

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, April 19, 2009

Religious Education Registration this week

Sunday, April 19 (Divine Mercy Sunday)
 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Mass (1 & 3)
 7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)
 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Group (2)

Monday, April 20
 9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 7-10 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)
 7:00 p.m. Catholic Forum Mtg (Rec)

Tuesday, April 21
 9:30-11 a.m. WEBS (2)
 10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group
 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)

Wednesday, April 22
 9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 7-8 p.m. Rel. Ed. Parent Mtg. (8)
 7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, April 23
 10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
 3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
 7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)
 8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, April 24
 7:15-8 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
 10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
 3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
 Anonymous apostles of Divine Mercy
 Natural Family Planning 2

6-10 p.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting (2)
Saturday, April 25
 10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy (1)
 5:30 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 |

AN INVITATION

St. Francis of Assisi has proven to be a saint for all seasons. All around us, images and books abound testifying to his appeal in the present, as much as in the past. In his lifetime, Francis' joyful love of God resulted in three rules of life for people who wanted to follow him: one for men and one for women who would leave the world to live out their calling, and a third for lay people, with all their daily commitments to family, work, and society. Trying to put a spirituality (a vision and its joy) into words is no easy matter and the Secular branch of the Franciscan Order is probably the least known today. Known or unknown, we are alive and well and meeting in this area. If you are a person who finds themselves drawn to St. Francis and his spirituality, please consider coming to an information meeting on Saturday morning, May 2nd, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Your hosts will be the Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Rosa Mystica at Sacred Heart Church, 910 Main St. South, Southbury, CT. Brochures are available in the church vestibule. For further information call Pat Wilkin at (203) 888-5995.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE -INTENTIONS REQUESTED

Michelle and Kirk Babyak will be attending the International Order of Malta Pilgrimage to Lourdes again this year. Over 5,000 pilgrims – members of the Order, auxiliary, clergy, physicians and nurses from all over the world – bring Malades (French for “the sick”) and their caregivers to Lourdes during this week of prayer. They are offering to bring your intentions to the Grotto. Please put your intentions in the basket at the back of the church by April 26th. To learn more about the Order of Malta go to www.maltausa.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 20
 6:45 Fr. Andre Dube Lanza Family
 9:00 Richard Wesselbrand DeCanio Family

Tuesday, April 21
 6:45 Vicki Hammond Cynthia Soré
 9:00 Ellen C. LaPak Husband

Wednesday, April 22
 6:45 Patrick O'Neil Anna McMahon
 9:00 Fran Reilly John & Pam Arsenault

Thursday, April 23
 6:45 Ben Theriault Peggy & Tony Baiad
 9:00 Imelda Thiruchelvam Mary Luxkaranayagam

Friday, April 24
 6:45 Ethel Burkle Judy & Kerry O'Donoghue & DeMeglio children
 9:00 Eleanore J. Bedore Adriana Bonadio classmates

Saturday, April 25
 8:00 Gene Supchak Nancy Kennedy
 4:00 Susan Mino Rosemarie Abric
 5:30 Joseph Cavanaugh Family

Sunday, April 26
 7:30 Brennan Merrick The Brown Family
 9:00 Dec'd members of Dennen & Bull Families The Dennen Family
 10:30 Bethany Mass
 12:00 Frances VanZanten Mary Maye

Thank you for your support!

Collection for April 12, 2009	\$54,651.37
Collection for April 13, 2008	\$16,378.00

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

Support United States Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aluete Missions

The annual appeal is a vital part of the Church for the Year 2009. The Funds are needed to continue present Evangelization programs; even more, to assist those parishes devastated by hurricanes to totally rebuild their programs. Many places lost everything and how soon we forget the rebuilding that needs to be done *cannot be done overnight*. The evangelization programs torn apart by the devastation need to be woven back together. It will take years. Many new evangelization efforts are being made in these areas as well as the other Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities assisted by the Church's National Black and Indian Collection. Will you try to help us be successful?

