

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, April 26, 2009

<b>Sunday, April 26</b> 7-10 p.m.	Men's CRHP (2)
<b>Monday, April 27</b> 7-10 p.m.	Women's CRHP (2)
7:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (8)
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b> 9:30 a.m.	WEBS (2)
10:00 a.m.	Job Network (2)
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m.	Al-Anon (2)
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b> 9-11:30	Teach Me to Pray...Play 2
7-9 p.m.	Special Moms (2)
7:30 p.m.	Folk Choir (1)
<b>Thursday, April 30</b> 3-4 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (7)
10:15 a.m.	Spiritual Journey (2)
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir (1)
7:30 p.m.	RCIA (2)
8:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (2)
<b>Friday, May 1 (First Friday)</b> after 9:00 a.m. mass	First Friday Adoration (1)
10:30 a.m.	Friday Bible Study (2)
4:00 p.m.	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5:00 p.m.	Benediction (1)
<b>Saturday, May 2</b> 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting (2)

**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       |

**NATIONAL COLLECTION for BLACK and INDIAN MISSIONS in the UNITED STATES**

This weekend the Church is asking your support of the NATIONAL COLLECTION for BLACK and INDIAN MISSIONS in the UNITED STATES. The need for Evangelization programs is so important to our Church in this changing world. PLEASE BE GENEROUS. Thank you for whatever you can give and God bless you.

**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 himself/herself drawn to St. Francis and his spirituality, please consider coming to an information meeting on Saturday morning, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Monday, April 27</b> 6:45	Rose Hayes	Ron & Paulette Calderone
9:00	Constantine Tzepos	Bob & Joy Biscoe & family
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b> 6:45	Margie Clifford & Joe Murphy	Jack & Mary Obre
9:00	Catherine Hartsburg	Aloise Mulvihill
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b> 6:45	Werner Hartl	Anna McMahon
9:00	Prisca Correia	Lil Gustilo, Rod Hamar & family
<b>Thursday, April 30</b> 6:45	Jane Taylor	Patty Barry
9:00	Lillian Pascual	Family
<b>Friday, May 1 (First Friday)</b> 6:45	B. Joseph Meehan	Tim Holian
9:00	Albert Pavia	John & Nella Pavia
<b>5:00 p.m. Benediction</b> <b>Saturday, May 2</b> 8:00	Francis Van Zanten	Charlie Van Zanten
4:00	Anna Greco	Joanne Rochman & Family
5:30	Joseph Malyszka	Deacon Tom & Ellen Curran
<b>Sunday, May 3</b> 7:30	Gary Annar	The Fenaroli Family
9:00	Frank T. Battista	Bob Murray
10:30	Mary Hunyadi	Theodore & Catherine Hunyadi
12:00	Tina Katz	Diane Sekul

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Rosa & Giulio DeVellis as requested by Joe DeVellis.

**Thank you for your support!**

Collection for April 19, 2009	\$15,955.00
Children's Offertory	12.50
Collection for April 20, 2008	\$18,352.00

FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: StRoseChurch.com  
PRINTED COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS.

**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, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we celebrate in a special way, Francis Reilly, Alvida Swanson, Levio Rizzo, and Raymond Corbett, 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 friends.  
**Don & Stephania Naiman**, Coordinators 748-7976.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – May 1, 2009**

The Lord is exposed after 9 o'clock Mass, the Rosary Group prays a rosary at 9:30, and 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 and Evening Prayers.

*"Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest."*

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

As we enter our Third Week of the Easter season, we are reminded by the liturgy of our need for trust in God's love and His promises to us. Why would we be like Thomas and doubt or engage in a series of questions about the Lord's love? Listen to the invitation Christ extends to us in the Gospel: "Look at my hands and my feet...touch me and see!" We need to pray that like these disciples Jesus encountered after His resurrection we open our minds to the Scriptures and accept the call to discipleship. While one voice can make a difference, the voices of many speaking in one accord can make a lasting difference. What better time than now when there are so many challenges before us to stand together in unity and accord? What better time for us to take pride in our faith and our Church when the odds seem stacked against us by contemporary morals and attitudes? What better time to be a witness to Christ and to the truth of His Gospel? There is no better time!

Thanks to everyone who helped organize the Divine Mercy Mass for the diocese this past Sunday. Special thanks to our Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee and our Women's Club for their hospitality to our guests, and to our choir for providing the music for this beautiful liturgy. Thanks to all of you who attended and joined in prayer for God's mercy on this world.

This weekend is the annual CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL. For many years, this collection was referred to as the national Black and Indian Mission Collection which benefited the mission work of the Church to the Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities. It is only through the constant generosity of Catholics that such efforts can be realized. This collection is greatly needed by our country's mission efforts. The hurricanes in recent years caused devastation beyond imagination to the poorest of the poor, and dioceses serving these areas have been stretched beyond their means in reaching out to those in need. As always, we ask your generous support of this collection.

