

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – March 22, 2009

Sunday, March 22

All masses
7:30 a.m. Relig. Articles/Cares Box
12:00 noon Bethany Mass (1)
7-10 p.m. Home Schooled Mass
Men's CRHP Mtg. (2)

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

9:30-11 a.m. WEBS (2)
10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group

Wednesday, March 25 (Annunciation)

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play 2
7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, March 26

3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)
7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)
8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, March 27 (Stations at 12 noon & 7:30 p.m.)

10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy

Saturday, March 28

10-11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg. (2)
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Easter Boutique/Plant Sale
5:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy (1)

LOCATION:

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

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The State Department estimates that nearly 5 million people have been displaced, forced to leave their homes, because of the war in Iraq. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. Of the 50,000 total refugees authorized to enter the United States in 2007, nearly one-third were helped by USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, one organization receiving funds from the Collection. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in today's collection.

BETHANY MASS

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those parishioners who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. This Sunday, March 22nd, at the 7:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way, Roxie Define, Genevieve Maron, Francis Fortin, Stephen Pekar, and Nicholas DeLeo, 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 Stephanian Naiman, Coordinators (748-7976)**

Bereavement Support Group, a meeting for those who wish to find support through prayer, scripture and sharing of personal experience while grieving a loss. The group will have its first meeting on April 19th, 2009 from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room on the main floor of 38 Church Hill Rd. Meetings will take place monthly every 3rd Sunday from 7-8 p.m. For more info contact Suzanne Brown (203)364-9796.

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, March 23

6:45 Mary Abell Anna McMahon
9:00 Herman Pastore Msgr. Robert Weiss

Tuesday, March 24

6:45 Fran Reilly A friend
9:00 Aurora Martinez Maryann Huniyack

Wednesday, March 25 (Annunciation)

6:45 Rudolphe Gaulin Gaulin-McKenzie Family
9:00 Lawrence Rice The Steele Family

Thursday, March 26

6:45 Fran Reilly K of C Council #185
9:00 Warren, Julia, & Paula & Lenny Schaible
John Geoghan

Friday, March 27

6:45 Jaime Alcantara Family
9:00 Olga Trefilek The D' Alessandro Family

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

8:00 Helen Urban Rosemarie Cavanaugh
4:00 Vernon & Richard Rohde Emma Rohde
5:30 Joanne Cwikla Newman Family

Sunday, March 29

7:30 Joanne Cwikla The Marusa Family
9:00 Children of Mary & Mary Ruffles
Douglas Ruffles (L)
10:30 Michael S. Lucas, Sr. The Lucas Family
12:00 Irene Murphy The Farrell Family

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Peggy Baiad as requested by Fran Gargano.

Thank you for your support!	
Collection for March 15, 2009	\$20,340.00
Children's Collection	29.15
Collection for March 16, 2008	\$26,272.00
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 Church vestibule.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

Spring has sprung, and we have arrived at the mid-point of Lent as we gather for the FOURTH WEEK in this holy season of grace. I pray that these days have been ones of deeper prayer and greater faith as a result of our Lenten penances, sacrifices and good works. In the tradition of the Church this is known as LAETARE SUNDAY which refers to the Latin word, REJOICE! We are drawing nearer to our observance of the life-saving events of Holy Week when Christ gave His life for all times and for all peoples and gained for us our hope for salvation. The Gospel reminds us that God gave His Son to us out of His infinite love and boundless mercy. Referring to Jesus as the light in the midst of the darkness of the world is a powerful image and one upon which we should reflect this week. We need to discover the darkness of our own lives which has been created by our sin and seek out the compassion and forgiveness that will bring us back to the light. We also need to clear the darkness of this world that has uprooted so many of the teachings of Jesus Christ and help one another walk in the light of God. We are told that our faith will preserve us and keep us free from condemnation, which is why we need to pray for all those who have turned away from faith and the practice of religion, especially the Holy Eucharist. Without Jesus, there is no life. Without following God's ways we are headed to even more destruction of human life and spirit. The many abuses that are part of this world are the direct result of so many using God's gift of free will for their own end and purpose rather than for the good of all. We can count the days until we gather for Easter. Please take advantage of them. If your Lent has not been off to a very good start, begin today! It is never too late to show thanksgiving to God for His goodness to each of us. As Saint Paul tells us: "For we are his handiwork, created in Jesus Christ for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."

Just a reminder...each Tuesday of Lent all the churches of the Diocese will be open from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. for parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Penance. We have had a very positive response from the parish during the first few weeks of Lent, and many have come to be reconciled with God and to find peace. Please do not be afraid to accept God's grace through this sacrament. If you are uncomfortable coming to our parish, please take the time to visit a neighboring parish where the priests will also be available. This is a golden opportunity and one that should not be neglected.

Please keep the youth of our parish who are on retreat this weekend in your prayers, as well as the many adults who are directing and assisting them. This is a great time of grace and healing for our teens who have to face so many issues in their daily lives. Keeping them close to Jesus and to His teachings is an essential part of maturation and spiritual development. These young people can teach us so much about the power and goodness of faith, and we want to keep them as active participants in the Catholic Church as they grow into adulthood. Please encourage your high school student to become a part of our youth ministry program.

