

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, March 8, 2009

Sunday, March 8

3:00 p.m. Master Chorale Concert (1)
7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, March 9

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
7-8:30 p.m. Candlelight Mass (1)
7-10 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)

Tuesday, March 10

9:30-11 a.m. WEBS (2)
10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group
6-10 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting (3)

Wednesday, March 11

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play 2
7:00 p.m. Women's Club Meeting 8
7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, March 12

10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (1)
7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)
8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, March 13

10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
12 noon Stations of the Cross (1)
3-4 p.m. Anonymous apostles of
Divine Mercy (7)
K of C Fish Fry (3)
Stations of the Cross (1)

Saturday, March 14

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)
7:30 p.m. Irish Cabaret (3)

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 |



We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of February.

Lila Accousti

Nikolas Accousti

Robert Joseph Lanigan

Portia Bernadette Manoni

Alicia Christina Ventresca

ST. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND

The St. Rose Memorial Fund has graciously been chosen by the following families and benefactors in memory of a loved one.

Gift of Jim & Bridget Maron in memory of Genevieve Maron

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 9

6:45 Teresa Petroccione Gina McElgunn
9:00 Dr. Ernesto Tanping Bob & Joy Biscoe

Tuesday, March 10

6:45 Edward McElligott, Jr. The O'Connor Family
& deceased of McElligott family
9:00 Rose Bonacci Paula Stephan

Wednesday, March 11

6:45 Floris Pauwels Gina McElgunn
9:00 Leona Dlugokecki Larry & Marcia Cavanaugh

Thursday, March 12

6:45 Eugene Previdi, Sr. Family
9:00 Gen Maron Anna Maye

Friday, March 13

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Olga Trefilek The McEmber Family
12:00 Stations of the Cross
7:30 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14

8:00 Catherine Hulse Mulvihill Family
4:00 M. Joseph Lillis Hyland & Zaccaro Families
5:30 Joseph Cavanaugh Family

Sunday, March 15

7:30 Anna Greco Joanne Rochman & family
9:00 Douglas Ruffles, Sr. Mary Ruffles
10:30 Anthony Juliano Dolores & Rodman Pruefer
12:00 Frank Rotella Bob Murray
4:00 Catholic Forum Mass

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week in memory of Genevieve Maron as requested by the Rosary Group.

Thank you for your support!	
Collection for March 1, 2009	\$18,975.00
Capital Improvement	7,730.00
Children's Collection	21.90
Collection for March 2, 2008	\$18,289.00
FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: StRoseChurch.com	
PRINTED COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS.	

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

Sacrifice and suffering are certainly not two of the most sought after human experiences, and yet they are essential in the life of a true Christian. In today's world, we are too often locked into our own needs and wants that sacrificing for the sake of another is not always the chosen path we take. In a like manner, we are always looking for the quick fix to our problems and our hurts and have become a society that is constantly seeking the anesthesia for pain rather than endurance. Our scripture passages for this Second Week of Lent speak to both of these Christian virtues. Abraham is asked to make the ultimate sacrifice by offering his son to God as a holocaust. The pain that Abraham endured by fulfilling this request must have been unbearable, yet he knew that he must follow the plan that God set for him. God recognized not only Abraham's faithfulness but also his willingness to endure suffering by losing what was most important to him, and He relented. That is why we can hold fast to the words of Saint Paul when he reminds us that as long as God is with us, we will never be destroyed. The account of the Transfiguration also provides us with a powerful example of the willingness to suffer by the sacrifice of Jesus Himself. The foretelling of His passion to the chosen disciples helped them understand the path that Jesus needed to walk if He was to be faithful to His Father. The sacrifice of the Son of God and the intense suffering He would undergo set an example for each of us as followers of Christ. We have to be honest with ourselves when it comes to sacrifice. Look how difficult it is for us to sacrifice something we enjoy for the days of Lent, and yet that is so minimal compared to the sacrifice that Jesus made for us! How many of us have already broken our Lenten promises and resolutions or shied away from something that may have caused too much discomfort in our lives? As Christians, we need to be able to understand suffering and sacrifice so as to enter into them more freely and see them as gifts from God that deepen our faith and our hope. If you ever need to question why there needs to be suffering in life or why sacrifice is so essential, simply take some time and look at the crucifix.....you will find all the reasons you need.

