

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, February 14, 2010

Sunday, February 14 (Winter Break) No Religious Ed.

All Masses Blood Pressure Screening (1)
 After noon mass Peter Wolfgang talk (3)
 7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day) OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, February 16
 10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group 2
 7-8:30 p.m. Detective McDonald (1)
 7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)
 7:15 p.m. Lay Missionaries of Charity 7

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)
 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Book Group (2)
 7:00 p.m. Folk Choir (1)
 7:30 p.m. Special Moms Prayer Group 2

Thursday, February 18

10:15 Spiritual Journey (2)
 3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
 7 p.m. St. Joseph Project (8)
 7 p.m. Catechist Meeting (1)
 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)
 8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, February 19

7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
 10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross (1)
 3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
 Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy
 5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry (3)
 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (1)

Saturday, February 20

8 a.m. Pre-Cana Class (3, 8)
 All Masses Religious Articles – Cares Box
 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 |



SAVE THE DATE

BINGO COMES TO ST. ROSE!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, November 27th. We will be having Bingo in the gathering hall, sponsored by the St. Rose Women's Club. Admission will be \$5, which will include your bingo cards for the evening (specials will be extra). Everyone is welcome--families, seniors, and singles. Doors open at 6 PM and Bingo starts at 7 PM. Come early, get your cards and have something to eat. Hot Dogs, Pizza and other food and drinks will be available. Enjoy an inexpensive, fun night out!

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

Mass with ashes: 6:45 & 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, & 7:30 p.m. (celebrated by Bishop Lori)
 Service with ashes 5:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day)

6:45 Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart, Marie Esposito
 Infant of Prague

9:00 Paul Raimund Adams Marcia & Klaus Spiegel

Tuesday, February 16

6:45 Elizabeth Thys Eileen Willig

9:00 Elizabeth Poggenburg Rosemarie Cavanaugh

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

6:45 Monika Hamilton Mary & Kevin Maloney

9:00 Lucie Dattila Tim & Debbie Reilly

12:00 Fe Gatan Santayana Family

5:30 Service with ashes
 7:30 Marie Merola The Dellasala Family

Thursday, February 18

6:45 Edward Morrissey Family

9:00 Tom Matthews Pat & Ed Matthews

Friday, February 19

6:45 Helen H. Hoffmann Kay Ozanne & Daughters

9:00 Rosalie Palomba D'Alessandro Family

7:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20

8:00 Philip Gentile John & Joan Dellasala Family

4:00 Vernon & Richard Rohde Fred Pendergast, Sr. & family

5:30 John & Evelyn Pendergast

Sunday, February 21

7:30 Melissa Rodriguez Mom & Dad

9:00 Henry Buxton Mary Buxton

10:30 Stella Juliano Dolores & Rodman Pruefer

12:00 Daniel Nuzzo Joan & David Rogers



IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Dr. Janet Burke as requested by Patrick.

The Pro-Life & Family Candle will be lit this week in memory of Leonard Pavia as requested by Mike and Rose Pavia.

Thank you for your support!

Collection for February 7, 2010 \$18,029.00

Capital Improvement 6,576.00

Children's Collection 19.70

Collection for February 8, 2009 \$20,697.00

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

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.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! This weekend we join in showing our love for one another and our gratitude for that love. As humans, nothing is more important than to know we are loved and cherished. That love begins with God who creates us in pure love and sustains us with a perfect and unconditional love. While that love can never be duplicated on the human level, we find love that is real through family and friends. It is that love that we celebrate on this holiday. While we may express our love for each other in the simple gestures of cards, candy, gifts and tokens of affection, it goes far beyond them. This holiday has its roots in Christianity beginning with the great commandment that Jesus gave us to love one another, but it also has its start with the life of the great Saint Valentine.

Saint Valentine lived in the third century during the time of the great persecutions against Christians by the Roman emperor Claudius II at whose hands St. Valentine's life was taken. Red is associated with this holiday because of the martyrdom of this holy and good man. Claudius ordered all Roman citizens to worship twelve pagan gods, which Valentine found contrary to his belief in the Gospel of Christ. His rejection of this false worship led to his imprisonment. During the last weeks of his imprisonment, one of the jailers asked Valentine, a learned man, to tutor his daughter Julia who was blind. Valentine quickly captured the mind and imagination of this young woman, and she became more and more inquisitive about his faith. She told him that she had come to believe in prayer to the one true God asking Him to restore her sight. Valentine took her by the hand and prayed with her. A bright light filled his cell, and Julia was given her sight. On the eve of his death, Valentine wrote to Julia the first "Valentine card" asking her to be faithful to God for the rest of her life. He was martyred on February 14, 270. Enjoy this day and be mindful of all the "loves" in your life!

