

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, February 21, 2010

Sunday, February 21

All Masses  
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7-10 p.m.  
7-8 p.m.

Rel. Articles & Cares Box (1)  
Workcamp Can Drive (1)  
Men's CRHP (2)  
Bereavement Meeting (2)

Monday, February 22  
Tuesday, February 23

9:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
6 p.m.  
7-9 p.m.

WEBS (2)  
Job Network Support Group 2  
Al-Anon Annual Meeting (3)  
Lenten Confessions (1)

Wednesday, February 24

9:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7-8:30 p.m.

Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)  
Folk Choir (1)  
Kennedy Rosary Meeting (8)

Thursday, February 25

9:30 a.m. (attend 9 a.m. Mass)  
3-4 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

Spiritual Journey Retreat (2)  
Eucharistic Adoration (7)  
Adult Choir (1)  
Boy Scouts (5)  
RCIA (2)  
Prayer Group (2)

Friday, February 26

7:15 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
3-4 p.m.

Men's CRHP Prayer (2)  
Friday Bible Study (2)  
Stations of the Cross (1)  
Eucharistic Adoration (7)  
Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy  
K of C Fish Fry (3)  
Natural Family Planning (2)  
Stations of the Cross (1)

5:00 p.m.  
7-9:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 27

10 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Meeting (2)  
AA Meeting (2)  
Women's Club Bingo (3)

LOCATION:

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



SAVE THE DATE

BINGO COMES TO ST. ROSE!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, February 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Dear Parishioners,  
Sorry to disappoint you I am not the healing Priest from the E-mails being spread around. It seems that someone attached my name to this E-mail which started from 2005. God is the one who performs miracles. There is always hope in Jesus.  
Fr Ignacio

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 22

6:45 Gerry Kuhn  
9:00 John Murphy

Lynn Kuhn  
Bernie & Mary Curran

Tuesday, February 23

6:45 Ron Kroha (L)  
9:00 Lucie Dattila

Robert & Cynthia Sore  
St. Rose Women's Club

7-9 p.m. Lenten Confessions

Wednesday, February 24

6:45 Rebecca McLean-Audet (L)  
9:00 Elizabeth Ludanyi

Ginny & Dave Jess  
The Moulder Family

Thursday, February 25

6:45 Monika Hamilton  
9:00 Dorothy Clarke

Mitch & Maura Drabik  
Tom & Betty Melody

Friday, February 26

6:45 Hanora Doherty  
9:00 Francis X. Maher II

Jack & Mary Obre  
Mok Family

12 Noon & 7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27

8:00 Eileen & Kevin Comerford  
4:00 Regina Lachance  
5:30 Bethany Mass

Family  
Soucar Family

Sunday, February 28

7:30 Ann Porcelli  
9:00 Rich Mitarotonda  
10:30 Salvatore Fama  
12:00 Living & Deceased members of Fattibene & Simone families

Bonnie Porcelli & granddaughters  
The DeLuca Family  
Elizabeth & John Wefer



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Thank you for your support!	
Collection for February 14, 2010	\$18,239.00
Children's Collection	15.55
Collection for February 15, 2009	\$16,410.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE <a href="http://strosechurch.com">strosechurch.com</a> FOR YOUR REVIEW.	

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) CORNER MEN: A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT

We invite you to a special Lenten Men's Retreat on March 20-21. This is a unique opportunity to reflect on your faith, reconnect with your family and become refreshed during this time of Lent. SPACE IS LIMITED. Sign up now by contacting Richard @richardallaire@sbcglobal.net or John @ [john.oleary@gartner.com](mailto:john.oleary@gartner.com) for any questions and information.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH ALUMNI

Does your faith journey need a boost? Join us on February 28<sup>th</sup> for a few hours of enrichment—planned just for you, the Christ Renews His Parish community. The day starts with noon Mass followed by a potluck lunch and then two special Witnesses and reflection. Come renew that faith that you rekindled back on your Christ Renews His Parish weekend.

Date: February 28, 2010  
Time: Noon Mass – 4 p.m.