Just a reminder to all the Confirmation candidates and parents about the Candlelight Mass this Monday at 7:00 p.m. This is a beautiful celebration that is focused on the passing on of the light of faith from parent to child. When we are baptized, a candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and presented to the child's parents and godparents with the words: "This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly for your child. Today he/she has been enlightened by Christ and is to walk always as a child of this light. May he/she keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart." Now it is time for the young person to carry that light for themselves, and so it is passed on to them with a sense of faith and trust by their parents. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation on April 3 & 4.

Due to last Monday's snow storm, we were not able to hear the confessions of our Saint Rose School students and the Monday Religious Education classes. You can imagine what a difficult task it is to solicit the help of priests from other parishes during Lent to assist us with these confessions, so we will do our best to reschedule before Easter.

Please keep the men of our parish in your prayers while they are on retreat this weekend at Marian Heights in Monroe. I am very happy that so many men accepted our invitation to participate in the Christ Renews His Parish retreat as well as the members of the team who have been preparing the retreat over the past 6 months. This is a commitment that yields great grace for all involved.

Thanks to the members of our Women's Club for a fun filled Family Bingo Night last weekend! Thanks also to the Knights of Columbus for the annual Fish Fry dinners they are hosting. It is so good to see so many parishioners coming together in our new facility to enjoy fellowship with one another. Once again, I thank everyone who supported our efforts for this new building by their generosity...it is making a wonderful difference in the life of our parish.

Mark your calendars....

Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 p.m. in church – Connecticut Master Chorale Concert

Tuesday, March 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in church – CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in hall – Women's Club Meeting

Friday, March 13 at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. in church – Stations of the Cross

and from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in hall – K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, March 14 from 7:30 until 11:30 in hall – Irish Cabaret

May these days of Lent be a continual invitation to grow in our faith and to encourage those who no longer worship with us to make return to the Lord and His Church.



St. Rose School students began their annual Lenten World Missions Drive. The second grade mission wagon, led by Ella the Elephant and Harry the Horse will be visiting students in PK through Grade 4 to collect for the Heifer Foundation, a non-profit organization that was established in 1944. Rooted in the Christian tradition, Heifer International helps millions of communities around the world to become self-sufficient by providing livestock. Training in animal management, environmentally friendly farming and community resource development are provided by Heifer International so that communities yield the proper amount of food and income from eggs, honey, wool and dairy products. Students in grades 5 through 8 are raising funds for the Morning Glory Breakfast Wagon Program sponsored by Catholic Charities. The Breakfast Wagon provides a hot breakfast every morning for the less fortunate in our Greater Danbury area. We would like to thank the Toy Tree store located in Sandy Hook for their support in donating the two large stuffed animals for the Heifer Foundation. If you are interested in supporting our mission drives, please contact our school office admin@stroseschool.com. Interested in providing an excellent Catholic School education for your child? Please visit our website www.stroseschool.com to learn more about our school curriculum and programs. School tours and registration for the 2009-10 school year are ongoing. Please contact our school office 426-5102 or admin@stroseschool.com to schedule an appointment.

GROCERY & GIFT CARDS FOR SALE

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

The Best is Yet to Come

The transfiguration in today's Gospel was difficult for the disciples to understand – and in fact, they did not fully understand it until after they witnessed the passion and the death of their friend, Jesus Christ. As we suffer and sacrifice, we too keep our eyes on the deeper measure of happiness that St. Paul speaks of in his letter. The transfiguration was just part of the story; however it keeps our eyes on the goal – it is the anticipation of the glory of Jesus' resurrection, which has such significance for our lives today. When we suffer because of illness, death, or other sources of sadness, we know that it is just part of the story – the best is yet to come.

Reflection Question: Think of a time when you were overwhelmed with sadness, which eventually was balanced by the dazzling light of God's love. What did you learn about trusting God? How was your response to the sad situation transformed?

Speaking of Sadness...

The Religious Education staff wishes to let the parish know that Nancie Hubbard, office administrator at Religious Education, will be assuming a full-time position in her nursing profession. Although our sadness is selfish because we will miss the joy that Nancie has shared with everyone she meets, we know that her gifts of compassion and care will be used well in the field of nursing. Nancie will continue ministering to the people of St. Rose in her volunteer activities here. Please join us in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the years that Nancie has touched so many lives at St. Rose.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Which of the following liturgical colors will not appear between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday? (a) red; (b) green; (c) purple; (d) white

Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy is next weekend, March 28 at the 5:30 Mass.

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 continue to encourage your child to sacrifice and to give to the poor. Every week, the teachers collect funds to help provide funds for Catholic Charities Morning Glory Breakfast Program, which prepares and delivers a healthy breakfast to the homeless in Danbury area.