Wedding Banns

BANNS: III Katie Wheelin & William Smith

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A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is a celebration of the conclusion of the Octave of Easter and is an observance of the revelation of Jesus to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska who declared to her: I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, the Octave Day of the Resurrection. St. Faustina was born Helen Kowalska on August 25, 1905 to a poor family in Poland. She was the third of 10 children from the small town of Swince Warckie. She was called to religious life during a vision of the suffering Christ. On August 1, 1925 she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name Sr. Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. She lived as a member of the Congregation for 13 years, residing in Cracow, Plock and Vilnius, where she worked as a cook, gardener and porter. The mystery of God's mercy, which she contemplated in the word of God as well as in her everyday activities, forms the basis of her spirituality. By contemplating and knowing the mystery of God's mercy, she developed the attitude of childlike trust in God and of mercy toward her neighbor. The years she spent in the convent were filled with extraordinary gifts, such as revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, participation in the Passion of the Lord, bilocation, the reading of human souls, prophecy, and the rare gift of mystical espousal and marriage. The Lord chose St. Faustina as the Apostle and Secretary of His mercy. She reminded the world and the Church of the truth of God's mercy for every human being: she entreated Divine Mercy for the whole world, especially for poor sinners, through the practice of new forms of devotion to the Divine Mercy; she imitated the apostolic movement of Divine Mercy, the followers of which proclaim and entreat Divine Mercy for the world and strive to practice both the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. She recorded the various aspects of her mission in a diary of over 600 pages. Consumed by tuberculosis and innumerable sufferings, which she offered for poor sinners, she died in Cracow at the age of 33 on October 5, 1938. Even before her death, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. During the tragic war years of 1939-1945, this devotion grew in strength as people throughout Poland and Lithuania turned to the merciful Savior for comfort and hope. On April 8, 1993, Pope John Paul II beatified Sr. Faustina; on April 30, 2000 Sr. Faustina was canonized as the first saint of the New Millennium.

The ABC's of Divine Mercy are: Ask for His mercy, Be merciful to others and Completely trust in Jesus. We are called to live:

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the imprisoned
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Admonish sinners
- Instruct the uninformed
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Be patient with those in error
- Forgive offenses
- Pray for the living and the dead

In 1931, Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of His heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other a pale color. Jesus said to her: Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You." The two rays

denote Blood and Water. The pale color ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross...

This SUNDAY, our parish will host the diocesan celebration of the FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY with Mass at 3 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Lori. All are invited to join us and learn more about this powerful devotion and receive the graces that come to us through the merciful heart of Jesus. For more info on the Divine Mercy, please visit the website: www.marian.org or call 1-800-462-7426.

Many thanks are due to many people who helped make Lent, the Sacred Triduum and Easter a beautiful celebration of faith.

-To Fr. John Insera, Deacon Tom Curran, Deacon Don Naiman, Deacon Dan O'Connor, Deacon Norm Roos and our two deacon candidates Patrick Shevlin and Rick Scinto for leading us in prayer throughout this holy season.

-To our Religious Education Staff for coordinating so many activities and special liturgies throughout this season, including the beautiful Confirmation ceremonies on Palm Sunday weekend.

-To our Saint Rose School administration and staff for encouraging our students to observe Lent through prayer, giving and sacrifice.

-To both our St. Rose Religious Education and St. Rose School students for their outpouring of generosity to benefit so many charities and charitable organizations.

-To our music Ministry, especially our St. Rose Adult Choir under the direction of Joe Jacovino, our Folk Trio, our Folk Choir and our Youth Group Christian Band who provided inspirational music for our many liturgies.

-To Martin Blanco for the incredible Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday that he directed along with 11 very talented young members of the parish, Donna DeLuca and Nancy Haas.

-For the extraordinary generosity demonstrated throughout Lent and Easter:

THE FOOD DRIVE yielded 436 bags of groceries and hundreds of dollars in grocery gift cards which were distributed to over 50 parishioners and 10 agencies. Thanks to our Social Concerns Committee and the many volunteers who sorted and distributed the donations.

THE EASTER BOUTIQUE/PLANT SALE raised \$12,500 toward the loan for the new building as well as 242 baskets and gifts purchased and donated to charity. Thanks to Peggy Baiad, Pat Philipp, Colleen and Glenn Budzinski for their commitment.

The LOAVES AND FISHES Campaign to benefit the various soup kitchens and shelters of the Diocese yielded \$3,305.00 from our parish.

-Thanks to our RECTORY AND PARISH STAFF for endless hours of extra duties as well as keeping our church and grounds in readiness for all our services and activities: Fran Gargano, Jean Otton, Roberta Shea, Nancy Guay, Lara Olguin, Steve Stohl, Eric Keogler and all of our ALTAR and GARDEN ANGELS.