Location: Mass at St. Rose Church followed by potluck, fellowship & enrichment in the Hall. Please bring: Entrée, side, or dessert to the hall prior to Mass.  
RSVP: John Barry, [crhp@strosechrp.com](mailto:crhp@strosechrp.com)

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

The season of Lent has begun, and I pray that all of us use these days to grow in our faith and our appreciation of God's goodness to us. These are difficult times for many, not just because of the economy but also because of the stress with which many are living. Jesus took Himself away for 40 days and nights to reflect on His relationship with the Father, and through prayer and fasting He prepared Himself to accept God's will. We have the same opportunity if we choose to do so. Time is a precious gift, and I have met very few who do not feel as if life is going much too fast because of the pace and schedule by which we live. Take time for yourself and take time for God. By doing so, not only will we be personally strengthened but our community of faith and our Church will be made stronger. Imitate Jesus by prayer and fasting and discipline. Sacrifice is a challenge, but it is what continues to mold us in the image of Christ. If you doubt God's love, simply reflect on the crucifix. It is there that you will find the greatest example of sacrifice and love ever given and the greatest hope in your time of doubt and darkness.

The ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR 2010 is underway, and I am grateful to the parishioners who have already sent their pledge or gift to help our parish reach this year's goal of \$215,000. Our parish has been extraordinarily generous to this annual appeal, and I pray that this year is not an exception! As you know, I sit with other pastors on a Pastor's Advisory Council for this appeal. We carefully review the diocesan budget and the allocations made from the funds received. It is always most impressive to me how much the Catholic Church does in Fairfield County to help people in a variety of circumstances and needs. As Bishop Lori often says, "It is hard to be poor in Fairfield County," and yet we have a significant number of people living well below the poverty line and struggling to make it from day to day. At a recent meeting, the following statistics were shared about the Catholic Schools this appeal supports in Bridgeport:

- Total Bridgeport Catholic Schools enrollment: 1314 students
- Religion: 2/3 are Roman Catholic
- Minority Enrollment: 81% of the students are from a minority population
- Poverty Line: Over 1/3 of all students live below the poverty line
- Childhood Poverty: The City of Bridgeport is ranked one of the 20 poorest cities of its size in the nation in the rate of childhood poverty
- Ethnicity: 4% Asian, 36% Black, 35% Hispanic, 21% Caucasian, 4% Multi-Racial
- Cost of Education per student: Catholic School \$5700  
Public School \$13,000+
- Languages Spoken by Students: Chinese, Creole, French, Hindi, Korean, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, English

It is also noteworthy that the drop-out rate from Kolbe Cathedral High School is 0% and that over 95% of the graduates go on to college.

This is only one small part of the Appeal's successes...there are many more. Please go on-line to the Diocese of Bridgeport and review the video for this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. (You will see a lot of familiar faces!!)

This weekend's first reading is a "Eucharistic Confession," a confession of thanksgiving. Throughout our lives, but it seems to be more prevalent during Lent, we are called to focus our attention on the sacrifice Christ has made for our

redemption. We prepare for Easter through Lenten observances of additional prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There are also additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Tuesday, February 23 begins the LENTEN CONFESSION CAMPAIGN in our Diocese.

Pope Benedict says that "Lent is an especially favorable season to meditate on the reality of sin in the light of God's infinite mercy, which the Sacrament of Penance expresses in its loftiest form." EVERY Tuesday EVERY Parish in the Diocese will be open from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m., and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for you. Let us echo the words of Saint Paul from this weekend's second reading: "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RICHARD SCINTO.** Richard is one of our parishioners who is in the formation program of the Diocese of Bridgeport for the Permanent Diaconate. This Saturday he will receive the Order of Reader, one of the steps toward his ordination as a deacon. He is a wonderful example to all of us in his willingness to serve the Church and the Diocese. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues on his journey to diaconate.

We also want to welcome the couples who joined us for our Marriage Preparation Workshop (Pre-Cana) this Saturday. These couples will be married over the next several months. Today they focused on their relationship with one another, their families and with God as they listened, shared and reflected on the Sacrament of Marriage. Please keep them in your special prayers and thoughts. Thanks to Tim Reilly, the program coordinator, and all the members of our Pre-Cana Ministry team.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SAINT ROSE JUNIOR VARIETY BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR AN UNDEFEATED SEASON AND WINNING THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP!** We are very proud of these boys and their great spirit of sportsmanship. Special thanks to Joe DeMaida, the head coach, and to his assistants!