A Call for Actors and Stage Hands for the Living Stations of the Cross

On **Good Friday, April 10th at noon**, there will be a live Stations of the Cross for children. Martin Blanco, a parishioner, theatre director and instructor will be directing the Stations this year. We need actors/performers/stage hands of all ages. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience the Lord's passion together. The rehearsal dates and times are March 8 (Hall), March 15 (Stage), & March 29 (Msgr. Conroy Room) – all from 3:00-5:00. April 9th rehearsal time TBA, and there will be a rehearsal before the 12:00 performance on April 10. Please call the Religious Education Office for additional information.

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 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.

Stations of the Cross for Catechists

On **Thursday, March 26 from 6:15-7:00**, all catechists (and other parishioners) are asked to join us to draw meaning from your donation of time, talent and teaching. Sometimes our ministry is difficult and it is hard to understand the fruits of it. During these stations, we unite with Christ's suffering and know that the Lord reaps the harvest of our labors in joy. The second grade catechist meeting immediately follows.

Spiritual Journey

This Thursday morning, **March 12 from 10:15-11:15**, we welcome **Sr. Mary Frances as the guest speaker for the adult formation group**. This lecture 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.

EPS FORUM: He began as a persecutor of Christians and ended as Christianity's great apostle. Delve into the conversion story of St. Paul, and examine the significance of his mission for us today when the EPS Forum presents, "*For Me, to Live is Christ: The Apostle Paul in the 21st Century*," Wednesdays, March 18 – April 29, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk. The Forum will conclude with a Pauline Morning of Reflection, presented by Bishop William Lori. For topics and instructors see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>. Register: epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu or 203.847.2363. Suggested donation: \$150 for six-week series.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem Classes for Adults

The Diocese of Bridgeport 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>.

This week we celebrate the life of St. Frances of Rome (March 9).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (b) Green is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time; purple appears throughout Lent; red appears on Palm Sunday and Good Friday; white is the liturgical color of Easter.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

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: Loveseat.

Available: Bunk bed frame.

For information regarding any listed item, please call: Joan Dwyer, 426-9337, weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

The **Friday Morning Bible Study Group** meets at 10:30 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. Experience God's Word in Holy Scripture. All are welcome. If you have any questions please call Blanca Sheehan at 426-3253.

The **JOB NETWORKING GROUP** meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. on the second floor of 38 Church Hill Road. We offer positive support, counsel, advice, and networking ideas to those looking to get back into the job market or seeking to make a career change. Contact Harry Dieck 426-3386 or Michael Ronan at 733-9186 for information.

ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB

All the women of the parish are invited to attend our next meeting of the St. Rose Women's Club on Wed., March 11, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Our evening will begin with a brief business meeting followed by our very special guest speaker, Msgr. Robert E. Weiss. His topic will be "Journeying Through Lent with St. Paul". We hope you can join us for this very inspirational evening.

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.

FATHER AMAL'S MISSION

If you would like to support Father Amal's mission in India, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to Pax in Terra, Inc., a 501c3 charitable organization established by St. Rose parishioners to support Father Amal and other sustainable efforts around the world. You can send a check to Pax in Terra Inc., P.O. Box 13, Newtown, CT 06470 or donate through the website at www.paxinterra.org.

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.

Blood pressure screenings will take place next weekend after all masses. This is FREE service. Please stop by and see us.

Next meeting: March 18 in the Parish Nurse Office 7:00 PM

Health Tip:

Having trouble getting back to healthier eating habits after all the holiday cooking? Tapping your foot could help keep the extra calories from expanding your waist. It may sound silly, but check out the numbers: Whether they were leg bouncers, toe tappers, or thumb twiddlers, people in a study who had a habit of fidgeting burned, on average, nearly 350 extra calories per day! Fidget More, Weigh Less
It's true: Fidgeters are more likely to stave off weight gain from extra calories. (This might also explain why so few 6-year olds have a weight problem!) One truly fidget-prone person in the study burned a whopping 700 extra calories per day. Turn On the Burn: You don't have to tap your toes to get the job done. Doing just about anything besides sitting still counts – maintaining your posture, turning pages, or regularly lifting a glass of water to your lips –but the more active you are, the better. Of course, one of the best ways to increase your daily calorie use is to exercise regularly. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Hide the remote and get up to change the channel. Walk whenever you talk on the cell phone.

