

## ST. ROSE OF LIMA

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, March 28, 2010**

**Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday)**

4:00 p.m. Festival Chorus Concert (1)  
7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

**Monday, March 29**

**Tuesday, March 30**

9:30-11 a.m. WEBS (2)  
10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group 2  
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon  
7-9 p.m. Lenten Confessions (1)

**Wednesday, March 31**

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)  
7:00 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

**Thursday, April 1 (Holy Thursday)**

3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)  
7-9 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Communion Prep 3  
7 p.m. Adult Choir (1)  
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)  
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (1)  
8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

**Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)**

7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)  
12 noon Living Stations of the Cross (1)  
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (1)  
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (1)

**Saturday, April 3 (Holy Saturday)**

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)  
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (1)

**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       |

**ST. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND**

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

We are grateful for their generosity.

**Gift of Mr. & Mrs. William Vechiola in memory of Joseph Liscinsky**

**Gift of Rebecca and Susan Chase in memory of Joseph Liscinsky**

**2011 MASS BOOK OPENING**

The 2011 Mass Book will be opening on Tuesday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the rectory. Please bring your mass requests for the year, listing alternate dates in case any dates you request are unavailable. Please consider putting more than one family member on for a Mass in order that we may accommodate our parishioners throughout the year. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, at the 7:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way: Nell Kabusk, Annette Cooper, Joycelyn Kowats, and William Snyder who have died since our last Bethany Mass. Although we miss their physical presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased parishioners, their families, and their friends.

**Deacon Don and Stephania Naiman, Coordinators (748-7976)**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, March 29**

6:45 Nicholas Breyan DeMeglio Family  
9:00 John Addressi Sister, Angeline Perrett

**Tuesday, March 30**

6:45 Viola Morrissey Marilyn Montray  
9:00 Dorothy Bresson Rosemarie Cavanaugh

**7-9 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation**

**Wednesday, March 31**

6:45 Josephine Byrnes Peggy & Tony Baiad  
9:00 Donna Nero Aloise Mulvihill

**Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday**

6:45 Morning Prayer  
9:00 Morning Prayer

**7:30 Mass of the Lord's Supper – St. Rose Parishioners**

**Friday, April 2 – Good Friday**

6:45 Morning Prayer  
9:00 Morning Prayer  
12:00 Living Stations  
3:00 Good Friday Service  
7:30 Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 3 Holy Saturday**

8:00 Morning Prayer

**7:30 Vigil-St. Rose Parishioners**

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday**

6:00 Sunrise – Tom Travers	Dennen Family
7:30 Church – Peggy Mucci Arnone	Family
9:00 Church – William Honan, Jr.	Dunseith Family
9:30 Newtown H.S. – Nora O'Sullivan	Pinckney, Teri & Kelley Families
10:30 Church – Ottavio Milito	Jeanine Parsons
11:00 Newtown H.S. – Joan Lombardi	The Brady Family
12:00 Church – Maria Alagna	John & Nella Pavia

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Andrew Bilotta as requested by his wife Laura.

The Pro-Life/Pro-Family Candle will be lit this week in memory of Nicole Ringes as requested by family.

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Janet Burke as requested by Patrick.

<b>Thank you for your support!</b>	
Collection for March 21, 2010	\$19,041.00
Children's Collection	12.93
Collection for March 22, 2009	\$19,536.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE <a href="http://strosechurch.com">strosechurch.com</a> FOR YOUR REVIEW.	



*Wedding Banns*

**II Robin Currier & Scott LaBianco**

## Dear Parishioners...

Please mark the amount of your contribution on your envelope each week. This would be a great help for the currency engineers and those who post the amount to your record of contributions. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

