

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – February 22, 2009

Sunday, February 22

4 – 7 p.m. Catholic Forum Mass/talk
7-10 p.m. Men’s CRHP (2)

Monday, February 23

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray..Play 2
7-10 p.m. Women’s CRHP (2)

Tuesday, February 24

9:30-11 WEBS (2)
10 a.m. Job Network Support Group
7 p.m. Detective McDonald (1)
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-anon (2)

Wednesday, February 25 (Ash Wednesday)

Ashes distributed at 6:45 & 9 a.m., 12 noon, 4:15, 5:30, 7:30
9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, February 26

10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Project (Conroy)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (1)
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)
7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)
8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, February 27

7:15 a.m. Men’s CRHP Prayer
10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy
5-8 p.m. Fish Fry (3, Conroy Room)
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (1)

Saturday, February 28

after 8 a.m. Mass Rosary For Life (1)
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting (2)
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)
7-10:30 p.m. Women’s Club Bingo (3)

LOCATION:

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

The Diocesan initiative of the **Lenten Confession Campaign** which will allow Catholics to avail themselves to the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin Tuesday, March 3. Every Tuesday every parish in the Diocese of Bridgeport will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the Sacrament of Confession will be available. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw near 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).

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, February 23

6:45 Werner Hartl Anna McMahon
9:00 Josefina Pascual Rosemarie Cavanaugh

Tuesday, February 24

6:45 Jessie Wargo Anna McMahon
9:00 Alvaro Perez Vicki Hensel

Wednesday, February 25 (Ash Wednesday)

6:45 Margaret Karpus Peggy & Tony Baiad
9:00 Peter Cilio Beth Groonell
12:00 Angeline Masso Tom & Ellen Curran
4:15 Prayer Service with ashes
5:30 Service with ashes
7:30 Thomas Cotter Julie Manfredi

Thursday, February 26

6:45 Hanora Doherty Jack & Mary Obre
9:00 Nicholas DeLeo St. Rose Women’s Club

Friday, February 27

6:45 Jerry Kuhn Wife
9:00 Eileen & Kevin Comerford Family
7:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28

8:00 Amelia Gerardi Pro-Life & Family Committee
4:00 Lillian Pascual Family
5:30 Kimberly Ann Levy St. Rose Lectors

Sunday, March 1

7:30 John Palo Palo Family
9:00 Louis & Mary Stompor LaVerne Burzynski
10:30 Christian Hopco Family
12:00 Rosa Arizaga-Anniversary Marie Giner

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit for the intentions of Carl Zencye (L) as requested by Melanie Bodetti.

Thanks for your support!	
Collection for February 15, 2009	\$16,219.00
Children’s Collection	18.50
Collection for February 17, 2008	\$18,130.00
FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: StRoseChurch.com for your review.	

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 25th is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the following times.

6:45 a.m. Mass, 9:00 a.m. Mass, 12 noon Mass, 4:15 p.m. Prayer Service, 5:30 Service, 7:30 p.m. Mass

CATHOLIC FORUM presents GOD IS LOVE with Deacon Tom Davis from St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church, Danbury at St. Rose of Lima Church, Sunday, February 22, 2009. Mass at 4 p.m. in the church, followed by the presentation at 5 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information visit www.catholicforum.us or contact the St. Rose Catholic Forum at Email: strosecatholicforum@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

This week Christians around the world begin the observance of LENT. These next six weeks are dedicated to prayer, fasting, sacrifice and almsgiving in order to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Easter. While there are cultural variations in the observance of Lent, the meaning is the same for all who believe in Jesus Christ. We know that Jesus used a forty day period to prepare Himself for His public ministry. He took Himself away to a desert where he prayed and fasted and sought God's direction. During those days he was confronted with temptations of the greatest sort to distract Him away from the mission His Father set for Him. We are called to that same discipline in our lives so that we can become more faithful to the will of God as it exists in the lives of each of us. It is very easy to be distracted away from God, especially when the present hard times in our economy have overtaken our lives. If anything, we should use these days as opportunities to draw closer to God and to trust His will for us. Do we really believe His promise to us that we shall never be harmed as long as we have our confidence and trust in Him?