-Thanks especially to all of our parishioners for your endless support and great faith during these days. A special word of thanks for the many greetings and goodies that we received in the rectory. We are truly blessed by each of you.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS 9th Annual Golf Classic Tournament

The St. Rose HSA invites all Parish members to join in a full day of golf and fun at The Golf Club at Oxford Greens in Oxford on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Cost of \$225 per player includes green fees, cart, breakfast, lunch, and awards reception dinner. The format is a two-man best ball, with prizes for low gross and low net, four holes-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line, raffles, mulligans and a silent auction. Although we encourage creating your own foursome, we will pair up singles and twosomes. Check out the website for more information or to print registration forms. To reserve your foursome, or for any questions or additional information, please contact Parent Coordinator, Mr. Tony Cirone, via e-mail at tcirone@ecllp.com or at 203-798-2721, ext. 100; or Mr. Joseph DeMaida at our school office at 426-5102.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Divine Mercy Sunday: Peace

The greatest witness to the presence of Christ in our lives is the leap of faith that we are capable of making when necessary – when we have no proof, however we believe anyway. We may even take this leap of faith for granted. When someone we love dies, we find ourselves among those that Jesus blesses in today's Gospel. We discover that those who have gone before us are still with us – transformed – we may not be able to see or grasp with our senses, however there is a “knowing” that comes with belief in eternal life. And with that “knowing” comes a peace beyond all understanding – a peace that calms all of our fears.

Reflection Questions: In what area of your life could you use Jesus' peace? Invite Jesus into that area of your life and experience His peace as you give Him control over it.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: The week after Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in order to ensure greater prominence to the paschal mystery of Christ by emphasizing: (a) Christ's merciful love; (b) atonement of sins; (c) our covenant of mercy through Christ; (d) all of the above.

Registration for Religious Education

During class time **April 19-22** in the parish hall, we will register children for classes for next year. We have classes for children in pre-k through grade 8. Grade 1 is a pre-requisite for First Communion. Registration fees have not changed, however a note was sent home with the children this past week describing the methods of payment that will be accepted at the time of registration. If you did not receive the notice, or if you have a child new to the program, kindly stop by the Religious Education office. Thank you for making Religious Education a priority in your child's life.

Children's Liturgy

The next children's liturgy will be held on April 25 at the 5:30 Mass. Those who have participated in any of the children's liturgies this past year are encouraged to attend.

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.

Butterflies Need to Come Home

If your child is receiving First Communion this year and he/she did not hand in the butterfly during Mass last weekend, please make every effort to bring it to the Religious Education Office this week. The Butterflies will be used to mark your family seats on First Communion Day.

Vacation Bible School

This summer St. Rose is participating in two Vacation Bible Schools! In July, St. Rose will host our own VBS, and in August, Trinity Episcopal Church will host the Ecumenical Vacation Church School with participating churches: Congregational, United Methodist and St. Rose.

Registration for both opens April 19th and forms can be found in the church or at the religious education office. Registration fees are: \$25 for the 1st child and \$20 each additional child. Details for both follow:

St. Rose Vacation Bible School will be held July 20th – 24th from 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. Contact the Co-Directors with any questions: Michele Buzzi at 426-2374 mbuzzijr@att.net and Dot Perpignand 270-7828 dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net

Ecumenical Vacation Church School will be held August 3rd – 7th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church. Contact the Co-Directors with any questions: Jen Peterson & Sue Vogelmann 203-426-9070 x16.

Volunteers are needed for both so come and join in these fun-filled, spiritual weeks!

Adult Formation

Spiritual Journey

Prayer, Silence, Suffering, Expanding One's Energy. Are you like a multitude of persons who think they know “Who God Is” – but do you? Are you among those who are willing to have your “fixed ideas” challenged – but are you? What can this statement mean: “In relationship to prayer, we are all businessmen rather than mystics”?

This Thursday morning, **April 23 from 10:15-11:15**, we welcome you to attend a spirit-filled session that will be led by **Dorothy and Dick Lambert**. Through watching an interview with Anthony deMello, you are invited to go deeper in a self-correcting process of learning. Simply come and be open to a **freeing experience!** 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.

