

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – March 15, 2009

**Sunday, March 15**

7:30 p.m.

Men's CRHP Evening of Discipleship 1

**Monday, March 16**

7-10

Women's CRHP (2)

7:00 p.m.

Men's Eve of Recollection

**Tuesday, March 17**

9:30 a.m.

WEBS (2)

10:00 a.m.

Job Network Support Group

6:30-9 & 8-9:30 p.m.

Al-Anon (2)

7-9 p.m.

Lenten Reconciliation (1)

7:15 p.m.

Lay Missionaries of Charity

**Wednesday, March 18**

9-11:30 a.m.

Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)

3:30-5 p.m.

Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)

7:00 p.m.

Women Eve of Recollection

7:00 p.m.

Special Moms Prayer Group

7:30 p.m.

Folk Choir (1)

**Thursday, March 19**

10:15 a.m.

Spiritual Journey (2)

3-4 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration (7)

7:15 p.m.

Boy Scouts (5)

7:30 p.m.

RCIA (2)

8:00 p.m.

Prayer Group (2)

**Friday, March 20**

7:15 a.m.

Men's CRHP Prayer (2)

10:30

Friday Bible Study (2)

12 noon

Stations of the Cross (1)

3-4

Divine Mercy Adoration (7)

Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy

all evening

Sr. Youth Group Retreat

6-10 p.m.

Natural Family Planning (2)

7:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (1)

**Saturday, March 21**

All day

Sr. Youth Group Retreat

8 a.m.

Pre-Cana Class (8)

6:30 p.m.

AA Meeting (2)

**LOCATION:**

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

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the local agriculture industry and economy. In places like Oromia, where sustainability is based entirely on agriculture, food security is alarmingly low. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from Catholic Relief Services (CRS). In addition to funding the important international relief work of CRS, The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports legal and resettlement services for refugees, advocacy, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in next week's Collection.



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, March 16**

6:45 Patricia O'Neil Anna McMahon  
9:00 Joseph Cavanaugh Family

**Tuesday, March 17**

6:45 Douglas Ruffles, Sr. Mary Ruffles  
9:00 Eileen & Kevin Comerford Family

**Wednesday, March 18**

6:45 Grace Dennen Dennen Family  
9:00 Edward Urban, Jr. Mother

**Thursday, March 19**

6:45 Jimmy & Kathleen McVeigh Lanza Family  
9:00 Ann, Mary & Victor Mulcahy Pat & Ed Matthews

**Friday, March 20**

6:45 Maria Fileccia Chuck Francesco  
9:00 Irene Murphy McEmber Family

**Saturday, March 21**

8:00 Marie A. Krompinger Wendi O'Donnell  
4:00 Mildred, Paul & Irene Leavy Mary Maye  
5:30 Ann Reinhart Dorothy & Jim McKay

**Sunday, March 22**

7:30 Bethany Mass  
9:00 Josefa Pferrer Blanca & Gary Sheehan  
10:30 Tina Katz Diane Sekul  
12:00 Michael DeVietro Wife

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Edward & Frances Simonovich as requested by family.

Thank you for your support!	
Collection for March 8, 2009	\$18,156.00
Children's Collection	19.80
Collection for March 9, 2008	\$14,879.00
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 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.

**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 are available in the bulletin and in the Church vestibule.

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**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

As we begin the THIRD WEEK OF LENT, we are reminded of the great commandments given by God for all generations to follow. It is so easy for us to review these Ten Commandments and quickly judge ourselves free of violating any of them. These commandments (not suggestions!) are timeless in their nature and can be applied to all generations from the day they were given to us to the present moment. We need to not just rattle through them, but we need to examine ourselves in light of them. If we are to be honest with ourselves and reflect on these commandments with a special focus on these contemporary times, we might not be as guilt-free as we picture ourselves.

**I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. YOU SHALL HAVE NO FALSE GODS BEFORE ME.**

- Who are the gods we worship in our lives? Wealth? Power? Status? Sports? Technology?
- What are the priorities that guide my lifestyle and choices?
- Am I committed to the Lord and His ways or focused on my ways?

**YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD IN VAIN.**

- Do we use the name of God carelessly in our everyday conversation?
- Do we use His name in a perverse manner or in conjunction with swearing?
- Do I have an issue with swearing and foul language that is offensive and inappropriate?

**REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY.**

- How do I spend my Sundays? In rest? In recreation? In work?
- Is the Lord's day any different from any other day?
- Do I intentionally miss Mass in order to do other things?
- Am I keeping my child away from church because of my priorities?
- Am I consistently late for Mass or always leave early?

**HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.**

- Am I respectful of my mother and father? Am I honest with them?
- Do I show my gratitude to them?
- Do I deliberately avoid contact with them?
- Do I harbor grudges or hate toward one of my parents?
- Am I resentful of my obligations toward my parents?

**YOU SHALL NOT KILL.**

- Have I physically harmed or abused another?
- Have I psychologically or emotionally abused another?
- Have I had an abortion or condoned an abortion?
- Have I wished harm to come to another?

**YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.**

- Have I been unfaithful in my marriage?
- Have I engaged in inappropriate behavior with a married person?
- Have I been too flirtatious with a person or led them on in a suggestive way?
- Have I engaged in pornography?

**YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.**

- Have I taken things from work or from another person without their knowledge or permission?
- Have I cheated another?
- Have I copied another's work or taken credit for something I did not do?
- Am I quick to return something that I found or something I took from another?

**YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST ANOTHER.**

- Do I lie?
- Do I gossip?
- Do I avoid the truth to avoid punishment or embarrassment?
- Can I be trusted?

**YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE**

- Are my thoughts of another pure and respectful of the person?
- Do I engage in fantasies about another person?
- Is masturbation an issue for me?
- Do I dress or behave in inappropriate ways to elicit sexual thoughts about myself?

**YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.**

- Am I jealous of what others possess?
- Am I resentful of another's successes and achievements?
- Do I harbor grudges or negative feelings toward another because of their material goods?
- Am I unwilling to work to my capacity in order to advance myself or provide for my family?

Please take some time this Third Week of Lent and reflect on how well you are living the commandments given to us by God. It is good to be honest with ourselves when it comes to these ways to holiness. Do not be afraid to seek God's forgiveness and peace.

This week we are hosting our annual Lenten EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTION. Our men are invited to join us on Monday, March 16, and our women on Wednesday, March 18 in the Gathering Hall. Our speaker is Fr. Domenic Roscioli from the Diocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His topic is: ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A CATHOLIC FIFTH GRADER? FINDING OUR WAY HOME TO GOD. The evening will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall followed by Fr. Domenic's talk. All men and women are invited to join us for the evening of prayer, wit and wisdom. There is no need to make a reservation for the evening. Due to the economic situation, we will not be serving dinner as we have in the past. Light refreshments will be available. A free will offering will be taken at the conclusion of the evening.

Many people asked what the large "100" sign in front of the school last weekend referred to....Friday, March 6 marked 100 days until our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates!

Thanks to everyone who took the time to contact our legislators about the proposed change in the corporate structure of the Catholic Church by the State of Connecticut. I am also very grateful to everyone who traveled to Hartford for the hearing. Because the bulletin goes to press before the hearing took place, I will advise you at this weekend's Mass of the status of the pending bill.

Thanks to everyone who has been supporting this year's ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL...NOW MORE THAN EVER! I pray that everyone will do their best to help the parish reach our goal of \$215,000 to support the good works and charities of the Diocese of Bridgeport. To date, \$72,000. has been pledged or gifted to the campaign by our parish. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to reach out to so many in need by your generous gift.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**An ipod was found in the parking lot at the Religious Ed. office. Please call the office to inquire 426-2333 x 0**

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

#### God's Proof of Love

Words cannot come close to convey the enormity of St. Paul's statement about God's love for us. Lent, however, is the time to remember *who* we are and *whose* we are. Our lives are cluttered with so much, but in the final analysis, who comes first is our Creator, our God. When our relationship with God is in order, everything else in our life is in order. The beauty of our Catholic tradition is that there are many ways to deepen our relationship with God – increased prayer, meditation, service, contemplation, stations of the cross, Reconciliation, daily Mass – just to name a few. The important thing is that we do *something* this Lent that *brings us closer to our God* -- who showed his enormous love for us by giving up His life so that we will have everlasting life.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Rites celebrated with catechumens on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent are called the (a) Sacraments of Initiation; (b) Exorcisms; (c) Scrutinies; (d) doxologies

#### Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy is next weekend, March 28 at the 5:30 Mass. At this Mass, we welcome all Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts – those in St. Rose troops and those in community troops. All Scouts are encouraged to attend this Mass in their scout uniform. A picture will be taken after Mass. We thank all the Scout leaders for helping with this special Liturgy.

#### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15 (on the stage of the hall), & March 29 (Msgr. Conroy Room) – all from 3:00-5:00. April 9<sup>th</sup> rehearsal time TBA, and there will be a rehearsal before the 12:00 performance on April 10. Please call the Religious Ed. 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.

#### Butterfly Weekend: March 28-29

During all Masses this weekend, children preparing to receive First Communion will bring their butterfly banners to Mass. These "butterflies" will decorate their family pew on First Communion Day.

#### Adult Formation

#### Are You Smarter Than a Catholic 5<sup>th</sup> Grader? Find our Way Home to God

#### Save the Date: Lenten Evenings of Recollection

The Men's and Women's Evenings of Recollection will take place on **Monday, March 16 and Wednesday March 18**. We will begin with Mass at 7:00 in the Hall followed by the guest speaker, Fr. Dominic Roscioli, who comes to us from Wisconsin. He is a story-teller and an inspirational speaker. 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 19 from 10:15-11:15**, we welcome **Jack Hickey-Williams 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu) or 203.847.2363. Suggested donation: \$150 for six-week series.

#### 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 St. Patrick Day (March 17) & St. Joseph (March 19).

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** (c) The Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance for the catechumens preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. The catechumens at St. Rose meet during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday mornings (in addition to their Thursday evening meeting). Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at St. Rose Parish at the Easter Vigil.

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**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES**

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

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

**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:** Corner entertainment center, oak, bi-fold doors, 6' high armoire style, and 32" TV.

**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.

**THE ELIZABETH MINISTRY BOOK CLUB**

For March, the Elizabeth Ministry Book Club is reading *3 Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. For details call Anne Annesley at 364-0676.

**SPECIAL MOMS PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Special Moms is an ecumenical prayer group for women of Newtown who have a special needs child of any age in their life. We meet to read scripture, pray for our families and encourage each other. Social time starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by our prayer meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come feel God's love through these special women who gather to support one another! For more information call Anne Marie at 270-7344 or email [riehayes@snet.net](mailto:riehayes@snet.net).

**PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRY**

The Outreach Ministry Office is seeking your help in identifying those parishioners who are home-bound or in Nursing Homes, and those recuperating from surgery or serious illness and cannot come to church but would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit. Also, many times a parishioner is in the hospital and we at St. Rose are unaware of this. Weekly visits are made to parishioners in Danbury Hospital who list themselves during their admission process as St. Rose parishioners. Parishioners in other hospitals can be visited if a family member calls the parish and requests a visit. If you have a family member in any of the above situations and would like someone to visit, please call Sister Mary Ellen at the Outreach Office 426-2572, ext. 11. If Sister is out visiting parishioners, 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 this weekend after all masses. This is FREE service. Please stop by and see us. We will be in the reconciliation room in the front of the church, to the right of the organ.

**HEALTH TIP:**

**Happy Hour for Your Heart:** You know that eating fish is a great way to get more heart-healthy omega 3s. But drinking wine? It seems so. Wine itself doesn't have any omega-3s, but research suggests that a bit of wine—not too much, not too little--somehow boosts blood levels of the fatty acids. What's Up with Wine? Researchers aren't sure why wine has this effect, but they suspect that polyphenols—key antioxidant compounds in wine—may play a role. Still, there's a caveat with this health message: Alcohol may only be right for some people's health—and then, only in moderation. And drinking may have no benefits before a certain age. TIP: One bottle of wine contains five glassfuls, but an opened bottle of wine that sits around for 5 days will oxidize, giving a daily treat a bad taste. Save your money. Stopper and vacuum-seal opened bottles. It takes only seconds to make the first pour as great as the last.

**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)  
\$ 5.00 Students and Seniors (65+):  
Tickets are on sale at the Fish Fry and in the parish office



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

Thank you to all who attended the retreat with the **Sisters of Life**. Sister Veronica's presentation was truly inspirational!

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

**SIDEWALK PRAYER: every Tuesday and 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.**

Abortion, fetal experimentation, infanticide and euthanasia are four walls of America's coffin. Don't delay! Join the pro-life movement today!