Ash Wednesday is "opening day" for this holy season as we wear the ashes of burned palms to be marked out as a follower of Jesus and to remind ourselves and the world of the need for constant and daily reconciliation with God, others and ourselves. How can we ever know the peace of God if we are not at peace with ourselves? In the Book of Isaiah (58:5) from the Old Testament, we are told that the early Jewish community used ashes as a sign of mourning, grieving and repentance. That is carried into the New Testament in the Gospel of Matthew (11:21) where we are told that repentance is due to God. Through the early centuries of our faith, those who committed serious sins had to do public penance; they were organized into groups known as the "Order of Penitents" and publicly confessed their sins and did penance until the observance of Holy Thursday when they were welcomed back to the Eucharist. They retained ashes on their heads throughout these days of penance. It was not until the Middle Ages that this practice was suppressed, and the wearing of ashes was restricted to Ash Wednesday. Nevertheless, it still holds the same meaning from the early days as we recognize our need to be forgiven. The Scripture passages for this day are worth reflecting on throughout all of Lent, and I would encourage you to do so: Joel 2:12-18, II Corinthians 5:20-6:2 and Matthew 6:1-6.

Like New Year's Day, it is easy on Ash Wednesday to make resolutions for the season of Lent. I ask that you pray what you can do to make these days a source of grace. There is nothing wrong with "giving something up" for Lent, whether it is as simple as candy and treats or things more challenging like working on patience or putting away some of the technology that has overtaken our lives! Of course, we are called to prayer (the chapel in our church is open 24/7 for private and group prayer) and the church itself is left open most days until late afternoon or early evening. Stop by and enjoy the quiet presence of God. Fasting and abstaining is also an important part of this season, denying ourselves the usual quantities of food that we ingest. While there are designated days of fast and abstinence, these disciplines can

be a help to us every day of Lent. (I just heard a report that a high percentage of Americans will probably gain between 15-20 pounds due to the economic crisis either by eating to reduce stress or eating inexpensive foods loaded with fat, sugar and carbohydrates!). This is also a season for extending ourselves in generosity to others. The "giving of alms" is an ancient tradition in our Church and calls us to be mindful of the needs of others. Certainly, we do not have to look far to find people in need of financial help. Try cutting back on some of your pleasures to reach out to others; a movie night for 2 at a theater along with popcorn and soda or other treats would probably cover the cost of a meal for an entire family! Think about it.....

All of these recommendations for Lent not only help increase our own holiness, but they remind us of the Gospel mandate we have been given to help one another.

We are also participating in a diocesan-wide campaign to help Catholics return to the Sacrament of Penance. Of all the sacraments, this is the one that has been the most neglected in recent years. Confusion about what is sinful, the attitude that it is enough to just tell God I am sorry and the contemporary mindset that we really do nothing wrong have all led to the absence of this sacrament in our lives. Every church in the Diocese of Bridgeport will be open from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. each Tuesday of Lent and every priest will be available to celebrate this sacrament with you. We will distribute pamphlets this weekend to help you examine your conscience and review the sacrament so that you can be prepared to celebrate with us this Lent.

Whatever you choose to do for this holy season of Lent, do it with an open mind and a willing spirit. It is easy to be distracted away from those things that are really good for us and very easy to excuse ourselves with the contemporary attitudes of today. These days of Lent are an invitation for personal renewal and growth. Please do not let them pass you by or be lost in the everyday activities of life. I pray a holy Lent for each of us.

A schedule of parish Lenten activities and programs has been mailed to each parishioner. Please review it and participate in our parish Lenten program and activities. You just may find the peace and hope you need in these days.

ST. ROSE CELEBRATES SCOUTS AT SPECIAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY - MARCH 28, 2009 (5:30 P.M.)

Mass St. Rose welcomes all Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to join in a special Children's Liturgy celebrating Scouting. All Scouts, those in St. Rose troops and those in community troops who are parishioners of St. Rose, are invited to attend this special Liturgy on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the 5:30 p.m. mass.

Children are asked to wear their Scout uniform (girls please wear Sunday best with your vest or sash).

If your Scout would like to participate in this special Mass as a greeter, gift bearer, or reader, please contact Nancy Haas at nahaas98@aol.com. Volunteers for Altar Servers should contact Fr. John Inserra.

GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS: Completed National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Girl Scout Religious workbooks and Bpt. Diocese Girl Scout Madonna Award workbooks are due in to Michelle DePinto by 3/1/09. Girls who have completed all of the requirements will receive their religious medals from Bishop Lori at an Awards Ceremony in Bpt. on 6/12/09. Contact Michelle DePinto at 364-1229.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

What Paralyzes Us?

