

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, March 1, 2009

Sunday, March 1
after 7:30 a.m. Mass
7-10 p.m.
Monday, March 2
7-10 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3
10:00 a.m.
7-8 & 8-9:30
7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4
9-11:30 a.m.
3:30-5
7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 5
9-3
3-4 p.m.
7:30
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 6 (First Friday)
after 9 a.m. mass
10:30 a.m.
3-4

5-8 p.m.
Saturday, March 7
8 a.m.
9-11 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

CRHP Reception (3)
Men's CRHP (2)

Women's CRHP (2)

Job Network Support Group
Al-Anon (2)
Pro-Life Meeting (rectory)

Teach Me to Pray..Play (2)
Divine Mercy Adoration (7)
Folk Choir (1)
Social Concerns Mtg (2)

Spiritual Journey Retreat
Eucharistic Adoration (7)
RCIA (2)
K of C Meeting (8)
Prayer Group (2)

First Friday Adoration (1)
Friday Bible Study (2)
Adoration (7)
Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy
Fish Fry (3)

Sisters of Life (8)
Instructional Mass (1)
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 |

Grocery & Gift Cards for Sale

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

The theme for today's readings talks about overcoming the powers of evil. During Lent, we are called to focus our attention on the sacrifice that Christ has made for our redemption. We prepare for Easter through Lenten observances of additional prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In preparing for Easter, we also have additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Diocese. This Tuesday, March 3 begins the Lenten Confession Campaign in the Diocese of Bridgeport. 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 of Bridgeport will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the Sacrament of Confession will be available.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – MARCH 6

The Lord is exposed after 9 o'clock mass, the Rosary Group prays a Rosary at 9:30, and then silent adoration follows until 4 p.m. From 4 p.m. to Benediction at 5 p.m., we will pray The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Evening Prayers.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 2
6:45 Stephen Wargo Anna McMahon
9:00 Eileen Fitzhenry Tom Fitzhenry
Tuesday, March 3
6:45 Frank & Anthony Russo Marie Esposito
9:00 Stanley Frank Polcyn Family
Wednesday, March 4
6:45 Birdie & Al Lanza Lanza Family
9:00 Peter Ciccio Mr. & Mrs. Robert LeBlanc
Thursday, March 5
6:45 Herman Pastore Rev. Amal Rajchellakan
9:00 William Sheluck Sheluck Family
Friday, March 6 (First Friday)
6:45 Lisa Sylvester Tom & Norma Hayes
9:00 Anna Zitnay Husband
7:30 Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 7
8:00 Nicholas DeLeo Family
4:00 Roseann Pavia Schriefer Family
5:30 Edward Urban, Sr. Wife
Sunday, March 8
7:30 Edward Montray Marilyn Montray
9:00 Bertrand Wray Mary Ruffles
10:30 Eugenia Matrullo Matthew Matrullo
12:00 Frank Battista The Lansing Family

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Lori Erikson (L) as requested by the O'C's.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Collection for February 22, 2009	\$17,221.00
Children's Collection	21.15
Collection for February 24, 2008	\$17,940.00

FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: StRoseChurch.com for your review.

EASTER PLANT SALE: Easter is just around the corner! Bring a touch of spring to your home. Pre-order tulips, hyacinths, lilies and daffodils to get the best selection. Pick-up will be during the Easter Boutique. Order forms available in the bulletin and in the Church vestibule.

EASTER BOUTIQUE

The Easter Boutique is back, and it will be held one week earlier than usual this year. In the past it has been on Palm Sunday Week-end, but this year, because of Confirmation, it will be held the weekend of March 28/29. We have a great assortment of religious items, First Communion and Confirmation gifts, Willow Tree Angels, Easter gift items, and of course, Msgr. Weiss' Easter Baskets. Please save the date.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could sign up for a slot to work at the Boutique. The board is now in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