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

### **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.**

### **CRHP CORNER**

Women's Spring Retreat Weekend is April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register, please contact Donna Rahtelli at 203-426-7776 or email [ConnRhonda@aol.com](mailto:ConnRhonda@aol.com)  
**Flyers are available at all church entrances.**

There will be a Men's Evening of Discipleship on March 15. All past CRHP participants are invited to provide prayer support for this evening in the church at 7 p.m. We invite all men from past Christ Renews His Parish weekend retreats to please prayerfully consider whether it is again time to make the way in your heart, by heeding the call to step forward for Team 9. If you have been on a formation team, consider being a spiritual director for team 9. If you have not been on a formation team, consider joining team 9 as a team member. Anyone who is discerning whether to step forward as a spiritual director or as a team member should consider the great benefits of those roles, and should feel free to speak with any of the past or current spiritual directors and team members or to contact John Barry at [johnp@itechp.com](mailto:johnp@itechp.com) or 426-2682.

### **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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rachel (Askue) Hoffman  
Lt. Kathryn Hughes  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Tucker Hughes  
Major David A. Johnson  
Capt. Matthew A. LaRocco  
CWO Joseph Letourneau  
Sgt. John Martus  
Lt. Col. Mary Sara Moore  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Donald B. Naiman  
Capt. Gregory Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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**



The Knights would like to remind everybody that the Toy Closet remains open all year long. Whether you need a toy for someone or would like to donate for someone in need, contact Bob Buchanan at 426-6195.

Our next council meeting is in the Msgr. Conroy Room on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the meeting will get underway at 7:30 p.m.

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](mailto:kirk.babyak@charter.net).



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

**5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: March 27 Game Night.** We will be playing indoor and outdoor games. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. **Cost \$3.00.**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> grade to explore different ways to serve those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The group called "God's Do Gooders" meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month to plan for this trip and for local service projects. For all interested teens, our next meeting is Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

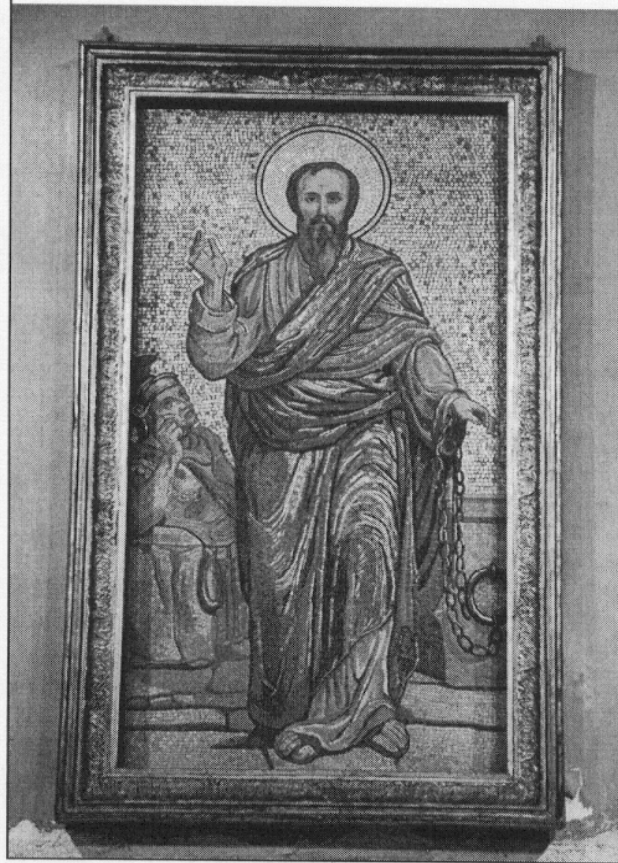
*March 15, 2009*

**St. Rose Catholic Forum**

*In cooperation with the Diocese of Bridgeport presents*

**In Charge of the Fire**

*A Play about Paul of Tarsus*



*This mosaic is found in the St. Paolo Alla Regola Church in Rome which is built over the house St. Paul was chained in for two years before his beheading. It is also the setting for the play.*

*Directed by Father Peter John Cameron, editor of **Magnificat**  
Blackfriars Repertory Theatre*