The ancient Hebrews saw human beings as a unity between spirit and body; they even felt that there was a connection between sin and illness. While there is some truth to the “cause and effect,” especially with unhealthy addictions, Jesus did not always draw the same connection. However, in today’s Gospel, he looked beyond the outward illness, and he chose to heal both the body and the spirit of that which was paralyzing. Lent is a time to ask ourselves, “what is paralyzing us” from spiritual growth, from a healthy body, from an active mind? And then the challenge is to use this time of Lent to bring our bodies, spirit, and mind in unity with God’s vision.

Reflection Activity: In prayer, ask for God’s guidance to see what is paralyzing you from a healthy mind, spirit, or body. What is God’s response? Are you willing to rise to His challenge this Lent?

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Why do we receive ashes at the beginning of Lent? (a) to remind us of our original sin; (b) to remind us of our need of redemption; (c) to remind us to turn away from sin; (d) to remind us to be faithful to the Gospel.

Children’s Liturgy

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

Instructional Mass for First Communicants

On **Saturday, March 7 from 9:00-11:00** all First Communicants and their families are asked to join us not only in our Eucharistic celebration, but to learn why we do what we do at Mass. This will be a morning that will influence your attitude toward the Mass for your lifetime! Families please sit with your class as attendance will be taken. Other parishioners are welcome to attend as well!

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

Seventh Grade Social Justice and Forgiveness

Detective Stephen McDonald’s talk on forgiveness and social justice has been **rescheduled for Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00**. Please note: **There will be seventh grade classes on Feb. 22 and 23.**

Lenten Practices

This week the children in Religious Education classes will learn about the Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. When we think about fasting, we think about food; however we could also fast (or refrain) from habits that draw us away from being Christ to others – habits like gossiping, complaining, judging others. Please reinforce the Lenten practices at home.

Thank you for your donations of plastic containers, which will be used to collect money for the missions this Lent. Thank you to Stop and Shop and the Big Y for their donations of containers.

This year, we are financially supporting Catholic Charities Morning Glory Breakfast Program, which prepares and delivers a healthy breakfast to the homeless in the greater Danbury area. Thank you for your support of the homeless.

God’s Gift of Human Sexuality

Every year teens from the Youth Group speak to the seventh and eighth graders about respecting the gift of our sexuality. This year they will visit seventh grade classes the week of March 15-17.

Eighth grade classes will be visited April 5-7. Seventh and Eighth grade students find these talks interesting, encouraging, and informative. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 426-2333.

Adult Formation

Save the Date: Lenten Eve of Recollection

The Men’s and Women’s Evenings of Recollection will take place on Monday, March 16 and Wednesday March 18. The guest speaker, Fr. Dominic Roscioli, comes to us from Wisconsin. He is a story teller and an inspirational speaker. If you want to find out more about him and his interests, take a look on the Internet to see what this entrepreneurial priest has done! Take time this Lent to be filled with the Spirit of Christ.

Confirmation Classes for Adults

If you are an adult and have not yet been confirmed in the Catholic faith, please consider attending classes that prepare you for this final Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Classes begin this week on Thursday Feb. 26 from 7:00-9:00 in the Religious Education Office, and extend each week until April 2. Confirmation will take place April 3 or 4 at St. Rose. Please call the Religious Ed. Office at 426-2333 to sign up for the classes.

Spiritual Journey – Instruments of God

This Thursday morning, Feb. 26 from 10:15-11:15, we welcome Kristen Renzi as the guest speaker. This 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 Ed. Office at 426-2333. All are welcome!

St. Cyril of Jerusalem Classes for Adults

The Diocese of Bpt. offers classes for adults, both on-site and on-line. For a list of classes and for registration please visit the Diocesan website at: <http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com/ps-stcyril.asp>

Education Parish Service (EPS)

EPS, which educates Catholics to understand, live, and share their faith, will present **Catholic Social Teaching, on the Church’s rich lessons of the principals of justice and peace and its application to critical issues in Church and society**, Tuesdays, Feb. 17- March 24 from 7:15-9:20. Instructors are Bob Nalewajek, President, Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice (CAPP-USA) and Dr. Karen Shields Wright, Program Director, CAPP – USA.

Search for Communion with God, an exploration of the human heart’s yearning for union with God, is offered Wednesdays, Feb 18 – March 11 from 7:15 – 9:20. The instructor is Dr. Thomas Hicks, Sacred Heart University faculty. To enroll, email epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu or call 203-847-2363.