We gather this weekend to begin the **FIRST WEEK IN LENT**. By now, I am sure you have made your Lenten resolutions and are praying for God's grace to enable you to persevere in them until Easter. Lent is a true blessing to us as Catholics because of the opportunities it provides for us to grow in our faith and make some very necessary changes in our lives that will bring us closer to the heart of Jesus. I am always edified by the Lenten disciplines that so many of you put upon yourselves for this holy season: the sacrifices, the willingness to open yourselves more fully to the needs of others, the extra time for prayer and meditation and so on. All of these actions not only increase our personal faith, but they also are a benefit to the entire community. When one grows in grace, all grow in grace! This weekend's liturgy is a wonderful example of perseverance as we recall the days that Jesus spent in the desert prior to His public ministry. His forty days of fasting and prayer remind us of what this holy season is all about and serve as a model for us. While in the desert Jesus faced many temptations that could easily have taken Him away from His mission; He persevered and did not yield. Even the devil himself was frustrated by the power of His will! Let's frustrate the devil this Lent by staying strong in our Lenten promises and resolutions!

Thanks to the many who gathered on Ash Wednesday to begin Lent. So many come to church to receive ashes as a sign of the need we all have to repent for our sins. I pray that we use this holy season as an opportunity to look deeply into our lives and ask God's forgiveness. **WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WENT TO CONFESSION?** You would not be alone if you said that it has been years! We have fallen away from this sacrament for many reasons, and yet it is one of the most powerful sources of grace that we have been given. I know that there are many contemporary attitudes and opinions on the topic of confession. Many of our elderly and senior population feel they are too old to sin, many of our middle age population say they are too busy to do anything wrong and many of our younger population are not encouraged by their parents to receive this sacrament and God's forgiveness. We live in times when "anything goes" or that "as long as it does not hurt anyone, it is OK" or it becomes a choice not between "good and evil" but the "lesser of two evils". Perhaps the greatest sin is being committed by these attitudes and thoughts...the same one that had Adam and Eve taken from the Garden of Eden...**PRIDE!** Bottom line, we all sin...everyone of us. And we all need the forgiveness and reconciliation that can come only from the hand of God. This Lent, every church in the Diocese of Bridgeport will be open on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m., and every priest is asked to be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** take advantage of this opportunity to put yourselves right with God. Last weekend we distributed an **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE** pamphlet to help you prepare for confession. Additional books and reading material are also available in the vestibule. I can assure you that a good confession can be the best medicine anyone can take to bring the peace, hope and strength we all need in these times. P.S.....we promise there will be no yelling if you do come to confession...only forgiveness!

This Sunday those in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) journey will join with candidates (those baptized in the Christian faith but never catechized or received Eucharist, Penance or Confirmation) and catechumens (those never baptized) from the entire Diocese of Bridgeport to be welcomed and "elected" by Bishop Lori. It is always most impressive to witness the faith of these men and women and their desire to be part of the Roman Catholic Church. Our class numbers 14 this year, which is extraordinary. In these times when so many are critical of our

Church and our teachings, it is both blessing and hope to see so many who want to be part of us. Each of these men and women is a renewal of faith for us. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey toward Easter and their acceptance into the full community of the Church.

This week we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance with all of our students from both St. Rose School and our Religious Education program. Because we are not able to hear the confessions of our Sunday students as well as our students who are home-schooled, we ask their parents to bring them during the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday class times. It is most important that they receive this sacrament along with all the other students. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday at 10:00 a.m. – St. Rose School Students
- Monday at 4:15 and 7:00 p.m. – St. Rose Religious Education Students
- Tuesday at 4:15 and 7:00 p.m. – St. Rose Religious Education Students
- Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. – St. Rose Religious Education Students

Parents, please spend some time helping your student prepare for this sacrament by guiding them through an examination of conscience and reviewing the Act of Contrition. Special thanks to the priests who have agreed to assist us in making this sacrament available to our students.

On Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 a.m. we will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Fran Gargano's father, Nicholas DeLeo, who passed away in December in New Mexico. A reception will follow in the new parish hall. Fran has established a scholarship in her father's memory. Contributions can be made to St. Rose Parish/DeLeo Scholarship Fund and brought to the Mass or dropped off at the rectory. May Nicholas be at peace in the gentle arms of Jesus, and may Fran and her family receive the peace and consolation they need in their sadness.