Diocesan Adult Confirmation Classes

The Diocese offers a series of classes for adults who wish to be confirmed in the Catholic faith. These refresher classes are offered on seven consecutive dates from April 14-26 from 7:00-9:00 at St. Luke Parish in Westport. Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 31 at 3:30 at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. Please call 416-1446 or email: doconnor@diobpt.org for additional information and sign up.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem Classes for Adults

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

This week we celebrate the lives of St. Anselm (April 22, St. George and St. Adalbert (April 23), St. Fidelis (April 24, and St. Mark (April 25).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (d) all of the above. Divine Mercy has its roots deeply planted in Old and New Testament and in early Church tradition. Divine Mercy is a celebration and summation of God's Merciful love for us.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

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

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

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

Available: Bedroom set with dresser, and a twin mattress.

Needed: Laptop computer for Internet connection, needed by parishioner participating in job training program.

Needed: Broken or unwanted costume jewelry, especially rhinestones and pearls, for a children's theater group.

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



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.

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY (WEBS)

Please join us for the final book of this year "The Attributes of God Volume 1: A Journey Into the Father's Heart" by AW Tozer. The group meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the upper room at the Religious Education office (38 Church Hill Road). Each week one or more chapters are discussed. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, April 21st and we will be discussing the Introduction and first chapter of the book and study guide questions. Books are available through Amazon, Christianbooks.com, and other booksellers. Contact Kristen Renzi (270-6915) with any questions or for more info.

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 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 info call Suzanne Brown (203) 364-9796.

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.

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:

Is your heart irritated? Bodywide inflammation is a red flag. Down the road, it can mean problems like heart attacks or atherosclerosis. So soothe your heart and arteries with this: vitamin C. Yep, vitamin C has yet another health benefit. It may help bring down levels of C-reactive protein (CRP) – a marker of bodywide inflammation and irritation. Inflammation Blues: Research suggests that heart disease is somehow tied in with the body's inflammatory processes. And if CRP goes way up, it could be a sign that these inflammatory processes are poised to give your ticker trouble. Enter vitamin C—when people with abnormally high levels of CRP took 1000 milligrams of C daily, after 2 months they had 25 percent less CRP than the folks on a placebo. Keep the Flames at Bay: In addition to getting adequate amounts of vitamin C in your diet, keep in mind these other inflammation-cooling, heart-saving lifestyle tips: Drop a few pounds if you need to. Move a little—just enough. You don't have to be a tri-athlete to protect your heart with exercise. Eat beans, too.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Saturday, April 25 at 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.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY BOOK CLUB

will be meeting on Tuesday, April 21st to discuss A Miracle For St. Anna's written by James McBride. For info please call Anne Annesley 364-0676. New members are always welcome.

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 Flyers are available at all church entrances.

The next CRHP Monthly Mass will be **Sunday, May 10th at 9 a.m.** Please wear your crosses so that we can greet each other.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!!! Bishop Lori will celebrate mass here at St. Rose this Sunday, April 19, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, at 3 p.m. - please join us!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER continues for Carolyn's Place and Expectant Mothercare - **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) All of the baby bottles need to be returned, even if they are empty, because the organizations reuse them.

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

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:30 in the rectory - please join us!

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

Abortion is not as safe as the pro-abortion forces would like for you to believe. There are well documented studies which indicate that many abortions can cause infections, hemorrhage, cervical tear, perforation of the uterus and other organs, sterility premature delivery and sometimes death. And these are just some of the risks to the mother; the baby is always killed.

NO LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY MEETING ON APRIL 21ST DUE TO JUBILEE IN ROME.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DIOCESSAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

ANNIVERSARIES: Bishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., will celebrate a Mass, in which the commemoration of significant marriage anniversaries will occur, at St. Theresa Church, Trumbull, on Sunday, June 14 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 anniversaries: 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 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, June 1.

PASTORAL PLAN: In today's Gospel, we recall the words Thomas spoke to Jesus, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Our faith comes from hearing. These words help shed light on the second reading about the importance of faith. Even though one may see, it is not a guarantee of faith. Faith comes by hearing the word of the risen Lord who addresses Thomas personally and each one of us, too. During Mass, at the time of the consecration, we have the same opportunity to repeat the words Thomas spoke: "My Lord and my God" after seeing and touching Jesus' nail marks. We are the ones Jesus speaks of when he tells Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." May this glorious Easter season be an occasion for you to reflect on what it really means to believe in the Risen Christ Jesus and its effect on your daily life.

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

Our next council meeting is in the Monsignor Conroy room on Thursday, May 7th, 2009. Doors open at 7PM and the meeting will get underway at 7:30 PM.

