

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – March 29, 2009

**Sunday, March 29 FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEK**

**This week – Lenten Food Drive (rectory garage)**  
 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Easter Boutique (3)  
 7:00 p.m. “In Charge of the Fire (1)  
 7-10 p.m. Men’s CRHP (2)

**Monday, March 30**  
 7-10 p.m. Women’s CRHP (2)

**Tuesday, March 31**  
 9:30 a.m. WEBS (2)  
 10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group  
 6:30-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)

**Wednesday, April 1**  
 9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)  
 3:30-5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle (2)  
 7:30 p.m. Social Concerns Meeting 2

**Thursday, April 2**  
 10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)  
 3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)  
 7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting (8)  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (1)  
 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)  
 7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)  
 8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

**Friday, April 3 (First Friday)**  
 7:15 a.m. Men’s CRHP prayer (2)  
 After 9 a.m. Mass First Friday adoration (1)  
 10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)  
 5:00 p.m. Benediction (1)  
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (1)

**Saturday, April 4**  
 9:30 & 1:00 Confirmation (1)  
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

**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       |

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Thank you! Because of your generosity, The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be able to support disaster and emergency relief, refugee resettlement, advocacy, development, and legal services for people in need all around the world. Together, we will restore hope to Jesus in disguise, who reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer—and in those who respond compassionately to their needs.

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

Lent is the time we can check where we have failed to be faithful to our relationship and friendship with God. Today’s Responsorial Psalm can be our prayer of repentance for the coming week: “Create in me a clean heart, O God.” During Lent, in our Diocese, we have the opportunity on Tuesday nights to create that clean heart by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this year of St. Paul we can also turn to his words to remember this gift to the Church. “All this has been done by God who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:18).

**First Friday Adoration – April 3<sup>rd</sup>** The Lord is exposed after 9 o’clock Mass, the Rosary Group prays a rosary at 9:30, and then silent adoration follows until 4 p.m. From 4 p.m. to Benediction at 5 p.m., we will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for the sick and dying.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, March 30**  
 6:45 Viola Morrissey Marilyn Montrey  
 9:00 Lillian & Josefina Pascual Family

**Tuesday, March 31**  
 6:45 Stephen Wargo Anna McMahon  
 9:00 Jack O’Meara The Archer Family

**Wednesday, April 1**  
 6:45 Catherine Johnston The O’Connor Family  
 9:00 Pauline Ruel Maria Martuccio

**Thursday, April 2**  
 6:45 Patrick Noone Patti Noone  
 9:00 Maria Alagna John & Nella Pavia

**Friday, April 3 (First Friday)**  
 6:45 Betty Serino Mary & Ron Tietjen  
 9:00 Marie-Eve Fregault Martin & Brigitte Blais

**Saturday, April 4**  
 NO 8 AM MASS  
 4:00 Anthony Baiad, Sr. Peggy & Tony Baiad  
 5:30 Jacques Maye Wife

**Sunday, April 5**  
 7:30 Paul, Angela & Adam Morgera Family  
 9:00 Bianca Bonaccorso The Cunningham Family  
 10:30 Fred & Rose Capozzi Trudell Family  
 12:00 Louis Tedesco Family

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

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

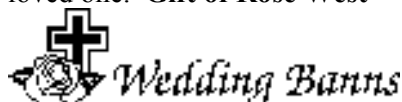
Thank you for your support!	
Collection for March 22, 2009	\$18,510.00
Catholic Relief Services	5,615.61
Children’s Collection	19.03
Collection for March 24, 2008	\$11,761.00

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 PRINTED COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS.

**EASTER BOUTIQUE & EASTER PLANT SALE**

The Easter Boutique & Easter Plant sale is being held this weekend (Saturday, March 28 after the masses and Sunday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.). 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. The Easter plants can be picked up during the Easter Boutique.