**HOLY WEEK, 2010!** This week we gather as Christians to remember and celebrate the most important moments and events of our faith. The journey begins today as we join with the crowds to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. Like the greeters along the streets on which Jesus walked and rode, we salute Him as our King and Savior as we hold our palms. We continue our journey to that final meal with His disciples. Who would ever guess that the traditional Passover meal would take on a whole new meaning and significance that would change our lives forever as believers? No longer simply a loaf of bread and a cup of wine, but the very life of Jesus Christ as we partake of His Body and Blood. The drama continues as he goes with His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. What a moment as He finds His disciples fast asleep, while at the same time experiencing a sense of abandonment by His Father and sees the arrival of His betrayer and the Roman army to carry Him off. He never wavers, as He knows this is the will of His Father and the only hope that we have for our salvation. Good Friday recalls the humiliation He endured along with false accusations and judgments, beatings and scourgings, the beam of a cross placed on His shoulders, His flesh being ripped open by thorns, nails, whips and spears, and finally a crucifixion. That day ends with Him being placed in a grave with those who loved Him walking away in sadness and grief. WHY? But as with all suffering, then comes the glory. HE IS RISEN! is proclaimed throughout all of Jerusalem and His persecutors, torturers, government officials, soldiers and His followers realize that this is no ordinary man...this is Jesus Christ, the Savior for whom we waited.

The ALLELUIA's quickly overtake the world, and the hope of salvation is truly ours! PLEASE DO NOT LET THESE MOMENTS PASS BY WITHOUT TAKING SOME TIME TO REFLECT ON THEIR MEANING IN OUR LIVES. We can very easily be caught up in our everyday activities this week and forget what these days mean for us as believers. Pray, sacrifice, fast and join with us as we remember and thank God for the abundance of blessings that are ours!

The **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER** schedules have been mailed to all of our registered parishioners. Copies are also available at the doors of the church this weekend. Please take one and keep it handy so that you are familiar with the times of our liturgies and services. Here is a quick review:

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Morning Prayer at 6:45 & 9:00 a.m.  
 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER at 7:30 p.m.  
 EXPOSITION until midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Morning Prayer at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.  
 LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 12:00 noon  
 SERVICE at 3:00 p.m.  
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30 p.m.

The church will be open all day for Veneration of the Cross.

**HOLY SATURDAY:** Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m.  
 Confessions from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon  
 Blessing of Food at 2:00 p.m.  
 EASTER VIGIL at 7:30 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** SUNRISE MASS AT 6:00 a.m.  
 MASSES (CHURCH): 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & 12noon  
 (N.H.S.): 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Thanks for your generous support of the 2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL. Last week's in-pew solicitation yielded over \$25,000 with envelopes arriving daily! To date, over 600 parish families have given pledges and gifts to the appeal helping us toward our goal of \$215,000. While we have not reached our goal as of yet, I am confident that we will do so by the end of the campaign. It is my prayer that everyone in the parish will step forward in support and do whatever you can to help our diocese continue the ministries and services it provides to countless men and women throughout Fairfield County.

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG!** While we in Newtown were spared some of the severity of the storms that affected areas near us, we did have our share. I am grateful that the warmer temperatures and the arrival of spring flowers help us forget those days of snow and ice, but the bills from this past winter greatly affected our budget! FYI: we had "plowable" snow and "sandable" ice on December 21, December 28, December 31, January 8, January 14, February 4, February 18, February 24 and March 8. You may notice that many of these dates were on weekends, which affected Mass attendance and a decrease in the offertory, while the bills for snow plowing and sanding amounted to an astounding \$22,195.00! We will have to use part of the Easter collection this year to cover the additional expenses which were incurred for this winter, so we ask your generosity in helping us to do so. As always, we appreciate whatever you are able to do to help us maintain our financial stability and budget.

For several years, I have been asking Stewart Amusement for an alternative date for our parish carnival, which traditionally took place around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. This date made the recruitment of volunteers very difficult, along with the fact that several other local events competed with the carnival and a number of parishioners take advantage of the holiday to travel. The date could never be changed due to Stewart's commitment to Trumbull Day. This year, Trumbull Day has been cancelled, and our carnival dates can now be the week before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. This year's carnival will be held from June 22 through June 26. The carnival will begin daily at 6:00 p.m. This should make life a lot easier for all of us who volunteer and work the carnival and should enable many more to do so!

May this Holy Week hold abundant blessings for each of you. For all of those who will be away visiting family and friends for the Easter weekend, we pray safe journey for you. For all of you staying at home, we look forward to celebrating these holy days with you!