This Wednesday is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of Lent. The wearing of ashes is a reminder of our need for repentance and God's forgiveness. In this hurry-up world, it is very easy for us to justify just about any action or choice we make. It is also very easy to convince ourselves that we do not commit any sins. How foolish for anyone to think this way. We are all sinners. To go through a day and not reflect on our actions, words, thoughts and mistakes prevents us from recognizing our need for forgiveness and inhibits our growth in faith. There is great wisdom in taking a few moments at the end of each day to reflect on our lives and conclude with an Act of Contrition. I pray that we accept the invitation to PRAYER, FASTING AND GOOD WORKS which is extended to us in this holy season. Let us all do our best to make the most of these weeks of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:
6:45 A.M. MASS
9:00 A.M. MASS
12:00 NOON MASS
5:30 P.M. SCRIPTURE SERVICE
7:30 P.M. MASS WITH BISHOP LORI AS CELEBRANT
++ PLEASE NOTE: ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOLLOWING THE HOMILY AT EACH MASS AND SERVICE.
REMEMBER...ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE, AND ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE!

We will once again distribute a Lenten meditation book for each adult this weekend. Through the kindness of Fr. Peter Cameron, copies of the Lenten MAGNIFICAT prayer and meditation book will be available.

The diocesan LENTEN CONFESSION CAMPAIGN allows Catholics to avail themselves to the Sacrament of Penance every Tuesday night of Lent. The campaign begins on February 23, and every church in our diocese will be open from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. If you have been hesitant to come to the sacrament or have been away from the sacrament, this is a good time to reconnect with Christ. Come, be reconciled with God!

We will begin the distribution of Holy Communion from the chalice on the First Weekend of Lent. I appreciate your patience. Please remember that if you are not feeling well to bypass the use of the cup for other's good health.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. Come and walk the way of the cross.

The first KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY will be held this Friday. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great meal and good time!

Many people have been asking where I have been lately! On Sunday, January 31 through Tuesday, February 2, I was in New York for the Gift Show in preparation for the Christmas Boutique. This past Sunday, February 7, I was visiting the 8th grade Confirmation classes during the Religious Education class times. On Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12, I was in Atlanta visiting my mother. On the weekend of February 26th-28th, I will be in Florida for my High School reunion: "The Class of 64 turns 64".

SCHOOL NEWS

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.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

God's View of the World

If you really want to look at life the way that our Creator does, meditate on today's readings. How about the first sentence of the first reading: "Thus says the Lord: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord." Or the Gospel: "Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry." While these readings make us uncomfortable, they move us out of complacency and into actively seeking God. God's blessings are not attached to worldly success; his kingdom is an "upside down" world, where the ones who have the least power and control are the ones who depend entirely on God and are most blessed.

Reflection Question: How do Jesus' values compare to the world's values?

What's Your Catholic IQ?: The first reading on Ash Wednesday ("Blow the trumpet in Zion!") is from the prophet (a) Isaiah; (b) Joel; (c) Zechariah; (d) Hosea

Reminder: All Seventh Graders and Their Parents

Respect All Life Prayer Service

On Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 7:00-8:30 we will meet in the Church, where we have three guest speakers about the value of our lives and those around us. Detective McDonald is one of the speakers – his life was drastically changed as the result of a gunshot wound; he speaks about how God has continually been present to him and helped him through his life. A father and son will also give a witness story about how life can be affected by addiction, and how wholeness is made possible through God. The evening concludes with a prayer service for all life issues. Detective McDonald does not accept an honorarium; however we take a free-will collection for his charity of choice: American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group.

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)

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.

Lenten Parish Mission

It has been a few years since we celebrated a Lenten Parish Mission – and this year we have invited Fr. Kenan Peters from the Passionist Preaching Ministry to join us for all Masses the weekend of **March 6-7, and then on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 8,9,10 he will speak at the 9:00 Mass as well as 7:00 in the evening.** He will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the services. On **Sunday evening at 6:00, he will speak to all high school students.** Please save the dates and deepen your relationship with God this Lent.

Spiritual Journey

Join fellow parishioners this **Thursday, Feb. 18 from 10:15-11:15** as Fr. Ignacio discusses: "Fishers of Men." Don't miss this opportunity to jump-start your spiritual gaze 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 and we are already half full. 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.

The week of February 21 the children will see a brief presentation on the work of the Catholic Relief Services (one of our charities for the Lenten mission collection) in the Gathering Hall. Weekday students will also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Sunday and home-schooled students may attend any weekday Reconciliation session).