**The Nicholas DeLeo Scholarship Fund** has graciously been chosen by the following benefactor in memory of a loved one. **Gift of Rose West**



**Banns I Jessica Marandola & Michael Murphy**

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

We are rapidly approaching the last days of Lent and our observance of the deepest mysteries of our faith during Holy Week. This Fifth Week of Lent is our opportunity to reflect more fully on all that the Lord has done for us and continues to do each day of our lives. As we listen to the Scriptures chosen for this weekend, we can begin to understand the depth of God's commitment to us and His love for us. The young prophet Jeremiah records God's message that He will write on the hearts of every man and woman the covenant He established: He is forever our God, and we are forever His people. It is through His forgiveness of our sins that He will be ever close to us. Of course, that covenant is retained through the cost of His own Son's suffering and death. In spite of our sinfulness and our turning away from His laws, the author of Hebrews tells us that Christ is the source of our salvation if we live His ways and disregard the tauntings and temptations of evil. We are called in this weekend's Gospel to know God's laws, to follow them and by so doing show our faithfulness and gratitude. Jesus is not running away from what is expected of Him by His Father or seeking ways to work around the Father's plan for Him. He is obedient to God's will, and He sets for us the example that we are called to follow in our lives. God gives us free will, but that free will is oriented toward the good of others and not simply our own good. I hear many people say that when they get to a certain point in their lives, they can choose to do whatever they want. That is NOT free will. When was an age limit set on the Ten Commandments, or on living the Beatitudes, or on following the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.....it never was. These are for all times and all ages, and we need to be very careful in living our free will as God designed it for us. These are important in the renewal of faith and our commitment to the Lord and the Church. Use them well and come to Easter with a new heart and a new spirit!

EASTER BOUTIQUE, 2009 is on this weekend. As you know, I began these boutiques at Christmas and Easter as my personal commitment to raising funds to help eradicate the debt as well as help the parish move forward financially. They have been very successful thanks to your support and generosity. Thanks especially to Peggy Baiad and Pat Philipp and the many volunteers through the years who have been there for the organization, set-up, clean-up and so on. I could not do this without their help and yours. Please take a moment and stop by the hall. If you would like to buy a basket (I made 145 this year) to donate to one of the shelters or agencies we assist, just let the cashier know and it will be put aside and distributed. REMEMBER we also have a wonderful selection of spring plants thanks to the goodness of Colleen and Glenn Budzinski who coordinate this for us. I know these are tough times, but please do what you can to help make this a success for the parish!

We will celebrate the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION this Friday at 6:30 p.m. with Archbishop Cronin (retired Archbishop of Hartford) and on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with Bishop Lori. In light of this, we are CANCELLING THE CONFESSIONS FOR THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 31 DUE TO REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION AND THE SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. MASS AND THE 3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS TO BETTER FACILITATE THE CONFIRMATION LITURGIES. Thank you for your understanding about the situation. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they become adult members of the Church.

This Saturday, we welcome all the scouts of our parish to our 5:30 p.m. liturgy. We are blessed by the great number of scouts who are members of our parish scout program and by the dedication and commitment of their leaders and parents. This will be a special liturgy to celebrate their many achievements and to thank them for their efforts.

This weekend, all the FIRST COMMUNION children of our parish will present their "BUTTERFLY BANNERS". These banners will be used to mark their pew during their First Communion Masses in May. This is such a special and happy time in the lives of these children. Please keep them in your prayers, and please pray that their parents will bring them to Church on a regular basis to keep them close to Jesus.

PLEASE BE SURE TO POST THE EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE IN A PROMINENT PLACE IN YOUR HOME.....

**EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 12)**

6:00 A.M. SUNRISE MASS (OUTSIDE,  
WEATHER PERMITTING)

7:30 A.M. IN CHURCH

9:00 A.M. IN CHURCH

9:30 A.M. AT NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

10:30 A.M. IN CHURCH

11:00 A.M. AT NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

12:00 NOON IN CHURCH

(PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE USING THE HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN BECAUSE OF THE PARKING SITUATION. MANY OF THE BUSINESSES ON CHURCH HILL ROAD WILL BE OPEN ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING AND THEIR LOTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE.)

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from 7-8 p.m. For more info contact Suzanne Brown (203) 364-9796.

**PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM:**

We are seeking men for a new class in preparation for the Permanent Diaconate. Men who are interested in applying for admission to the program must be between the ages of 31 and 60. Applicants should be men of faith and of good character; and, they must be disposed and willing to give the required time and effort to the Diaconate Formation Program. Men who are married and men who are not married may apply. A married man must be validly married and must have the approval of his wife for acceptance into the program. Applications are to be submitted during the time period of now through August 31, 2009.