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**ATTENTION ST ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL GRADUATES!**

St. Rose School now has a Facebook page for all graduates of St. Rose School to join. Simply visit the site & click on "Become a Fan" <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Newtown-CT/St-Rose-of-Lima-School/229298151889?ref=mf>

**ST. ROSE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

**MARRIED AND LOVING IT** (most of the time) – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 7-10 p.m. – St. Rose Parish Hall. Enjoy a fun, free date night out with your spouse & enrich your marriage at the same time! Please join us for this encore presentation. Deacon Dan O'Connor is one of the four presenters. All ages & stages of marriage are welcome! Refreshments will be served—there is no cost for the program. Call with any questions. John & Bev Maley 203-364-0836.



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION NEWS**

**Cloaks – Not Palms?**

In Luke's description of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, he does not mention Palm branches, rather he mentions "...the people were spreading their cloaks on the road." A cloak was their most important possession, and for the poor, it was also the only shelter that they had. Yet, they offered this precious possession before Christ to welcome him into their midst. What are we willing to offer God? How are we willing to empty ourselves in order to embrace Christ in our midst? Perhaps we have to "let go" of our opinion, our selfishness, or our ego – in order that we become an empty vessel to be filled with God's life and love.

**Reflection Question:** Recall a time when trial in your life led into triumph. How did Christ influence your response to the trial, and your gratitude for the good outcome?

**Reflection Activity:** Meditate on the words: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

**Reflection Prayer:** "Bread of Heaven, fill my soul with your very essence. May I become what I have eaten. May I see with the eyes of Christ. May I listen with His heart, and may I speak as His servant. Amen"

**What's Your Catholic IQ?:** Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics \_\_\_\_\_ years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. (a) 7; (b) 14; (c) 21; (d) 18.

**Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross**

On Good Friday, **April 2 at noon**, all children and their parents are invited to attend the Living Stations of the Cross for Children, led by children from St. Rose School. This will be held in the Church, and there will be veneration of the cross immediately after the stations.

**Registration is Coming Up!**

Registration for Religious Education is **April 5-6** from 4:00-8:00 during class time, **April 7** from (4:00-5:30) and Sundays: **April 11 and May 2** from 8:30 – 1:30. Except for May 2, registrations will take place in the **parish hall**. May 2 will be in upstairs room of the Religious Education Office.

**Confirmation Rehearsals**

Rehearsals for Confirmation are held on April 12, 13, & 14. If you are unsure of when your specific rehearsal is, please check the St. Rose website at **strosechurch.com**. Rehearsals begin **promptly at 6:45 in the gathering hall**. A sponsor or parent **MUST** accompany the confirmand.

**Children's Liturgy**

**The next children's Liturgy will be held on Saturday, April 10 at 5:30 Mass. This is "butterfly weekend," as all First Communicants will bring their butterfly banners to all weekend Masses.**

**Religious Education Lenten Activities**

This Lent, the children are collecting money for Catholic Charities "Morning Glory Breakfast Wagon for the Homeless" and for Catholic Relief Services. The students learned about the need for irrigation systems for Ethiopia – helping people to help themselves in their farming. The worldwide statistic is that 1.8 million children die each year because of lack of clean water (and many more live with health problems). Be mindful of water – remind your children to thank God for this valuable resource each time they turn on the faucet. The students also learned about Catholic Social Teaching: that all people have the four basic rights to: life, water, food, and shelter, and we are called to share with those who are lacking these basic rights. Each week during Lent, the catechists will be collecting the students' donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHANGE IN DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE**

**SCHOOL:** Please note for your summer vacation plans and tell your friends as well!

**VBS WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 19-23**

(This is one week earlier than the original calendar date)

**Spiritual Journey**

Spiritual Journey group will not meet on Holy Thursday; however, on April 8 from 10:15-11:15, Jack Hickey Williams will lead a discussion and explanation on the upcoming Sunday readings. All are welcome to this lecture at 38 Church Hill Road.