**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.



**Lent: Re-centering Our Lives**

In today's Gospel, Jesus is probably hungry; he is probably tired. Then temptation comes to Him to seize power, take control, and prove you are the Son of God. Doesn't this happen to us as well? When we are tired and stressed, temptations occur, and our resistance is lowered. Our courage and our resistance to temptation come from God. Jesus is the model for living a life centered on the will of the Father. Jesus does not get involved in conversations with the tempter; rather He relies on God. If we want to journey closer to God this Lent, do something different – change a habit – spend more time looking for the goodness of God -- attend the parish mission (see details below). Resist the temptation to be complacent; do whatever it takes to draw closer to God this Lent

**Reflection Activity:** Make a decision to look inward this Lent and ask God what needs to change in order to center your life more on God's will.

**What's Your Catholic IQ?:** During Lent, we omit the following from our liturgies: (a) Alleluia and Creed; (b) Gloria and Kyrie; (c) Gloria and Alleluia; (d) *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*.

**Religious Education Lenten Activities**

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>):** 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.

**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 begun last Thursday, Feb. 18 and continues 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**

**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 Arseneault 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](mailto:jarvis315@att.net) or Margaret Malone at 270-1817 to reserve a place.

**Spiritual Journey: March 4**

On March 4, from 10:15-11:15, we welcome Donna Fletcher, SFO as our guest speak at Spiritual Journey. All are welcome to this lecture at 38 Church Hill Road – consider opening yourself to new spiritual insights this Lent.

**EPS (Education Parish Systems) Presents:** Dr. Lois Gandt, who will be teaching a class on *The Birth of the Church*. The text for the course is *The Catholic Church through the Ages* by John Vidmar. This text will also be used for the class *The Growth of Catholic Tradition*, which will take place next year and will cover the Middle Ages through the Reformation of the Church. Classes take place at St. Philip School building in Norwalk from 7:15-9:20 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Priscilla Toumey at 203-682-4333 or email: [EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu](mailto:EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu). If you wish to carpool, call the Religious Education Office at 426-2333.

**During this First Week of Lent we celebrate The Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22), St. Polycarp (Feb. 23).**

**Catholic IQ Answer:** (c) The omission of the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* during Lent draw our focus to the penitential nature of the season and deepen our desire and longing for the celebration of Easter.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES**

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

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

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

**Available:** 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.

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. For more info, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 203-364-9796.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites all knitters/crocheters to join us to create Prayer Shawls for members of our parish family who are sick, sad, lonely or dying. We are a friendly group and would love to see some new faces. The next meeting is Saturday, February 27 at 10 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. To request a Prayer Shawl call Kathleen Chrusciel-Desrosiers at 426-9922 or Sister Mary Ellen 426-2572 ext. 11. A donation to cover the cost of the yarn is appreciated.

**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**

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

**Health Tip:**

**Q.** Once you have the H1N1 flu, are you immune to it?  
**A.** If you’ve already had H1N1, you have protection, but only if you’re exposed to the same strain of the virus that laid you low. Once your immune system encounters a bug, it creates memory cells that rapidly produce antibodies to fight a second attack with the same bug. That’s called acquired immunity, and it’s the same process that occurs when you get a flu shot that contains a killed version of the virus. That sounds great, but the unfortunate fact is that flu viruses mutate all the time in order to avoid the killers, so the next time you encounter H1N1, it might be slightly different, and your immune system might not recognize it. But a new study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that you might still have partial immunity, so a bout with the new “improved” H1N1 might not be as severe as your first. The CDC found that older people—those born before 1957—are less likely to get this flu, and when they do, they get a mild case. That’s because they were previously infected with a similar virus that left some helpful antibodies behind. Those antibodies aren’t strong enough for a total virus smackdown, but they have enough oomph to lessen symptoms. By: Mehmet C. Oz, MD, and Michael F. Roizen, MD.

**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.

**FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS IF YOU ARE TRAVELING AND NEED TO FIND THE NEAREST CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHECK THE INTERNET [WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG](http://WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG) AND CLICK ON “CHURCH LOOKUP OR CALL 1-800-MASSTIMES.**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER** 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!**

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](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

**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**

Does your Lenten faith journey need a boost? **New INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL CDs, books and BROCHURES are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation: \$3.**

In 1973 the Supreme Court erroneously created a law that made abortion a woman's "right". In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "We never have the right to do wrong." Abortion is the ultimate wrong.