If you feel that the Lord is calling you to the diaconate, please discuss the matter with your pastor. Admittance into the formation program must be pursued through your pastor. Anyone wishing to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate and our Diocesan Program of Formation may do so by calling Deacon Tony Detje, Director of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, at (203) 748-5235 or (203) 416-1451.

## *FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

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

### **We Have a Divine Purpose**

We may find ourselves feeling like the grain of wheat that has fallen to the ground – troubled and perhaps even feeling dead inside. As Christians, we know that we have a purpose – that what may not be seen or understood at the moment will indeed come to life. It is within death that we find life – and the death we may be experiencing is one of death of self so that Christ’s life may “take over” and we may produce “much fruit.” We spend time planning our own stable future only to discover that Christ’s plan is quite different – and the hard part is that there is no human certainty in it. Jesus experienced the pain of this “letting go” in the Garden before He died, and He chose the plan of His Father. We have a choice to make each and every moment – a choice to live by our own plans, or rather to pray to die to our own plans so that we may follow God’s plans each and every moment.

**Reflection Question:** What am I holding onto that prevents me from fully trusting in God’s plan for my life?

**Enriching My Catholic IQ:** In the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, we pray to be made a channel of God’s (a) peace; (b) grace; (c) holiness; (d) cable listings

### **Confirmation**

This coming Friday and Saturday, St. Rose will celebrate the Confirmation of 228 Catholics – young men and women who have made the decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. We ask for the prayers of the St. Rose Community for them – that each day their faith may increase; that each day they may draw closer to the heart of Jesus Christ.

### **Seder**

Every year the sixth grade students learn about the Seder meal since they are studying the Old Testament. This Seder teaching will take place March 30, 31 and April 1 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 as well.

### **Children’s Liturgy**

On Saturday, March 28, we welcome all Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts – those in St. Rose troops and those in community troops. We thank the scouts and all the Scout leaders for their dedication to working for good in the town and in the world.

### **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 prepares and delivers a healthy breakfast to the homeless in Danbury area.

### **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. 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**

#### **Spiritual Journey**

This Thursday morning, **April 2 from 10:15-11:15, we welcome Jack Hickey-Williams as our speaker.** 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.

#### **St. Cyril of Jerusalem Classes for Adults**

The Diocese of Bridgeport offers classes for adults, both on-site and on-line. For a list of classes and for registration please visit the Diocesan website at: <http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com/ps-stcyril.asp>

**This week we celebrate St. Francis of Paola (April 2) and St. Isidore (April 4)**

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** (a) the Prayer of St. Francis is often called the Peace Prayer. This week meditate on the words of this beautiful prayer and ask God for the conviction to live by the words of the prayer.

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### **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).

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES**

**This weekend:** is our annual Lenten food drive weekend. *For specifically needed items please check the posters at church entrances.* 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. 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 this week, Monday through Wednesday,** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will need your help to sort and repack the foods according to the needs of the organizations to which it will be distributed. Come join us in the **rectory garage** for an hour or two. (please note change of location)

**Next Saturday, April 4,** at 9:00 a.m., help will be needed 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 **rectory garage** emptied in less than an hour. This is a great opportunity for young people in need of community service hours

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

**Available:** Queen size sleeper sofa.

**Available:** Two sets of bunk beds with mattresses (4 beds) and one queen size bed (mattress, box spring and frame).

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

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

**ST. JOSEPH PROJECT**

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

**Available:** 2 rooms with utilities

**Available:** 1 bedroom with utilities for a female

**Available:** 1 bedroom cottage with utilities

**Needed:** small apartment needed for female

**Needed:** Single parent with son needs 2 bedroom apartment

**Needed:** Family of 5 needs 2-3 bedroom home

**Needed:** Family of 4 with dog needs 2 bedrooms

**Mature woman parishioner available to house sit – long or short term.**

**HELP NEEDED**

**PARISHIONER** is looking for help in caring for her children before and after school. Looking for someone to put her children on the bus at 7:30 a.m. and to care for them after school. Please call 203-856-1900.