**EPS Program for Adult Formation**

Pope John Paul II called us to contemplate how the mystery of the Trinity is not only within us, but also within our brothers and sisters. How can understanding this shared communion within the Church improve our home and parish lives? How can it help our participation in the economy, politics, interreligious dialogue and international relations? Wednesdays, through April 21, 2010 from 9:30-noon. Charleston Room at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk, CT. Register by contacting Priscilla Toumey at [epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu](mailto:epsctprogram@trinitydc.edu) or 203-847-2363.

**This week we celebrate Holy Week. Please participate as fully as you can in this week that leads us from trial and sadness to joy and resurrection.**

**Catholic IQ Answer:** (b) In addition, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to observe fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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**CENACLE OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

**@ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

St. Faustina's Diary also contains several passages in which Our Lord requests that a "Feast of Mercy" be officially established in the Church, and Jesus asked that the Feast of Mercy be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. "That day is a day of grace for all people, particularly for great sinners. This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies (Diary, 420)". "My daughter, look into the abyss of My mercy and give praise and glory to this mercy of Mine. Do it in this way: Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls; I yearn for souls, My daughter. On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them (Diary, 206).

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES**

**A Big Thank You** to all who contributed food, and/or time, to the St. Rose Lenten food drive. We would like to recognize particularly the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, those of the Saint Rose Youth Group, the Do-Gooders, and of course the dedicated work of our Social Concerns Committee members. So many of you give so generously that the only adequate words of thanks are, "God Bless You." Special thanks are also due to the Big Y, Stop & Shop Supermarket Company and Caraluzzi's Food Markets, and Union Savings Bank for their generous contributions.

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

**Available:** Highchair.

**Available:** Matching sofa, chair and ottoman.

**Needed:** Any broken or no longer needed costume jewelry of any kind (especially with rhinestones), any trims, belts etc. that have sequins, gold, silver, or sparkle. Also, old gloves, old style hats. Items are needed for upcoming fairytale theatre programs.

**Needed:** Queen size mattress

**For information** 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** We meet on Fridays 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. at 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.

**WEBS – (Women's Enrichment Book Study)** – will meet on Tuesday mornings at 38 Church Hill Road from 9:30-11 a.m. Please call Kristen Renzi at 270-6915 if you would like to join us.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** is a meeting for those who wish to find support through prayer, scripture and sharing of personal experience while grieving a loss. The next meeting will be Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room on the main floor of 38 Church Hill Rd. The group meets monthly on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. For more info, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 203-364-9796.

**ST. JOSEPH PROJECT**

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

**Available:** Basement studio with private bath and entrance.

**Needed:** Apartment with garage or storage, for April.

**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, please leave a voice message and she will get back to you.

**PARISH NURSE MINISTRY**

**KRISTEN VELSMID, COORDINATOR- 426-2573**

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

**Health Tip:**

**Stop Back Pain Before it Starts:** Whether you have a tattoo or just skin on your lower back, it's not going to be all that appealing if you can't clip your own toenails. That's why now's the time to make sure that your back has the strength you'll need if you plan on hoisting grandkids—or just martinis. Here's how to get started: **Build your foundation.** The muscles in your core—especially your abdominals, which oppose your back muscles—are nature's girdle, and they help provide the support, strength, and stamina to prevent back injuries. Work them 3 days a week (Pilates and planks are ideal). **Give your legs some action.** Exercises such as lunges and squats help your back by placing your core on a firmer foundation. They also keep your leg muscles strong so you can pick things up the right way (by bending your knees) and avoid the error (bending at your waist) that takes a day from "great" to "get me out of here" pain. Doesn't matter if you're picking up a box of books or a piece of salmon (following the 5-second rule): Bending at your waist puts the most strain on your back. **Put your feet up.** The price we pay for having the ability to walk upright is that much of the pressure that used to be distributed among our limbs is now transferred to our lower backs. Take some stress off by elevating one foot on a step or curb when you're standing for a long time. When sitting, put your feet up on something so your knees are higher than your hips.