Sunday, February 21st, both sessions: grades K – 3 will report directly to the Gathering Hall, and will be picked up in the classroom. Grades 4-8 will report to class, and be dismissed from the Gathering Hall.

Monday through Wednesday (February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th): 4:15 session - grades Pre-K, K and 1 will be dropped off and picked up from their classrooms. Grades 2, 3, and 4 will report directly to the Gathering Hall for the presentation, followed by Reconciliation at the church, and will return to the classroom for dismissal. Grades 5-6 will report directly to the church at 4:15 for Reconciliation and then go to the Gathering Hall for the presentation, and be dismissed from the school.

Evening sessions: Grade 7 please report directly to classroom at 7PM, pick up at the school.

Grade 8 - report directly to the church for Reconciliation at 7PM, pick up at the school.

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 Ash Wednesday. There will be Prayer Service for students who attend class on Wednesday at 4:15 in the Church. Parents and family members are invited.

Catholic IQ Answer: (b) Joel 2:12-18. In the fifth century B.C., the prophet Joel called the people of Judah to repent with fasting and weeping, seeking deliverance from a terrible invasion of locusts that threatened their very existence.

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

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

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

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

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

Available: Queen size mattress & love seat

Available: Loveseat with slipcover.

Needed: For the WIN Easter basket project: Baskets and small very-gently-used stuffed animals.

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.

SPECIAL MOMS PRAYER GROUP – Special Moms is an ecumenical prayer group for women of Newtown who have a special needs child of any age in their life. We meet to read scripture, pray for our families and encourage each other. Social time starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by our prayer meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come feel God’s love through these special women who gather to support one another. For more information call Anne Marie at 270-7344 or email riehayes@snet.net. The next meeting is Tuesday, **February 17, 2010** at 38 Church Hill Road.

WE ARE LAY ROMAN CATHOLICS a MOVEMENT OF CONSECRATED PERSONS WITH A SPECIFIC VOCATION AND MISSION: Missionaries of Charity following the charisma of Mother Teresa; missionaries of love, doing small things with a great Love—with Jesus’ love. We meet every third Tuesday of the month in the **Chapel**. We pray Night Prayer and the Rosary in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We conclude our Holy Hour with a reflection on Mother Teresa’s words. Next meeting is **Feb. 16 at 7:15 p.m.**

VALENTINE GIFT FOR COUPLES

Men--Looking for a gift that reconnects you with your wife and your faith? Women—Looking for a gift that will be meaningful to your husband and your family?

We invite you to sign up for a Lenten Men’s Retreat on March 20-21. Contact Richard @ richardallaire@sbcglobal.net for any questions and information.

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

Have a Happy Valentine’s Day!

Blood pressure screenings this weekend after all masses. This is a free service! Stop by and see us in the reconciliation room!

Parish Nurses welcome new members. Please call 426-2573.

Health Tip

The Calcium Side Your Bones Crave: Keep your skeleton strong and fracture-free by serving that calcium supplement with a salad on the side. Salad? Yep, salad. A 4-year study found that older adults with the highest intakes of carotenoids—think tomatoes, carrots, and leafy greens for major sources—retained more bone mineral density than folks eating fewer fruits and veggies. **Antioxidant Bone Protection** Fruits and vegetables are bursting with antioxidants called carotenoids—including compounds like lycopene, beta carotene, lutein, and zeaxanthin, to name a few. Don’t bother trying to pronounce them. Just know that veggie-stacked salads will probably provide your daily needs and then some. **How They Work** Carotenoids may protect bones by stymieing the oxidative stress thought to play a role in age-related weakening of bones. Carotenoids may also act synergistically with vitamin D to boost bone-cell growth.

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.

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.



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 this 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, March 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.

"The real question today is not when human life begins, but, what is the value of human life? The abortionist who reassembles the arms and legs of a tiny baby to make sure all its parts have been torn from its mother's body can hardly doubt whether it is a human being. The real question for him and for all of us is whether that tiny human life has a God-given right to be protected by the law, the same right we have." Ronald Reagan

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.

THANK YOU

Dear St. Rose Parish, Thank you so much for allowing Invisible Children to hold a book drive in your parking lot. The book drive was very successful and we really appreciate your help. Thanks again! Sincerely, The members of Invisible Children

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 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

United States Air Force

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



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 Irish Cabaret will be in full swing again this year on Saturday, March 13th. For ticket information, contact Tim Reilly at trederbros@aol.com or Jud Doyle at doylejc@charter.net.

Anybody need community hours? Help us at the Fish Fry. Contact Brian Liotta at 203-270-3314.