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 – April 26-Spring Bash – 6-8 p.m. Field games, cook-out, refreshments. Cost \$4.00 See flyer in the back of the church. **(Please note date change)**

Senior Youth Group – The next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, April 19 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

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, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Safeplace. Contact Joe DeMaida at 270-9133 or Eileen Dunseith at 270-1419.

The St. Rose Senior Youth Group has begun registration for the **Stebenville East Youth Conference** July 24-26, 2009. Registration is ongoing through April 26th. Info can be found on our website www.stroseyouthgroup.com. Don't miss out on this great opportunity...space is limited.

MARRIED COUPLES EVENING RETREAT

“Love the One You’re With Re-discovering Acceptance and Connection in Your Marriage”

Presenter: Brandon and Susan Nappi

Wednesday, May 6 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Our evening will offer practical exercises to help couples grow in acceptance of each other. We will examine thought patterns and behaviors that block our ability to be compassionate and accept our partner.

Program offering: \$60 per couple

Send name, address and offering to:

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107

or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org

(860) 521-0440

SPRING POLKA FEST DINNER AND DANCE

Holy Cross Church, 750 Tahmore Drive, Fairfield, will be having a Spring Polka Fest Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 2, 2009. The festivities will start with a Polka Mass at 4:30 p.m. followed by a Grand Buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. with dancing until 11:00 p.m. and will include a raffle. Music will be performed by the Polka Quads of Steelton, PA. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 per person at the door. There is no admission charge for children age 12 and under. To purchase tickets and make reservations, call the parish office at 372-4595.

**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL (FAIRFIELD)
SPRING ENTRANCE EXAM**

On Saturday, April 25 at 8:30 a.m. Notre Dame High School in Fairfield will be offering a spring entrance exam. Any eighth grade applicants who would like to still apply for admission are invited to take this exam. Students can register the morning of the exam. Complete information can be found on the school’s website, www.notredame.org.

Notre Dame is a co-ed high school located in Fairfield that has been educating students for over fifty years. The student body of 600 students represents 36 area cities and towns.

MY FATHER’S HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

John Michael Talbot, the Catholic Church’s best-known musician will appear in a solo concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 26th at My Father’s House Retreat Center in Moodus, CT. Tickets are only \$10. For tickets or information about the concert, please call (860) 873-1581 or visit www.MyFathersHouse.com.

EARTH DAY – APRIL 25TH

Let us celebrate God’s beautiful earth by gathering together for an ecumenical service on Earth Day! We will gather at the top of Castle Hill Rd. at 7:00 a.m. to celebrate all his wonders. This service will be the kick off event for the day-long celebration of Earth Day, **April 25th**.

At the Newtown Middle School will be many displays by environmental vendors and fun-filled events for people of all ages, including yoga demonstrations from the Graceful Planet, an environmental maze, sack races, renewable energy displays, gardening tips and an ecology walk by Town Historian, Dan Cruson.

Lose the Litter Day will also be a part of Earth Day. From 9-1 Newtowners can pick up bags at the booth at the Middle School and sign up to pick up trash on any road they wish. Bags can be put at the Newtown Highway Dept. on Peck’s Lane, or carted away with your own garbage.

So start the day by celebrating God’s beautiful planet at the top of Castle Hill and then participate in the other day’s events!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Connecticut Catholic Singles Spring Brunch and Dance

Tony’s Huntington Inn

437 Huntington Turnpike

Bridgeport

Sunday, April 19 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

\$30

For reservations call 261-2414.

WIN \$100,000 FOR COLLEGE

The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall, is offering a raffle, to be drawn on May 14, 2009, with amazing odds and an unusual prize--\$100,000 TUITION for the student of the winner’s choice at any college, K-12 or graduate school. Only 2500 tickets are available @ \$100 each. To purchase raffle tickets, or for more information, visit Luralton Hall at 200 High Street in Milford, call 203-877-2786, ext. 143, or email cmonk@luraltonhall.org.

MAGIC GARDEN DONATES TO ST. ROSE

The Magic Garden will donate 15% of your entire communion purchase to St. Rose Church.

For the girls...

dresses, veils, sweaters, and shoes!

For the boys...

suits, blazers, slacks, shirts and ties

Thank you for your support!

PICTURES NEEDED FOR WALL OF HONOR

Laurie McCollum is having a wall of honor erected at the Town Hall. This wall will honor our active duty servicemen and women. If you currently have someone who is serving, she would like their names, a short bio and a 5x7 (no larger) military picture. Please call Laurie at 426-5559.