**NEED FERTILIZER FOR THE UPCOMING SPRING SEASON?**

Newtown Venture Crew 70, a co-ed Boy Scout high adventure group, is selling fertilizer to raise funds for future trips and crew expenses. Past trips include a 200-mile bike trip to Washington, D.C., a week-long canoe trip in Maine, and outdoor rock climbing.

We are selling 4 kinds of high quality fertilizer:

Compost Cow Manure: 40 lb. bag, \$10

General Purpose Fertilizer: 50 lb. bag, \$28

Fertilizer with Crab Grass Control: 50 lb. bag, \$34

Fertilizer with Root Builder: 25 lb. bag, \$26

**FREE DELIVERY!**

Need more information? Want to order? Contact: Jacque Rosa 203-426-6416 (parishioner)

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



### Upcoming events:

Good Friday, April 2 - Stations of the Cross of St. Faustina, 7:30 in the church

Good Friday, April 2 to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 - **Divine Mercy Novena:** Novena pamphlets will be available from Good Friday on.

Saturday and Sunday, April 10 & 11 - fundraiser for Moms in Crisis **baby bottles collected at all masses**

**Divine Mercy Sunday** celebration - 3 p.m. April 11 in the church

**The Biblical Truth About America's Death Penalty** - Sunday, April 25 at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Hall

### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR MOMS IN CRISIS continues.

Take the bottle home, and fill it with spare change. The bottles will be collected the weekend after Easter, **April 10 & 11**. Bottles also 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!

The **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE** benefits **Expectant Mother Care (EMC)**, which has 12 fixed locations and 2 mobile clinics in New York City. They serve 8,000 girls and women a year and save over 200 babies from abortion each month. EMC provides prenatal care, sonograms, counseling, housing, adoption referrals, and free mother and baby supplies.

and

**Carolyn's Place** is a pregnancy resource center in Waterbury. They have assisted young mothers with the births of over 1,000 babies, and conducted nearly 700 hundred educational presentations in schools and clubs, including a presentation to parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade religious education students here at St. Rose. They have logged over 140,000 hours on the 24hr/7days a week hot line. They spent hundreds of hours in their "Earn while you learn" program, an eight-week program for young mothers and fathers on birthing and parenting skills.

**CAROLYN'S PLACE** is also in need of **car seats** for **infants** and cribs for infants *and* toddlers. Please contact Helga at 203-426-6030 if you have something to donate.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory

**ROSARY FOR LIFE:** Saturday, April 24 after the 8 A.M. mass and on the last Saturday of each month

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

**Does your Lenten faith journey need a boost? New INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL CDs** are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation: \$3.

Fetus is a Latin term for a baby in the womb...This word "fetus" only defines the level of maturation and the location of the baby. The average male will go through the following stages in his life: baby in the womb, baby outside the womb, toddler, little boy, boy, teenager, adult, father, grandfather, dead man. Why is only one stage described in Latin? Because it makes the baby seem less human!

### 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

102nd Infantry  
Capt. Andra Allison  
Capt. Robert A. Bassett, DO.  
SSG. Anthony T. D'Aquila  
Capt. Kathryn Devonshire  
Sgt. Daniel Dobbs  
SSG. Michael Dobbs  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas K. Dyer  
Major William Gottmeier  
Cpl. Marc Hellig  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rachel (Askue) Hoffman  
Capt. Tucker Hughes  
Major David A. Johnson  
Capt. Matthew A. LaRocco  
CWO Joseph Letourneau  
Sgt. John Martus  
Lt. Col. Mary Sara Moore  
Capt. Stefania Naiman, DVM  
Lt. Eric O'Donnell  
Capt. Sean Pond  
Major Benjamin Wallen

#### United States Air Force

SMS Thomas Daniels  
Airman Kurt Kling  
Airman Travis Mueller  
1st Lt. Donald B. Naiman  
MSgt. James Rebman  
Capt. Gregory Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jessica Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Phillip Zencey

#### United States Navy

Airman Michael Carter  
Seaman Elizabeth Daniels  
RPSN Philip DeMayo  
CEI Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.  
MIDN Allison Kirk  
ENS Daniel Kirk  
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  
Pfc. Louis Enriquez  
Sgt. Thomas Monckton  
**United States Marines**  
Gy. Sgt. James A. Allen  
WO Michael Costello  
1st 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 [www.kofc185.com](http://www.kofc185.com)

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Family Rosary Night – April 1 at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel

A reminder to all parishioners that the K of C toy closet remains open through the year. If you need to pick up a gift for your child's birthday, a gift for someone else, or to make a donation of any new unwrapped toys or gift certificates, please contact Markus Balas at [markus@yankeeautographs.com](mailto:markus@yankeeautographs.com) or 203-449-7190.