This week we celebrate St. Polycarp (Feb. 23) and Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25).

Answer to Catholic IQ: All of the above. Ashes are a visible sign to remind us of the need for concrete action in our lives. We also fast and abstain from certain activities during Lent to connect ourselves with the suffering of Christ.

Classes resume on Sunday, Feb. 22.

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*)

Needed: TV in good operating condition.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Saturday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. Join us if you knit or crochet, and make shawls for Parishioners going through hard times. Bring size 11 or 13 knitting needles (long ones) or your crochet hook. We supply the yarn if you are making a shawl for the ministry to distribute. To request a shawl call Kathleen Chrusciel Desrosiers at 426-9922. A \$20 donation to cover the cost of the yarn will help us to continue our ministry.

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.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

Can you help? Do you know of any affordable rentals? If so, please call 426-2153. God bless you.

Available: 2 rooms with utilities

Available: 1 bedroom with utilities for a female

Available: 1 bedroom cottage with utilities

Needed: small apartment needed for female

Mature woman parishioner available to house sit – long or short term.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in the Msgr. Conroy Room. All are welcome.

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 parish nurses will be participating in the Stations of the Cross reading on Friday February 27th and are looking for volunteers to read. Please call 267-4830 if you are available.

Health Tip:

Three Herbs that Can Sweeten Your Breath: Can’t stand the sting of mouthwash, but want sweeter breath? Set down the Scope, and pick up a pinch of one of these herbs instead: parsley, basil, or cilantro. They all contain the green plant pigment chlorophyll, which is a powerful breath freshener. More Fresheners for Your Mouth: In addition to parsley, basil, and cilantro, Duke recommends these easy-to-find breath fresheners: Dill: It’s also rich in chlorophyll. Chew the seeds, or make dill tea by adding the leaves or mashed seeds to boiling water. Cardamom: It contains cineole, a potent antiseptic that kills bad-breath bacteria. You can chew the seeds and then spit them out. Anise: The seeds of this licorice-flavored herb have been used for thousands of years to freshen breath. Boil the seeds in a cup of water. Strain, and then drink or use as a mouthwash. Peppermint tea, a strong antiseptic, fights halitosis. Remember you should see a dental professional every 6 months to have your gums checked and cared for.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) CORNER

Monthly CRHP mass gathering will take place March 1 at the 7:30 a.m. Mass. A reception will follow the mass in the parish hall. We gather together to pray for our parish and the renewal of all our parishioners. Wear your crosses, so we can greet one another.

The next Men’s Retreat Weekend is March 7/8. Please call Rob Phillips at 426-4521 if you are interested in attending.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER for Carolyn's Place and Expectant Mothercare - bottles will be distributed at all masses on the weekend of February 28 and March 1.

PARISH RETREAT WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE - Saturday, March 7 in the Monsignor Conroy room - details on the flyer in this bulletin.

The Sisters of Life is a contemplative/active religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. Reverence and gratitude for the unique and unrepeatable gift of each human life made in the image and likeness of God fuels the prayer of each Sister. Along with many other community outreach activities, they welcome pregnant guests to live with them in one of their convents, assist pregnant women in need of practical assistance, host retreats, and invite those who have suffered abortion to hope and healing through day and weekend retreats

Thank you to everyone who continues to turn in postcards opposing FOCA!

SIDEWALK PRAYER: every Saturday from 9 to 11 AM at 27 Hospital Ave. in Danbury

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

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

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.

The irrational thinking regarding Dred Scott and Roe v Wade is nearly identical. In both cases, the Court stripped all rights from a class of human beings and reduced them to nothing more than the property of others. Compare the arguments the Court used to justify slavery and abortion. Clearly, unborn children are now regarded as "beings of an inferior order" that the Court considered Blacks to be over a century ago.

DIVINE MERCY

We are going to have a new cenacle to study sacred scripture. Divine Mercy Cenacle will take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m.

The Lay Missionaries of Charity adoration will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration will be every Thursday from 3-4 p.m.

You are invited to join the growing band of Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy who will have Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 3-4 p.m. in the St. Rose Chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the sick and dying. Any questions please call Queta Donovan 426-2153.

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



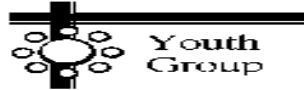
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday "Knight" Fish Fry events are back. The three events this year are Friday Feb. 27th, Friday March 6, and Friday March 13th. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, and a \$30 family package, which is described as parents and children.

