please make checks out to "At Our Gate"

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