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).



### ST. ROSE YOUTH GROUP [www.stroseyouthgroup.com](http://www.stroseyouthgroup.com)

**5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: April 30 – Spring Surprise.** This is going to be a Blast! We are going to have a field day. There will be races, egg toss, balloon games and more. There will be a cookout and refreshments. Cost: \$5.00. Indoor games if it rains. **Note date changed from April 9 to April 30.**

**Senior Youth Group:** The Senior Youth Group has begun registering for our annual trip to join 2,500 other Catholic teens and chaperones at the Steubenville East Youth Conference July 23-25, 2010. This trip is open to all currently in grades 8 - 12. All registration information can be found on our website [www.stroseyouthgroup.com](http://www.stroseyouthgroup.com). The 2010 Conference will be hosted by Life Teen and they have information available on their website at [www.catholicyouthministry.com](http://www.catholicyouthministry.com). Any further questions can be sent to Rodd Blessey at [blesman@charter.net](mailto:blesman@charter.net).

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**PASTORAL PLAN**

This Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. will be the last opportunity to take part in the Diocesan-wide Lenten Confession Campaign. Even if you have been away from the Sacrament for some time or are unfamiliar with the “steps”, that is okay. Our Holy Father says it is not the sin which is at the heart of the sacramental celebration, but rather God’s mercy, which is infinitely greater than any guilt of ours.” Come to this Easter with a sense of peace from the Risen Lord. Christ appointed his Apostles, his Priests, to continue his mission of healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation--his mission of bringing peace. Peace is the “gift” of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is because of this we can say that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration. There is joy in heaven when a sinner repents. Let us open our hearts to the boundless love of Christ and celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of the Lord with a reconciled heart.

**DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES**

Bishop William Edward Lori, S.T.D., will celebrate a Mass, in which the commemoration of significant marriage anniversaries will occur, at Saint Theresa Church, Trumbull, on **Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.** Bishop Lori will be the homilist and will administer both the renewal of marriage vows and the presentation of commemorative certificates.

Couples who have or will be celebrating (during the months of January-June) one of the following wedding anniversaries—**15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 50 PLUS YEARS**—are invited to participate with family and friends. Interested couples should register with one’s own parish office as soon as possible. The **deadline** for registration is **Monday, April 12, 2010.**

**VIANNEY**, the new live production performed by Leonardo DeFilippis, the director and star of the feature film **THÉRÈSE**, will be presented in the Diocese of Bridgeport at the following locations:

**Tues. April 13** – St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall, Fairfield, 7pm.

**Thurs. April 15** – Trinity Catholic High School Auditorium, Stamford – 7 p.m.

**Sunday, April 18** – St. Rose of Lima Church – Gathering Hall, Newtown – 2 p.m.

**Admission:** Free-Will Offering at the door. No tickets or reservations are needed.

**Information:** Carol Pinard, [cpinard@diobpt.org](mailto:cpinard@diobpt.org) – 203-814-2493

**Sponsored by:** Diocese of Bridgeport  
Come experience the gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil to save souls. This performance is suitable for ages 12 and up. Visit [www.vianneydrama.com](http://www.vianneydrama.com) for details.

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is like Springtime. It can be the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. Invest in each other and give your sacrament the attention it deserves and make your marriage more special than it already is. Upcoming dates are April 23-25, and July 23-25, 2010. To register call Joe & Jane at **(860) 644-7260** or [meweekend@gmail.com](mailto:meweekend@gmail.com) or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

**SEMI-SILENT WOMEN’S RETREAT**

“Divine Mercy Weekend, an Experience of Pure Love”

April 9, 10, 11, 2010 – Directed by Fran Karpiej

St. Faustina’s message of Divine Mercy is to see God as pure love poured out for us; and to come to understand the power of God’s Love, Forgiveness, Healing, Grace and Mercy through the power of Prayer in the Name of Jesus. Call Sr. Bernice 203-993-9316.