### **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.

### **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!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** – March 27 from 8-12:45 at the Reed School, sponsored by Quota International of Candlewood Valley. Call Cathy Donnelly 426-7707 or Ginny Chion 426-0851 to set up an appointment.

**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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas K. Dyer  
Major William Gottmeier  
Cpl. Marc Hellig  
1<sup>st</sup> 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**

SMS Thomas Daniels  
Airman Kurt Kling  
Airman Travis Mueller  
1st Lt. Donald B. Naiman  
MSgt. James Rebman  
Capt. Gregory Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jessica Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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



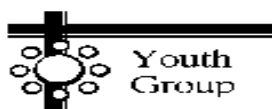
### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** [www.kofc185.com](http://www.kofc185.com)

**The Friday Knight Fish Fries are back for their 6<sup>th</sup> year. Mark your calendars and join us on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to serving you.**

**The Irish Cabaret will be in full swing again this year on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. For ticket information, contact Tim Reilly at [trederbros@aol.com](mailto:trederbros@aol.com) or Jud Doyle at [doylejc@charter.net](mailto:doylejc@charter.net).**

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

**A reminder to all parishioners that the K of C toy closet remains open through the year. If you need to pick up a gift for your child's birthday, as a gift for someone else, or to make a donation of any new unwrapped toys or gift certificates, please contact Markus Balas at [markus@yankeeautographs.com](mailto:markus@yankeeautographs.com) or 203-449-7190.**



[www.youthgroup.com](http://www.youthgroup.com)

**5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group:** Check calendar for next event.

**Senior Youth Group:** The next meeting is Sunday, February 21 from 6-8:30 in the Safeplace

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**PASTORAL PLAN**

Today's first reading is a "Eucharistic Confession", a confession of thanksgiving. Throughout our lives, but it seems to be more prevalent during lent, we are called to focus our attention on the sacrifice Christ has made for our redemption. We prepare for Easter through Lenten observances of additional prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There are also additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> begins the Lenten Confession Campaign in our Diocese. Pope Benedict says that "Lent is an especially favorable season to meditate on the reality of sin in the light of God's infinite mercy, which the Sacrament of Penance expresses in its loftiest form." Every Tuesday every parish in the Diocese will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for you. Let us echo the words of St. Paul from today's second reading: "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be "saved".

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.immaculatehs.org).

**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE: A Dramatic Presentation by Anita Gutschick. "FRUIT OF THE TREE"**

**Eve.** Eve introduces sin into the world, but she also makes a startling discovery.

**Potiphar's Wife** – This is a woman we love to hate; she is spoiled, self-centered and wicked.

**Mary of Magdala** – Touched by Jesus, Mary of Magdala becomes his follower. Stories filled with honesty and humor, Anita's testimony reveals how God not only worked in the lives of Biblical women, but is working in our lives today.

Join us for this inspiring Lenten program Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church, 121 Main Street, Danbury, CT. Admission: \$10.

For reservations call 203-743-2707.

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**\$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](mailto:development@fairfieldprep.org).

**NAZARETH SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER – 1428 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, CT 203-993-9316**

**LENENT 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 from 7-8:30 p.m.

**LAURALTON HALL**

The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy (Lauralton Hall), an all-girls Catholic college preparatory school in Milford, invites all 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to spend a day as a shadow student March 8 through April 23. For further information, call the Admissions Office at (203) 877-2786 extension 144.

**OPEN HOUSE: KEVIN'S COMMUNITY CENTER**

March 3, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

153 South Main Street, Newtown, CT 06470

So many people worked tirelessly to make our move effortless! So many of you provide care for our patients at your offices; we are grateful for your support. Join us at the open house and see where the work begins. See what your efforts are now providing for our patients!

# Family Bingo

\$10.00 for 12 Games, 4 Specials and 1 Bonus  
(\$5.00 for 12 Regular Games)



- When:** February 27, 2010
- Where:** St. Rose Gathering Hall
- Doors Open:** 6:00 PM
- Bingo Begins:** 7:00 PM

## Highlights

- Cash Prizes
- Hot Dogs, Pizza and other snacks available for purchase
- Optional Special and Bonus Games
- Fun for the whole family

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