Also on Saturday, we will celebrate an **INSTRUCTIONAL MASS** for all our First Eucharist children and parents. **THIS IS A MANDATORY PROGRAM** and a very important opportunity for our First Eucharist families to understand the Mass. **ATTENDANCE** will be taken.

Please keep the men of our parish who will be on a **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREAT** next weekend in your prayers. We have had an incredible response by the men to participate in this weekend, and I am grateful to all who have been working and praying to prepare a powerful faith experience for them.

This Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, I will be traveling to Washington, D.C. with our St. Rose School eighth grade. Please keep us in prayers for good health and safe travel.

BETHANY MASS

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those parishioners who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. Last Saturday, February 21st, at the 5:30 PM Mass, we celebrated in a special way, Helen Urban, Margaret McDermott, and Anthony DeMattei, who have died since our last Bethany Mass. Although we miss their physical presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased parishioners, their families, and their friends. Deacon Don and Stephania Naiman, Coordinators (748-7976)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Our Lenten “Holy Makeover:” Focus on Hope!

There can be a “doom and gloom” attitude toward Lent and even the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Yet these are the times that we are encouraged to uncover the goodness within – the Christ within all of us – so that we are “made right” with God rather than magnifying what is wrong with ourselves and others. We need these times alone to reflect on our relationship with God. The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert – it was sort of a “time out” for Jesus. Lent is our “time out” – a time to think about our present relationship with Christ and our surrender to His guidance and direction in our lives – a time to be open for Christ’s “holy makeover!” This Lent, there are many opportunities to take a “time out” (see adult formation activities listed below for just a few!) This is a season of change and growth; a “time out” to dig deeper into God’s Divine plan for our lives.

Reflection Activity: Create a “time out” place in your home or in your yard – a place to go for reflection, prayer, or rest – a place to restore your Spirit (and encourage your family members to do the same). Take advantage of at least one spiritual evening or day of recollection or Tuesday evening Reconciliation this Lent.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: The Gospel message on the Feeding of Five Thousand is found in the Gospel of: (a) Matthew; (b) Mark; (c) Luke; (d) John; (e) all of the above.

Children’s Liturgy

The next Children’s Liturgy is next weekend, March 7, 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 to celebrate Eucharist and 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. Materials needed for First Communion Day will be distributed at this time. Parishioners are welcome to attend as well!

Confirmation Candlelight Mass and Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit Presentation

All Confirmation candidates and their parents and available sponsors will gather on Monday, **March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church for this spirit-filled evening of Mass and preparation for Confirmation. There will be no other 8th grade classes this week.

Lenten Collections

Please encourage your children to give to the poor. Each week, the children are encouraged to bring their Lenten collection container. Perhaps have them give something up – like soda, candy, or dessert and put the money that is saved by the sacrifice in the container for the poor. At the dinner table, pray for those who are less fortunate, and thank God for the many gifts that He has given to your family. A good Gospel message to share is the feeding of 5,000, which encourages sharing (see answer to this week’s “Enriching My Catholic IQ” below for the location in Scripture). If you desire a copy of this passage from a Children’s Bible, stop in the Religious Education Office. 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. Thanks for your support of the homeless.

Living Stations of the Cross: 12 noon Good Friday April 10th. A call for actors/performers/stage hands of all ages, a wonderful way for families to perform and experience our Lord’s passion together. Rehearsal dates and times, March 8th 3-5pm St. Rose Gym/Hall, March 15th 3-5 St. Rose Gym/Hall (stage area), March 29th 3-5pm St. Rose School Msgr. Conroy Room, April 9th TBA. Please consider joining us as we bring to life the Passion of Christ in a Live performance.

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. Any questions, please call Rel. Ed. at 426-2333.

Adult Formation

Save the Date: Lenten Evenings of Recollection

The Men’s and Women’s Evenings of Recollection will take place on Monday, March 16 (men) and Wednesday March 18 (women). We will begin with Mass at 7:00 in the Church, followed by the guest speaker, Fr. Dominic Roscioli, who 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.