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*What Are You Going To Do This Spring  
That Will Change Your Life Forever?*

Matthew Kelly was born in Sydney, Australia. Over the past ten years more than two million people in fifty countries have attended his talks, seminars, and retreats. He is the author of ten books including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose*. If you have heard Matthew speak or read his writings, you know already that he possesses a rare gift to convey life-changing insights in a powerful and inspiring way.



What is Catholicism? What does it mean to be Catholic? Is Catholicism relevant today in our modern world? The essence of Catholicism is transformation – a dynamic way of life that encourages and empowers each individual to become the best-version-of-themselves. To be Catholic means to be striving to live the Gospel, to be striving to become more like Jesus Christ. It is this dynamic approach to transformation that animates the human person – physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually – and allows us to experience “life to the fullest” (John 10:10).

Matthew Kelly’s *Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose* is a series of 6 DVD presentations that perfectly identify our common search and struggle for happiness and is filled with powerful stories and practical examples that redefine the way we think about ourselves, our Catholic faith, and the way we live our lives. We all need to step back from time to time to get another look at who we are and where we are going. Come and join us for this DVD series and rediscover God’s dream for you – to become the best-version-of-yourself!



**Facilitator – Joanne Marcinek**

Joanne is a six-year member of St. Rose. She maintains the parish website and helps with communications for the religious education department. Joanne wholeheartedly believes that Matthew’s dynamic message on the Catholic faith and the path to holiness is powerfully relevant and applicable to our everyday lives.

**When: 6 Monday Evenings**

**Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm**

**Dates: Apr 12<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: St. Rose of Lima, Newtown CT**

**Upper Room at 38 Church Hill Road**

**Cost of Workbook: \$10**



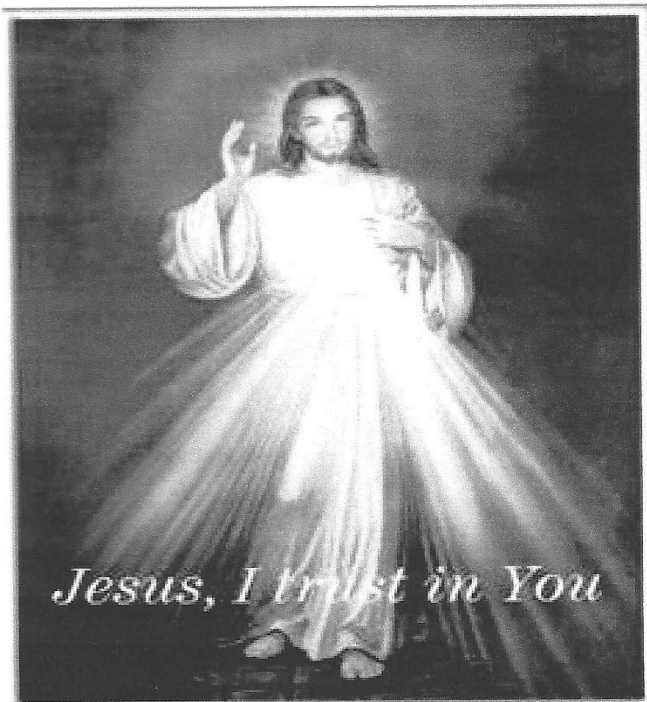
To learn more about this study group and to sign up by Apr 5<sup>th</sup>, please email ([askjoanne@gmail.com](mailto:askjoanne@gmail.com)) Joanne Marcinek or call 203-482-6803

# *MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION*

*AT*

*St. Rose Church - Sunday - April 11, 2010*

*We invite you to come and enter into this great treasure from GOD and gain a deeper understanding of HIS MERCY.*



*Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a NOVENA to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday.*

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm. Holy Mass to follow concluding this special EVENT.*

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

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