ST. ROSE CATHOLIC FORUM

In cooperation with the Diocese of Bridgeport presents IN CHARGE OF THE FIRE – a play about Paul of Tarsus Directed by Father Peter John Cameron, editor of **MAGNIFICAT**, Blackfriars Repertory Theatre Sunday March 29, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown, CT

Adults: \$8.00 (advance ticket purchase)

\$10.00 (day of the show)

Students and Seniors (65+): \$5.00

Tickets on sale at the Fish Fry.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER for Carolyn's Place and Expectant Mothercare - additional empty bottles are available in the vestibule. 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.

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 7, 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, books and BROCHURES are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation: \$3.

What is the governing force behind the abortion industry? Is it compassion for the woman? The right to choose? NO! It's MONEY! This is from a former abortionist who says abortion is the largest unregulated industry in the nation, and a very lucrative one at that. Abortion is a contract killing in every sense of the word.

CRHP Corner

You're invited! Sunday March 8th Marian Heights Spiritual Retreat Center, Monroe, CT. All past CRHP Brothers and Sisters are invited to the closing Mass and celebration to welcome all our new Brothers in Christ who have participated in the Men's renewal retreat this weekend. **Mass is at 2:30 p.m.** with refreshments following. **Blessings to Men's formation team #8** as they work through Christ this weekend to renew our parish of St. Rose. Thank you Rob, Scott, Ron, Doug, Tim, Michael, Greg, Ralph, Pete, Brian, Chris, Mike, and John for your faith-filled spirits and works of love and service to our parish community.

Men's Evening of Discipleship is Sunday, March 15th. All Christ Renews His Parish brothers and sisters are invited to gather at St. Rose Church at **7:00 p.m.** to pray for the team's discernment of answering God's call to service. All men who have been past participants on a CRHP renewal weekend are welcome and invited to join upcoming team #9. For more info about joining team #9, please contact Mike Ronan at 203-733-9186 or Michael@jerichopartnership.org

Women's Spring Retreat Weekend is April 25th and 26th. For more information or to register, please contact Donna Rahtelli at 203-426-7776 or e-mail ConnRhonda@aol.com
Flyers are available at all church entrances.

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, once again, have been very successful so far due to your overwhelming patronage. If you haven't been yet, you have one more chance this Friday, March 13th. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and a \$30 family package, which is described as parents and children.

Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information, contact Kirk Babyak by phone at 270-6265 or by email at kirk.babyak@charter.net.



stroseyouthgroup.com

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

The Senior 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 Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 p.m.** 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.”** (Diary, 811)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

EPS – Education + Parish + Service

He began as a persecutor of Christians and ended as Christianity’s great apostle. Delve into the conversion story of St. Paul, and examine the significance of his mission for us today when the EPS Forum presents, “For Me, to Live is Christ: The Apostle Paul in the 21st Century,” Wednesdays, March 18—April 29, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk. The Forum will conclude with a Pauline Morning of Reflection, presented by Bishop William Lori. For topics and instructors see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>. Register: epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu or 203-847-2363. Suggested donation: \$150 for six-week series.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also referred to as the Sacrament of Conversion. Scripture calls conversion *metanoia*, which describes it as an interior transformation. Conversion is a response of being loved by God. In this conversion we realize that it is through God’s love that we are saved. Our part is to be open to the gift of God’s love—which is to be open to grace. Through Confession one can receive this grace from God. Our Holy Father teaches us that “the Lenten season reminds us that in our Christian life we must always aspire to conversion and that when we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently the desire for Gospel perfection is kept alive in believers.” This Lent, take the time to read Bishop Lori’s Pastoral Letter which can be found at www.bridgportdiocese.com. The website also contains other resources on how to make a good confession. Whether you have not received the Sacrament in 3 months or 30 years, come, “be reconciled to God” (2Corinthians 5:20). Then we can say with conviction the words from today’s Opening Prayer “restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and a change of heart.” Every Tuesday at every parish in the Diocese Confession is available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

A Live Musical Show! Presented by 1st-6th grade students. The musical “**Cinderella**” will be performed at the Edmund Town Hall Friday, March 13th @ 7 p.m. and again Saturday, March 14th @ 2:30. Come see some wonderful, young talent performing a delightful show. Including a number of St. Rose children. For tickets call: 203-304-1235 Sabrina’s Encore Productions Or purchase as available at the door.