Spiritual Journey

This Thursday morning, March 5 is the Lenten Day of Reflection, which is sponsored by Spiritual Journey Adult Formation Group. See details below. The following week, **March 12 from 10:15-11:15, we welcome Sr. Mary Frances 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.

Communion Breakfast for Education Professionals Catholic Social Teaching – A Class Act

On Sunday, March 8, there will be a special presentation that will explore the principal teachings of Catholic social thought and its relevance to educators at all levels. It will held at SHU Commons and will begin with 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by breakfast in the Mahogany Room. Fr. Kinnally will be the featured speaker, and he will discuss the three cornerstone principles of Catholic Social Teaching and explore concrete examples from his own personal experiences so that educators can apply these principals to their everyday work assignment. Tickets are \$30; to register go to www.CAPP-USA.com or www.SacredHeart.edu/CommunionBreakfast.cfm

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.bridgportdiocese.com/ps-stcyril.asp>

This week we celebrate the lives of St. Katharine Drexel (March 3), St. Casimir (March 4), and SS. Perpetua and Felicity.

Answer to Catholic IQ: (e) All of the above. It is found in Matthew 14:13-23; Mark 6:30-46; Luke 9:1-3, 6, 10-17; John 6:1-15. This Gospel message teaches us of the power of Christ (the miracle) and the power of Christ within us (sharing our resources with others so we all have enough for the day).

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

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

Coming Events: March 28 & 29 will be our annual Lenten food drive weekend. We're all feeling the pinch of higher fuel and food prices and these factors impact the most upon the least fortunate among us. Please find a way to continue the tradition of care and generosity which you have built. Plan ahead for this drive. Take advantage of your super market's "buy one, get one free" offers and put the "free" one aside for our brothers and sisters in need. Please help *"Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."* (Mathew 25:40)

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

Available: Oak dinette table with leaf and 6 chairs.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Health Tip:

The Best Time to Work Out: Is it better to exercise in the morning, or later in the day? Let your circadian rhythms be your guide. In the afternoon or early evening, your core temperature is warmer. A warm core makes your muscles and joints more supple which helps you avoid strains and sprains. That makes afternoon or early evening ideal for exercises that tap your muscles, like strength training, stretching, and interval workouts. **Mornings Are for Endurance:** On the other hand, if endurance activities are more your speed—long brisk walks or bike rides—morning may be better. Your body's core is cooler early in the day, which can make endurance activities seem less tiring. And there is less risk of overheating. But a good warm-up will be key since your muscles are likely to be stiffer in the a.m. **No-Sweat Scheduling:** Tune up your muscles, lungs, and heart with these well-timed workouts: **Mornings:** Get energized. Walk your way to a slimmer you – in your own home!—with an exercise video. **Afternoons:** Muscle up your midday. It can be quick and easy with a video that uses a workout band. Then, get flexible with chi-gong or Yoga exercise videos. **Evenings:** Stretch yourself to sleep.

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) CORNER
It's Retreat Time Here at St. Rose!**

Christ Renews His Parish Spring Retreats are happening soon. For more information or to register, please contact the invitation coordinators listed below.

Men's Retreat: March 7-8, 2009

Contact Michael Ronan #203-733-9186

michael@jerichopartnership.org or

Ralph Sgammato #203-550-6111

ralphsgammato@hotmail.com

Women's Retreat: April 25-26, 2009

contact Donna Rahtelli #203-426-7776

ConnRhonda@aol.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 this weekend, February 28 and March 1. Please fill them with your spare change and we will collect them the weekend of March 28 and 29. Bottles can be dropped at any time in the secure bottle drop below the Pro-Life/Pro-Family bulletin board in the vestibule.

PARISH RETREAT WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE - Saturday, March 7 in the Monsignor Conroy room - Retreat begins with mass at 8 A.M., followed by the retreat which will include presentations on the work of the Sisters and how we can become more involved in pro-life activities, and encourage other people to become more involved as well. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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 A.M. at 27 Hospital Ave. in Danbury

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

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

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

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

Abortion liberates men, not women. Abortion allows men to escape responsibility for their own sexual misbehavior. A father whose baby is aborted is relieved of the requirement that he support his child. Women can be reduced to the status of a consumer item, which if broken by pregnancy can be fixed by abortion.

Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy.

Cenacle

Under the patronage of the entirely perfect Virgin, Holy Mary of Guadalupe, and outreach apostolate of the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, headquartered in Stockbridge, MA. We are going to experience the splendor of our Catholic Faith - through the study of Sacred Scripture, the CCC and the Diary of St. Faustina.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Priestly Thursday devotion, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silence. **Thursdays from 3 - 4 pm**

Eucharistic Adoration

You are invited to join the growing band of Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy who will have Eucharistic Adoration every **Friday from 3 - 4 pm.** in the St. Rose Chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the sick and dying. **"At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same."** (Dairy, 811)

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 underway. There are two more to go, one each on 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, March 1 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Safeplace. Sr. Youth Group will be having their spring retreat March 20, 21, 22. Permission slips are in the back of the church.

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

Scouts from Troop 370 who are also parishioners of St. Rose will be selling Garden Products for the very first time. The proceeds will help offset camping trips, summer camp, high adventurer trips, Jamborees and Sea Base. The scouts will be selling three different types of Mulch (Aged Cedar Bark Mulch, Natural Cedar Bark Mulch & Hemlock Mulch) \$8 per bag, Tri-Plex Rye Grass Seed 10 lbs. for \$20, All Purpose Plant Food 40 lbs for \$22 and Anderson lawn fertilizer 16 lbs. for \$15. Orders will be DELIVERED CURBSIDE TO YOUR HOUSE (Newtown, Sandy Hook & Bethel only) on April 11th. If anyone is interested in placing an order please contact ctyankee321@charter.net or call 426-4696 and a scout will return your call. Orders and payment must be placed no later than March 24th. Remember besides receiving quality garden products we DELIVER to your door.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE? CONSIDER THE MERCY VOLUNTEER CORPS!

In partnership with the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, lay women and men of the Mercy Volunteer Corps offer direct compassionate service to economically poor or marginalized persons for one or two years at sites in the United States or in Guyana. Volunteers live together in community characterized by spirituality and a simple lifestyle. Volunteers receive a small stipend, housing, medical insurance and an inspiration that lasts for a lifetime. Applications are welcome now for the service years beginning in August '09 and August '10. For more information: Please visit the MVC website www.mercyvolunteers.org or email ContactUs@MercyVolunteers.org or phone Coordinator of MVC Volunteers Janet Gary at the national office, 215.641.5535. Thank you!

MAGIC GARDEN DONATES TO ST. ROSE

The Magic Garden will donate 15% of your entire communion purchase to St. Rose Church.
For the girls...
dresses, veils, sweaters, and shoes!
For the boys...
suits, blazers, slacks, shirts and ties
Thank you for your support.

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 info, call Mrs. Kathleen Shine at (203) 877-2786 ext. 144.

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.

Cinderella

Come see an adorable musical presentation of 'Cinderella' being performed by local, talented children (including a number of children from St. Rose)

**SABRINA'S
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Retreat
with the
Sisters of Life
March 7, 2009



Sister Francisca

*Monsignor Conroy Room,
St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown, CT*

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| 8:00 AM | <i>Holy Mass at St. Rose Church</i> |
| 9:00 AM | <i>"Our community, apostolate, work, and lay co-workers"</i> |
| 9:30 AM | <i>"Prayer life, personal growing in prayer"</i> |
| 10:00 AM | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:15 AM | <i>"How to get young people involved in the pro-life cause"</i> |
| | <i>"How to raise a Christian family"</i> |
| 11:05 AM | <i>Questions and answers</i> |
| 11:30 AM | <i>Rosary (if time left)</i> |

This FREE retreat is open to ALL parishioners and guests. To allow us to plan for refreshments, please complete the registration form below and bring it to the Parish Office or sign up on the clip board at weekend masses. For more information contact Helga Roegele 426-6030 or e-mail: HelgaforLife@aol.com

Parish Retreat with the Sisters of Life

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