**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.

**Health Tip**

Can you rub out high blood pressure? Finally an indulgence that may actually be *good* for you. What is it, you ask? It's a long, deep massage. When people with sore muscles received a deep-tissue massage, both their systolic and diastolic blood pressure (BP) numbers dropped several points. Nice! More Points for Pressure: There's still more research needed in order to figure out if regular massage could reduce high blood pressure long-term. But in this study, people averaged a short-term drop from about 125/76 down to 115/70 -- after just 45 to 60 minutes of deep-tissue work from a licensed body worker. Not too shabby. The massage sessions also induced a relaxing 10-point drop in heart rate. Ahhh! What We Know Works: Massage isn't likely to replace lifestyle changes or medications when it comes to managing blood pressure, but what a nice little add-on! Meanwhile, keep your blood pressure healthy with these proven habits: Lighten up on salt. Do a walkabout. Exercise helps your BP. Breathe easy.

**GROCERY & GIFT CARDS FOR SALE**

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

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) CORNER**

The Women's CRHP Retreat is April 25-26, 2009. Contact Donna Rahtelli 1-203-426-7776 [ConnRhonda@aol.com](mailto:ConnRhonda@aol.com) Flyers are available at all church entrances.

The next CRHP Monthly Mass will be **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** Refreshments will be served in the gathering hall following the Mass. Please wear your crosses so that we can greet each other.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

#### **BABY BOTTLES WILL BE COLLECTED AT EVERY MASS THIS WEEKEND!**

**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)

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

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

**All are invited to attend St. Faustina's Way of the Cross, Good Friday, at 7:30 p.m. in the church**

**ROSARY FOR LIFE: Saturday, April 25 after the 8 A.M. mass and on the last Saturday of each month**

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

Another real casualty of abortion, besides the babies who are killed and the mothers who suffer from post-abortion syndrome, is our own humanity. Every society is judged by the way it treats its defenseless and dependent. If we continue on this path toward inhumanity, our society and our civilization will certainly perish.

#### **LADIES & GENTLEMEN OF ST ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH**

The GARDEN ANGELS OF OUR PARISH NEED YOU!

If you enjoy tending to your garden or flower bed, spreading mulch, weeding and watering, we need you to help with spring clean-up of the St. Rose landscape. Many hands – and rakes – make a big task lighter. We want the church grounds to look their best for Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

We will meet at the back garage on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (no fooling!) at 8:30 a.m. or come after 9:00 Mass for a brief meeting and then get to work. Please bring along your own drinking water, rake, gloves, clippers, shovel, and any other tool you might need. We will clean the beds & cart away the debris.

We especially would like men to help. If this day is not convenient, please stop by the church any day and work at what you think needs to be done. All help is greatly appreciated. Could this be your Lenten gift to the parish? Please join us for one hour or three! Pray for this ministry of labor. Thank you. Eileen (426-8223 or Eileen@pxmall.com)

#### **CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC SINGLES SPRING BRUNCH & DANCE**

at Tony's Huntington Inn, 437 Huntington Tpke., Bridgeport, Sunday April 19 at 11a.m.-3:00. \$30. For reservations call 261-2414.

#### **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**

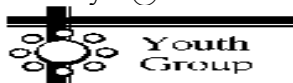
Aman Michael Carter  
CEI Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.  
Lt. Cmdr Timothy Krippendorf  
Lt. Commander John Porado  
PO Christopher Szabo  
**Army National Guard**  
CSM Al Almeida  
Spc. Carl Bergquist  
Pfc. Matthew Bergquist  
Major Todd Bookless  
**United States Marines**  
Gy. Sgt. James A. Allen  
WO 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 on April 2 in the Msgr. Conroy Room at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 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](http://www.stroseyouthgroup.com)

**5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group** – April 24-Spring Bash – Field games, cook-out, refreshments. Cost \$4.00 See flyer in the back of the church.

**Senior Youth Group** – The next meeting is Sunday, March 29 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

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

The St. Rose Senior Youth Group has begun registration for the **Steubenville East Youth Conference** July 24-26, 2009. Registration is ongoing through April 26<sup>th</sup>. Info can be found on our website [www.stroseyouthgroup.com](http://www.stroseyouthgroup.com). Don't miss out on this great opportunity...space is limited!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AGES 13-18.**

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the *Quo Vadis* Camp for Boys or *Sequela Christi* Camp for Girls to spend time with other young people your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. The camps are sponsored by the Office of Vocations and will be held at the Seton/Neuman Center on the campus of Immaculate High School in Danbury, CT.