Welcome to the couples who this Saturday participated in the Marriage Preparation Program (Pre-Cana) sponsored by the parish. These 23 couples will be married over the next several months. They have taken time together this weekend to reflect on their relationships and some of the challenges they may face once they are married. We all know that the odds of a successful marriage in these times are not the greatest, but we have hope that these couples will have the faith and strength they need to grow together and remain in love for all the days to come. We welcome their parents and members of their families who have joined with us for the Saturday 4:00 p.m. liturgy.

This Sunday the health professionals of our diocese are gathering for the Annual White Mass. The liturgy is being celebrated at St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan followed by a breakfast and awards ceremony at Woodway Country Club in Darien. The diocese has added a special feature to this celebration by awarding one healthcare professional from each of the five vicariates of the Diocese the FATHER RUFIN COMPASSIONATE CARE AWARD. The recipient of this award is our own Dr. Michael Taweh, the founder of Kevin's Community Center. This is a wonderful recognition of a man who turned a tragedy into a gift for others. Congratulations, Dr. Taweh...and thanks from all of us!

This weekend we are having the annual CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION. This collection gives direct assistance to the most needy in our world. This prayer is offered to remind us of our obligation to assist each other:
In the poor and lowly of the world, let us see Christ.
In those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine, let us see Christ.
In children who go to bed hungry and cannot attend school, let us see Christ.
In those who are living with HIV/AIDS and other diseases, let us see Christ.
In those who are orphaned or abandoned, let us see Christ.
In the elderly and forgotten, let us see Christ.
In those struggling to find meaningful work, let us see Christ.
In those who work for justice and peace for all people, let us see Christ. Amen.

NEXT WEEKEND, TWO VERY IMPORTANT EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR PARISH....

The annual spring FOOD COLLECTION will be taken at all Masses. We are receiving more requests than usual for assistance, so please take some time and pick up some food to bring to mass with you next weekend.

The annual EASTER BOUTIQUE AND PLANT SALE will take place on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. As many of you know, I began these boutiques to help raise funds which has enabled us to pay off the debt we had upon my arrival as well as to help finance the new building. I have been spending many hours making Easter baskets of all shapes and sizes as well as many other Easter and spring related items. Everything is very reasonably priced and of good quality, so please stop by and show your support. IF YOU HAVE NO NEED FOR AN EASTER BASKET FOR SOMEONE, PERHAPS YOU MIGHT PURCHASE ONE THAT WE CAN DONATE TO THE LOCAL CHARITIES, AGENCIES AND SHELTERS.

I hope you will support both of these efforts with your generosity.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Lent invites us to be aware of how alienated and sinful humankind can be, but return is always possible through Christ our Lord. Looking to Christ means looking with faith and repentance. Lent is a time when one can receive grace and peace. Our Holy Father has said, "The grace of the sacrament may support and nourish the commitment to be faithful disciples of the Lord." The opening prayer of today's Mass reminds us that Jesus spoke of peace to a sinful world and brought humankind the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. We too can experience that gift of reconciliation through Confession. We can receive that gift on Tuesday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at any parish in the Diocese when Confession will be offered. Like the Prodigal Son, we can come back to our Father's house and echo the words of the happy father at the return of his son "For my son was lost and is now found." (Luke 15:24).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Light of Christ – How Are We Reflecting It?

It is so easy to get side-tracked when we look at what God has done for us. So often, the light of Christ can be used to accentuate the blemishes in others instead of what Christ intended. Christ desires that His light shine through us so that others may know the warmth of His love. When you find yourself shining a light on the faults of others, ask God's help to be a beacon of hope instead. In today's second reading, St. Paul overwhelms us with the message of God's mercy. If we expect mercy from God, we must be merciful to others as well.

Reflection Question: When did you first experience God as saving you rather than condemning you?

Enriching My Catholic IQ: The Old Testament book called Ecclesiasticus in some translations is known as (a) Sirach; (b) Psalms; (c) Jeremiah; (d) Esther.

Seder: Every year the sixth grade students learn about the Seder meal since they are studying the Old Testament. This Seder teaching begins Sunday March 22 and is led by Mandy Monaco. We are grateful to Mandy for helping the students understand this important meal. Parents are welcome to attend their child's class this week to learn also.

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.

First Communion Clothing

If these economic times are making it a little difficult, please take advantage of the many dresses and suits in the Religious Education Office for those who are receiving First Communion this year.

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 prepared and delivers a healthy breakfast to the homeless in Danbury area.

Living Stations of the Cross

On **Good Friday, April 10th at noon**, there will be a live Stations of the Cross for children. There is a rehearsal on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 in the school for those leading the stations.

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.

Confirmation Rehearsals

Please check the specific date of your rehearsal for your particular ceremony. Rehearsals are March 30, 31 and April 1 from 7:00-8:15 beginning in the parish hall. Student and Sponsor (or parent) must attend. There is a reader and gift bearer practice immediately following rehearsal, and an additional practice for readers on April 2.