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

Called to Question: Life-giving options in uncertain times. A reflective approach in a serene and prayerful environment. Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Villa Notre Dame, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897. 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Liturgy is available and all are welcome. Given by: Patricia Brennan, MA, LPC and Sr. Jean McLoughlin, SSND. RSVP to Sr. Maria Iannuccillo, SSND, miannuccillo@amssnd.org. or 203-762-4152 by Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

*You are cordially invited to a Celebration
of a Mass of Thanksgiving
on the Occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary
of the Ordination of Monsignor William A. Nagle
on
May 17, 2009 at 12:00 noon
at
St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church
279 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut.
A reception will follow immediately in the
Monsignor Nagle Hall.*

Clergy are welcome to concelebrate.

Divine Mercy Apostolate

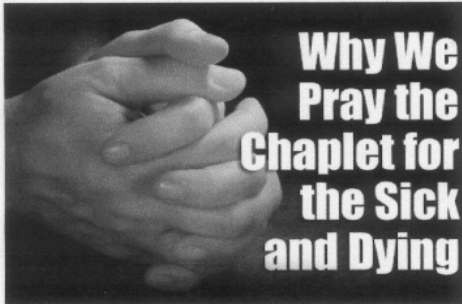
Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy



*Saint Maria
Faustina*

The Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy (EADM) is building the body of Christ through its worldwide network of Cenacles. This guided study program for prayer communities includes the study of Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the DIARY of St. Faustina. Participants gather in local communities to learn more about God, the Holy Catholic Church and their place in the Body of Christ

Genuine belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. **The apostolate promotes Eucharistic Adoration, together with hourly praying of The Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and dying.**



“Our Lord asked St. Faustina to pray and offer the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy for sinners and the dying, saying: Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your entreaties [that is, insistent prayers], obtain for them trust in My mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least. Be assured that the grace of eternal salvation for certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayer. You know the whole abyss of My mercy, so draw upon it for yourself and especially for poor sinners. Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul.” (*Diary of St. Faustina, 1777*)

Saint Faustina was often given the grace to know when a certain dying person desired or needed prayer; she would be alerted to the moment, by her Guardian

Angel or by our Lord Himself. At those times she would pray until she no longer felt the need to pray, or a sense of peace came upon her, or she learned that the person had died, or heard the soul say, "Thank You!" She wrote: "Oh, dying souls are in such great need of prayer! O Jesus, inspire souls to pray often for the dying" (*Diary, 1015*).

One of the best means of assisting the dying is the one that Jesus revealed to St. Faustina and insisted that she use often, even continuously: The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy. Jesus said, "*My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. ... Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior*" (*Diary, 1541*).

Earlier, our Lord said to her, "*At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the indulgence is the same*" (*Diary, 811*).

What if the person prays from a distance? Saint Faustina had a love for the sick and dying, and she prayed for them with great fervor. The following experiences recorded in her *Diary* make it clear that one does not have to be at the bedside physically. She wrote, "It sometimes happens that the dying person is in the second or third building away, yet for the spirit, space does not exist. It sometimes happens that I know about a death occurring several hundred kilometers away. This has happened several times with regard to my family and relatives and also sisters in religion, and even souls whom I have not known during their lifetime" (*Diary, 835*).

Our Lord said to St. Faustina, "*My daughter, help Me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the chaplet that I have taught you for him. When I began to say the chaplet, I saw the man dying in the midst of terrible torment and struggle. His Guardian Angel was defending him, but he was, as it were, powerless against the enormity of the soul's misery. A multitude of devils was waiting for the soul. But while I was saying the chaplet, I saw Jesus just as He is depicted in the image. The rays which issued from Jesus' Heart enveloped the sick man, and the powers of darkness fled in panic. The sick man peacefully breathed his last. When I came to myself, I understood how very important the chaplet was for the dying. It appeases the anger of God*" (*Diary, 1565*).

These words are particularly relevant for members of the Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy (EADM) and all Eucharistic adorers. In chapels throughout the world, they are reciting or praying the chaplet for the sick and dying, and are part of an international registry established by the ministry". [*Dr. Bryan Thatcher (Mar 24, 2009)*]

St. Rose of Lima Chapel - Divine Mercy Cenacle - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 3:30 to 5 pm and "Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy – Friday 3:00 – 4:00 pm. You are invited!

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