Are there any 7th or 8th graders out there that still need community service hours? The Fish Fry events are a great way to complete those hours. Contact Brian Liotta at 270-3314 or by email at bdliotta@yahoo.com.

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

Ever thought of becoming a Knight? Contact Kirk Babyak by phone at 270-6265 or by email kirk.babyak@charter.net.



stroseyouthgroup.com

5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: March 13-Pool Party at Aquatic Center in Brookfield. Please check the back of the church for permission slips. Registration deadline is March 10th.

Senior Youth Group: The next meeting is Sunday, February 22 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

Freedom to Serve: The summer mission trip is planned for those finished through 9th grade to explore different ways to serve those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The group called "God's Do Gooders" meets every 1st Wednesday of the month to plan for this trip and for local service projects. For all interested teens, our next meeting is Wed. March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS A "NUN RUN"?

A *Nun Run* is a 24+ hour experience during which single women ages 18-45 are invited to visit different Sisters' houses (convents) to share life with us. You will have the opportunity to pray with us, eat with us, hear our stories and laugh with us. So fasten your seatbelts and plan to join us for a whirlwind weekend that will give you an inside look into Religious Life for women as a Sister! Transportation provided at no fee for the weekend. A Nun Run is scheduled for March 7th at 12:00 noon to March 8th at 12:00 noon. Call Sr. Maria Iannuccillo, SSND at 203-762-4152 or email miannuccillo@amssnd.org to receive a flyer and to register. Registration must be received by March 2, 2009. Sponsored by the Connecticut Vocation Council.

ST. PETER CHURCH PRESENTS REV. LAWRENCE BOADT

St. Peter Church, Danbury, CT. will have the honor of presenting the Rev. Lawrence Boadt, a Paulist Father and guest speaker for a presentation on the life of St. Paul. Rev. Boadt is president of the Paulist Press, a leading publisher of hardcover and paperback books, audio and video tapes, educational programs and materials for parish renewal. Rev. Boadt has given many workshops and lectures, and has published several books, most recently *The Life of St. Paul*. Rev. Boadt will speak at St. Peter's on Friday, March 6th at 7 p.m. within the context of Evening Prayer.

The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, LAURALTON HALL, an all Girls Catholic college preparatory school in Milford, invites all 7th grade girls to spend a day as a shadow student March 9 through April 3, 2009. For further information, call Mrs. Kathleen Shine at (203) 877-2786 ext. 144.

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL

The next I.H.S. Entrance Exams are scheduled for March 14 at 8:30 p.m. Please contact Mike Bonelli at 203-744-1510 ext. 157 or email@mbonelli@immaculatehs.org to register.

I.H.S. \$100,000 Tuition Raffle

The \$100,000 tuition raffle drawing is March 8, 2009. Tickets cost \$100 each and only 3,000 tickets will be sold. We appreciate your support of the tuition raffle. Please be reminded that the winner can chose to use the raffle proceeds to pay tuition at any accredited school in the country! If you would like to buy a ticket please contact John Brosz at 203-744-1510 ext. 144 or via email @ jbrosz@immaculatehs.org.

LENTEN LECTURE MEDIATION SERIES

You are cordially invited to "**Finding God in All the Galleries**", a Lenten meditation series in the Ignation Tradition by Rev. Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J., president emeritus of Georgetown University and a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

The lecture will take place in the **Egan Chapel at Fairfield University** on Wednesday evenings, **March 4th, March 18, March 25 and April 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** The themes of each evening will be *Imaging the Incarnation*, *The Everyday*, *Meditations before the Cross*, and the *Hope of Easter*.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Church Women United of Newtown invites you to attend a service for World Day of Prayer at the United Methodist Church on Church Hill Road. The program which was written by CWU women of Papua New Guinea is titled, "In Christ there are many members, yet one body." World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faiths who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Join us on Saturday, March 7 at 4:00 p.m. in prayer and song with women of all faiths from Newtown. This would also be an opportunity to stay for the Spaghetti Dinner which follows the service, at the Methodist Church!! Call Jean Conover at 426-6146 for more information.

**HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

"From Slavery to Sainthood: Celebrating the life of the Beloved Patrick!"

Presenter: Dr. Joan Kelly

Tuesday, March 17

Retreat Day 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (includes lunch)

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(same program offered both day and evening)

The retreat will include a Corned Beef and Cabbage meal, Dr. Kelly's presentation, and liturgy celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. **Program Offering: \$30.**

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