Please keep our Confirmands in prayer during this final phase of their preparation to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

Adult Formation

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 26 from 10:15-11:15**, we welcome guest speaker from St. Augustine Cathedral, **Jackie Musante**. She will lead a discussion about the importance of prayer during Lent. 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 Bpt. offers classes for adults, both on-site and on-line. For a list of classes and for registration please visit the Diocesan website at: <http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com/ps-stcyril.asp>

This week we celebrate St. Toribio de Mogrovejo (March 23) and the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25)

Answer to Catholic IQ: (a) The book of Sirach is not accepted as canonical by Protestants and Jews, but is included in the Catholic canon. It is part of the Wisdom literature of the Bible, offering advice for daily living. Since Lent is a time of increased prayer life, this week, begin to read the book of Sirach, and to live by its teachings. An example of Sirach 13:25 – "The sign of a good heart is a cheerful countenance; withdrawn and perplexed is the laborious schemer."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School is back at St. Rose this summer, July 20-24th! VBS is open to children who are 4 years old by 12/31/09 who have completed one year of preschool through those entering 6th grade. Registration forms will be available on Sunday, April 19th 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 or Dot Perpignand at 270-7828, dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

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

Also this 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.

Next weekend: March 28 & 29 will be our annual Lenten food drive weekend. *For needed items please check the Food Drive page in this bulletin.* 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)

During the following week, Monday through Wednesday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. we will really need your help to sort and repackage the foods according to the needs of the organizations to which it will be distributed. Come join us on the stage of the new gathering room for an hour or two.

The following Saturday, April 4, at 9:00 a.m., we will need help to load the food into vehicles and also to deliver it. Many hands do make light work. If you have a van or pickup truck bring that as well, but we need your help with or without a delivery vehicle. If enough hands show up, we'll have the gathering room stage emptied in less than an hour.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The St. Rose Women's Club and the Men of St. Rose will participate in the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

KRISTEN VELSMID, COORDINATOR- 426-2573

Parish Nurses always welcome new members. Please call 426-2573 for more information.

Nothing could be healthier for your heart than a plateful of raw veggies, right? Actually, a little steam treatment could be even better. New research suggests that steaming might improve the cholesterol-lowering capabilities of certain produce. **Lost in Digestion** When researchers tested the digestive effects of both raw and steamed veggies -- beets, okra, carrots, eggplant, green beans, asparagus, and cauliflower -- something interesting happened. It's not clear why, but the steamed veggies did a better job of binding to bile acids. And that's a good thing. It means more bile acids get excreted, which in turn means the liver needs more bad LDL cholesterol to make bile -- which means there's less LDL circulating in your body. **Veggie Contingency Plan.** Raw or steamed, your goal is to eat at least five servings of vegetables every day.

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.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CHRP) CORNER

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 email ConnRhonda@aol.com. Flyers are available at all church entrances.

The next CRHP Monthly Mass will be **Sunday, April 5th at 9 a.m.** Refreshments will be served in the gathering hall following the Mass.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

Come and Celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord at St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown, CT on Wed., March 25th. After the 9 o'clock Mass, we will pray the Rosary to our Lady in thanksgiving for her gift to us! Sponsored by St. Rose Pro-Life/Pro-Family.

CONNECTICUT RIGHT TO LIFE CORPORATION

"Young 4 Life - the Whole Truth" The Connecticut Right to Life Corporation will be co-sponsoring a Pro-Life Youth Conference with the AHF Teens of Pro-Life Club from the Academy of the Holy Family in Baltic, CT. 860-822-9272. 54 West Main Street Baltic, CT www.ahfbaltic.org Saturday, March 28, 2009 3 to 8 PM. All Connecticut high school students are invited to attend. The Academy of the Holy Family is located in eastern Connecticut about 8 miles north of Norwich, off of I-395, Exit 83. There is no charge to attend the conference, but students are requested to complete and submit the registration form ahead of time. For further info, call Bob Muckle - CRLC office 203-757-5213

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. (If you are writing a check, please make it payable to the center of your choice: EMC Frontline Pregnancy Centers *or* Carolyn's Place) 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.

Because God created us with free will we can make choices; the choice to do good as well as to do evil. His judgment of us will be based upon the choices we make. We will be held accountable for what we do and for what we fail to do. **CHOOSE LIFE!**

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

SCOUT TROOP 370 - GARDEN PRODUCTS SALE

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.

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

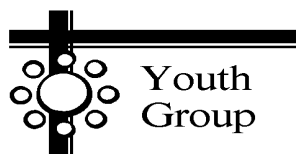


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 2nd, 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.



www.stroseyouthgroup.com

5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group - March 27 - Game Night. Snacks & refreshments provided- Cost \$3.

Senior Youth Group - The Senior Youth Group is on retreat this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

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, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

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Rev. Mr. Donald Naiman, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Norm Roos, Deacon
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