*Sequela Christi* will be held from June 21-June 25 and *Quo Vadis* will be held from June 28-July 2.

The cost of the camp is \$25/camper. If you are interested in attending, please visit the Office of Vocations website: [www.HearTheCall.org](http://www.HearTheCall.org) to download a registration form and information brochure or call the office at 203-416-1513.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

If there is an abortion in your past that you need to make peace with, The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Bridgeport offers Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. The next retreat weekend is April 17-19, 2009. For more info call the retreat director at 203-218-0291 or e-mail her at [Jeremiah31v17@aol.com](mailto:Jeremiah31v17@aol.com). All inquiries kept in confidence.

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

For all who are divorced, widowed, or separated – there is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. **DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN** of all ages are encouraged to attend a **Beginning Experience** weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. The **Beginning Experience** weekend will be held **April 17-19** at **Wisdom House** in **Litchfield, CT**. The weekend begins Friday evening, April 17 and continues through Sunday afternoon, April 19, concluding with Mass. The weekend fee is \$225/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two nights' stay. For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call Yvonne at 860-693-1913.

**COME DANCE WITH US!** Live Music by Vinnie Carr

Future dates: April 18, May 9, June 13

At the McClinch Family Center of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Shelton Road, Trumbull, CT 06611

All Are Welcome (Singles—Please contact Pat)

Dress to Impress—Sunday Best (Jackets required)

\$15.00 per person. Refreshments and Door Prizes. BYOB

& Snacks—Set-ups provided. Call Pat for more info: (203) 881-1478 or email: [luv2dance405@att.net](mailto:luv2dance405@att.net). Reservations

requested by 4/5 or 4/6 – or open seating where available.

**Council of Catholic Women – Ladies Spring Luncheon**

The Council of Catholic Women will hold their Spring Luncheon on Sunday, April 26, 1:00 p.m., at the Continental Manor, Norwalk. Theresa Bonoparatis' talk is titled "Where Mercy Meets Faithfulness." Ms. Bonoparatis, Director of Lumina Hope and Healing After Abortion, works with the Sisters of Life. She spoke at the Divine Mercy Conference in Dublin, Ireland last year. Luncheon cost: \$40 (\$35 for seniors). Make reservations by April 19 with Marie Walsh at [marietwalsh@optonline.net](mailto:marietwalsh@optonline.net) or call 203-569-2559.

*Bone Marrow Donor Drive*

If you've ever thought about becoming a bone marrow donor – and even if you haven't – *PLEASE consider acting now....*

A dear friend and Newtown resident, Ronald Bienkowski, has recently been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia and will require a bone marrow transplant as part of his treatment.

*An exact tissue type match is needed, so the more people who are willing to undergo a simple test, the greater the chances of finding a match.*

A representative from the National Marrow Donor Program will be in Newtown...

Monday, March 30, 2009

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

at Newtown Middle School  
11 Queen Street

As a bone marrow donor (ages 18-60), you will fill out the required forms and agree to be listed in the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

Your name can be removed from the registry at any time.

The test itself is a simple cheek swab.

Although there are minimal lab processing fees involved in this drive, we will be looking for outside donations to help defer those costs.

While donations to the NMDP will graciously be accepted,

it is NOT a requirement to become a donor. Now is the time to make a difference.

If you would like more information about the drive,

please call Karen Grosso 426-6558, or Ivy Pearson 426-1002

Please join us...

*Your support delivers hope and a cure.*

**Ricci's Salon and Spa** Presents:

**A Cut-a-Thon**

**For Kevin's Community Center**

***At: Ricci's Salon & Spa  
99 S. Main Street, Newtown, CT  
203-426-1611***

***Monday, April 6, 2009  
3:00-8:00 pm  
Haircuts are \$25***

Treat yourself to a haircut with Ricci's top stylists and support an important cause - helping Kevin's Community Center provide free health care to people over 18 in Newtown and the surrounding towns.

For Men, Women & Children. Appointments are highly recommended.  
But walk-ins are welcome

Call Ricci's Salon to book your spot!

***All Proceeds to Benefit Kevin's Community Center,  
A Free Clinic in Newtown***

*Kevin's Community Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization  
[www.kevinscommunitycenter.org](http://www.kevinscommunitycenter.org)*

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