FAITH & REASON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE FRESHMEN 2009

Thomas More College in Merrimack, NH is awarding \$120,000 to incoming Freshmen who win the Faith and Reason essay contest. After reading Pope Benedict XVI’s Regensburg Address of 2006 as well as the address to educators at CUA in 2008, applicants are invited to submit an essay of 2 to 3 pages in answer to the question: “How should the student display courage and engage the whole breadth of reason?” For more information go online at www.thomasmorecollege.edu or contact Jessica Rock at (800) 880-8308. admissions@thomasmorecollege.edu. Deadline is March 15.

MASONICARE AT NEWTOWN

A free lunch and learn program for the community entitled, “Hear and Now: Hearing Loss, Hearing Aids, and How We Can Maximize our Hearing Potential” will be held on Thursday, March 19 in the Lodge Room at Masonicare at Newtown (formerly Ashlar of Newtown). Hillary Lewis, MA, CC-A, an audiologist with Masonicare Health Center in Wallingford, will present the program. A complimentary lunch will be served at 12 noon, and the program will begin at 12:15 p.m. If you would like to attend, please call 1-888-679-9997 to make your reservation. Masonicare at Newtown is located at 139 Toddy Hill Road, Newtown.



SCOUT TROOP 370 MULCH FUNDRAISER

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

AROUND THE COMMUNITY continued

CAROLINE HOUSE

Founded in 1995 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Caroline House is in the economically blighted area of Bridgeport's East Side. We strive through education and support to break the chain of poverty and empower women to improve their own lives and the lives of their children. We teach English and literacy skills to immigrant women and children.

A benefit is being held to aid Caroline House on April 3rd starting at 7 p.m. at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, CT. Join us for Martinis and Mingle with international foods and martini bar. Tickets are \$125 per person with silent and live auction items available at every price range. Contact Mary Ellen Gavin, Development Director at 203-334-0640 or Maryellen.gavin@snet.net for tickets or further information.

CAROLYN'S PLACE PRO-LIFE MASS AND 2009 ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 6:30 P.M.

Come pray with us at the Carolyn's Place Pro-Life Mass followed by our 2009 Annual Meeting. It will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a Mass to celebrate life. It will be held at Our Lady of Loreto Church, 12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT. We will update you on the year's blessings as we continue to minister our life-affirming commitment to the community. PLEASE JOIN US!

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA--This is an invitation to mothers and step-mothers of any child currently serving or who has already served in the military with an honorable discharge to join the Northern Fairfield County Chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America.

The BSM of America is a non-partisan, non-political, non-profit organization. We are there for our children while they serve our country. We support them during their deployments and when they return home. We also support each other while our children serve in the various branches of the Armed Forces.

The Northern Fairfield County Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7PM at the Stony Hill Fire House in Bethel on Route 6. Our next meeting is **March 10 at 7PM**. Come join our group. Any questions, please contact Pat Wilson-Perkins at (203)797-1967 or Stephania Naiman at 748-7976.

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.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY continued

DIVINE MERCY HEALING MASSES

Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Assumption Church

98 Riverside Avenue

Westport, CT

Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church

169 Black Rock Tpk., Rte. 58

Redding Ridge

Celebrant: Fr. Richard McAlear, O.M.I. – Father has had a full time healing ministry since 1976 taking him worldwide. His focus is on the Eucharist as our ultimate Healer.

For more information please call Dian Mayo 203-938-2113

"WE ARE CALLED...FINDING OUR LIFE'S PURPOSE" is the theme this season for weekend retreats at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center. Come away and rest for a while. Walk our beautiful 48 acres and discover our new labyrinth. Revive your body, soul and mind by going on retreat. For details and to register visit our website at www.holyfamilyretreat.org. For additional information, (860) 521-0440. If this weekend is inconvenient, plan to attend another weekend with a friend. There are many available weekends listed on our website! Men's Retreat: **March 20 to 22, 2009**

Women's Retreat: **June 5 to 7, 2009**

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center is located at 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107

BIRTHRIGHT INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER.

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

GOSPEL OF LIFE SOCIETY

Meets at St. Mary, Norwalk, 669 West Avenue 06850

Eileen Bianchini (203) 847-5727 or stmarygols@aol.com

March 14 – Come to spend some time with **Deacon David Reynolds**, CT Catholic Conference who will exchange information on issues important to the Catholic Church at **10:00 after 9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass at St. Mary, Norwalk.**

He will also review FOCA, the results of our postcard drives, and the current strategy to get one of our key pro-life bills passed in CT – the parental involvement and mandatory counseling for teens 17 years and under. We will use a round table format so we can share our ideas with David and enjoy open discussions. Please plan to join us and bring some friends! Refreshments will be served!

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