**Sunday March 29, 2009 - 7:00 pm**

**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

## Third Sunday of Lent

### AROUND THE DIOCESE FREE CONCERT-BRIDGEPORT DIOCESAN CHOIR

On Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., the Bridgeport Diocesan Choir will present The Seven Last Words of Christ, A Sacred Cantata by Theodore Dubois. Under the direction of Mr. David Forbes McCaffrey, III, Diocesan Music Director, the chorus of 40 voices represents parishes throughout the diocese and sings for major functions held at the cathedral. The concert is free and open to the public.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Today's first reading talks about the Law of Moses, the Ten Commandments. We as Christians strive to live by these laws. In observing these laws we should be motivated by love. When someone breaks one of the Commandments given to us by God, we have the opportunity to be reconciled with ourselves, with others, and with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember that every Tuesday at every parish in the Diocese Confession is available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. "The most important part of receiving this Sacrament", says Pope Benedict, "is to make clear that in the Sacrament of Penance—whatever the sin committed—if the sinner recognizes it humbly and entrust themselves to the priest confessor, they will always experience the soothing joy of God's forgiveness."

### "WHITE MASS" FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual White Mass for Catholic health care professionals in Fairfield County will be celebrated by Bishop William E. Lori on Sunday, March 22, at 8:30 a.m. at Saint Aloysius Parish in New Canaan. Breakfast will immediately follow at the Woodway Country Club in Darien. The guest speaker will be Edmund D. Pellegrino, M.D., Chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics and Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Medical Ethics and Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Georgetown University. His topic will be the new bioethical instruction of the Holy See, Dignitas Personae, posted now on: [www.usccb.org/comm/Dignitaspersonae](http://www.usccb.org/comm/Dignitaspersonae). This promises to be a very informative and interesting event. All are welcome. Breakfast tickets: \$25. For more information and tickets, contact Donna Schmidt: (203) 416-1457 or email [dschmidt@diobpt.org](mailto:dschmidt@diobpt.org).

### QUO VADIS HIGH SCHOOL VOCATION CLUB FOR BOYS

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the Saint John Fisher Seminary Residence in Stamford, Mass, dinner, meeting. All high school boys are welcome. RSVP by calling (203) 322-5331 or email [vocations@HearTheCall.org](mailto:vocations@HearTheCall.org).

### MORNING GLORY

Morning Glory in Danbury seeks volunteers to assist in preparing and serving breakfast to the disadvantaged, Monday-Friday; 6:30-9 a.m. at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. For more information, call Michele Conderino: 748-0848, ext. 231.

MTA METRO-NORTH RAILROAD offers frequent service into and out of Grand Central Terminal for New York City's 248<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade up 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Watch for advertisements in local newspapers or call 800-METRO-INFO (800-638-7646); in NYC, call 212-532-4900 for schedule and fare information. And, if you're traveling in a group of 10 or more, Metro-North offers great discounted group travel rates. For group rate information, call 212-499-4398.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in placing an order please contact [ctyankee321@charter.net](mailto:ctyankee321@charter.net) or call 426-4696 and a scout will return your call. Orders and payment must be placed no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>. Remember besides receiving quality garden products we **DELIVER** to your door.

### FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL, CFR--SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE SHOW

If you and your family would like to be part of the audience for Fr. Benedict's Sunday Night Live Show at ITV studio at St. Joseph Seminary – on a Sunday evening @ 6:30 p.m., please call Natalie at 914-235-6839 between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays. (no live show April 12).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Vacation Bible School is back at St. Rose this summer, July 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>! VBS is open to children who are 4 years old by 12/31/09 who have completed one year of preschool through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms will be available on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in the back of the church. Many adult and youth volunteers are needed to make this event a success. VBS is a fun-filled, spiritual week so consider volunteering this year! Nursery services are available for volunteer's younger children. Contact Michele Buzzi at 426-2374, [mbuzzijr@att.net](mailto:mbuzzijr@att.net) or Dot Perpignand at 270-7828, [dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net)

### NEWTOWN PARENT CONNECTION

The **second "Parent University"** will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Newtown Middle School, 11 Queen Street. All sessions, childcare, and meals are free.

This year's program keynote address features well-known motivational speaker and educator Norm Bossio!

Parent University is offered to parents who wish to be proactive and learn positive parenting strategies for raising children of all ages.

For details on course content, schedule, childcare, registration, etc., please visit our website or call 270-1600 if you have any questions.

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