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 - Next meeting is Sunday, February 14, 2010 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASTORAL PLAN

The Lenten Confession Campaign will allow Catholics to avail themselves to the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Tuesday night in Lent. The Campaign will begin Tuesday, February 23 and every Tuesday every parish in our Diocese will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw nearer to the Lord. If you have been hesitant to come to the Sacrament or have been away from the Sacrament, this is a good time to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Pope Benedict tells us that this Sacrament is a "personal meeting with God, Father of goodness and mercy." So if you have been away from this Sacrament, come, "be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

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 Robert Kinnally at 203-416-1513 or e-mail vocations@HearTheCall.org.

THOMAS MERTON CENTER in Bridgeport needs **pasta sauce and breakfast cereals** for their guests. To help, please drop off or call Mark Grasso: 203-367-9036.

MORNING GLORY in Danbury is in need of cereal and pancake mix. For more information and to make a donation, please contact Michele Conderino: 203-748-0848, ext. 231.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

A new **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERIES** is beginning here at St. Rose on **February 26th, March 26th and April 23rd from 7:00 till 9:30 PM at 38 Church Hill** in the upstairs room. NFP is knowledge of one's fertility and a call to celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality. It takes three classes to learn this all-natural, 99.1% effective method of planning your family. For more information about the classes please contact Al and Adrienne Keogler at a.keogler@att.net or 270-9544. For more information about NFP, or to register on-line, please visit the Couple to Couple League International at www.ccli.org.

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL DINNER-DANCE

Immaculate High School will hold its 5th Annual Gala Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 6th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Danbury Plaza Hotel, 18 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury. This year's honorees are **Anthony Rizzo, Sr.** (Nancy K. Dolan Leadership Award), **David R. Couch** (Lifetime Achievement Award – posthumous) and **Robert Gerwien, Sr.** (Distinguished Service Award). For more information and online ticket sales and sponsorships, visit www.immaculatehs.org.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

\$25,000 TUITION RAFFLE FOR ANY SCHOOL

Fairfield College Preparatory School announces a \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. The prize can be used for any K-12 schools, colleges or universities, located and accredited in the U.S. Only 1,000 tickets are available for sale at \$100 per ticket. (500 tickets must be sold, or buyers will receive a full refund.) Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Scholarship and Student Enrichment Programs at Fairfield Prep. The drawing will be held at the Spring Event on Saturday, May 1, 2010 promptly at 11:00 p.m. at the Italian Center of Stamford, 1620 Newfield Ave, Stamford, CT. Winning ticket holder does not need to be present to win. For more information please contact the Development Office at (203) 254-4237 or development@fairfieldprep.org.

WORKCAMP

Workcamp members will be speaking about their experience after mass next weekend. Campers are youth and their adult chaperones from St. Rose Church, Newtown Congregational Church, Newtown United Methodist Church and other area churches. We will be traveling to Biloxi, Mississippi this July to work in poor neighborhoods of Biloxi that are still trying to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Thank you for your support!

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LENTE JOURNEY

Reflections from the Gospel of John "The Father is the source of life." Tuesday mornings – 10-11:30 a.m. February 23, March 2, 23 and 30, 2010 – Directed by: Sister Jude Carroll, CSFN

Morning reflections utilizing the work of Father Michael Himes. Father is a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn and professor of theology at Boston College. In this four-week program Father Himes draws insights from the Sunday liturgical readings, and in particular the stories of water, light and life from the Gospel of John. While the sessions are related, they are not dependent on one another. Feel free to join us for one or any session as your schedule allows.

KENNEDY'S ROSARY PROJECT: At age 2, Kennedy was diagnosed with a spinal cord tumor. Since her diagnosis, she has spent countless hours in the MRI. She has received much comfort from praying the rosary in the MRI, but did not have a rosary that she could actually take in with her. So we have created a new ministry called Kennedy's Rosary Project. The rosary chaplets are hand-knotted from nylon twine and are MRI-safe. The mission of this ministry is to make twine knotted rosaries and give them away. The MRI-safe Rosaries are placed in boxes located in MRI centers and hospitals. We'd love your help. For questions please call Michelle Babyak at 203-270-6265.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 24 in the Msgr. Conroy room of St. Rose School.

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St. Rose Irish Cabaret

Saturday, March 13, 2010



7:30

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

Music by *Keltic Kick*

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Virgilius Council 185

\$25 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 (8-10) early.

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

RSVP:

Tim & Debbie Reilly (270-1838) or Jud & Marilyn Doyle (426-1696)
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Tickets will be sold after Masses
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Please make checks out to "At Our Gate"

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