Thanks to all those who generously supported our Easter Flower Memorial Collection. The display was a wonderful tribute to your loved ones and reminded us of the beauty of spring and the hope of new life. Thanks in a special way to Debbie Reilly and Marilyn Doyle for their artistic gift to the parish by their creative talent for this year's Easter flowers.

Thanks also to all who participated in this year's EARTH DAY! Many parishioners joined us for the interfaith prayer service Saturday morning before engaging in a variety of projects throughout the town. Special thanks to all those who helped on our property for the spring clean-up.

Last Wednesday, we said thanks to those who serve the parish as secretaries. These women give a great deal of time, talent and energy in meeting the needs of our ever-growing parish. On behalf of all of us, our thanks to: Fran Gargano, Jean Otton and Roberta Shea in the rectory office, Joanne Marcinek and Kate Kunze in our Religious Education Office, Kim Braun and Kathy Phillips in our Saint Rose School Office. We could not do it without you!

Next Saturday we begin our celebration of First Eucharist for the children of our parish. This is a very happy and exciting time in the lives of these little ones. Please keep them in your prayers. Please pray for their parents as well that they will keep these children close to the Eucharist by bringing them to church on a regular basis.



**SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

**9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tcirone@ecllp.com) or at 203-798-2721 ext. 100, or Mr. Joseph DeMaida at our school office at 426-5102.

**RECYCLE YOUR OLD SNEAKERS:** Do you want your old STINKY sneakers gone? Well it's your lucky day. Your old sneakers are needed for recycling. The sneakers will be recycled as running tracks, basketball courts and playground matting. Recycled sneakers don't end up in landfills polluting Earth like most of the stuff you throw out. If you have any old sneakers please put them in the box marked "Recycle Your Old Sneakers" in the vestibule of the church. Thanks for your help. Patrick & Juliet Grover

**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.

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**PASTORAL PLAN**

Today's readings deal with three things: ignorance, knowledge, and understanding of the Scriptures. Catholics cannot live in a closed society. We need to have knowledge and understanding of the Sacred Scriptures. We need to be informed Christians by reading the Bible, reading the Catholic newspaper, watching religious television programs, etc. Ignorance can be culpable and lead to disaster as the first reading implies. Peter has harsh words for the Jewish people, but he quickly adds, "I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance."

Luke, in the Gospel, states that our Lord opened the minds of the disciples to the understanding of the Scriptures. Christian renewal happens when one experiences the Sacred Scriptures in a meditative and prayerful way. Real understanding of the Scriptures requires prayer and meditation, because the Lord must open our minds and give us the insight. Take time this week to prayerfully read the Sacred Scriptures either with a group or on your own to discover what God is telling you this glorious Easter season.

**GARDEN ANGELS**

Are you a gardener with perennials that need to be divided this spring? If so, please consider donating some of your extra plants to the Garden Angels and help us enhance the St. Rose landscape. Please label them with name and sun/shade information and drop them off at the garage near the soccer field. We appreciate your offerings and invite you to help with the planting. Happy spring! Call Eileen at 426-8223 with questions.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

#### God Within It All

As I began to write this column and looked at everything that is going on at St. Rose, there is a common thread. The people who comprise this parish are consistently seeking to “Find God In All Things,” and that is God’s rightful place! We are seeking God’s response to unemployment (Tuesday morning), human sexuality (Monday afternoon), young adulthood (Sunday afternoon), good reading (Tuesday morning), Bereavement (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening), health, knitting, vacation, the poor, marriage, school, gardens, and the list goes on and on. Next year, most of our Religious Education classes will be using a textbook called “Finding God in All Things.” The Bishop has praised the methods used in this new series of books, and the constant use of prayer – connecting all things with God – within each lesson. Let us pray that as a community of faith we continue to be receptive to God’s presence in the world around us, and that we stand in awe of the creativity of His plan.

**Reflection Questions:** Ask God to reveal to you an area of your life (or to people) that you may be “closed” to God’s presence – ask Him to help you accept the mystery of His plan in this area.

**Enriching My Catholic IQ:** We formally celebrate the life of St. Joseph as: (a) the husband of Mary; (b) the Worker; (c) the patron of the Universal Church; (d) all of the above.

#### Fifth Grade: God’s Plan for Human Sexuality

On Monday, April 27 from 4:15-5:15, there will be a special class for fifth grade students. In health class during fifth grade, students learn about the anatomy and physiology of sexuality. St. Rose offers a class that adds a spiritual dimension to this subject – one in which it is presented as God’s plan for our bodies. If you have not filled out a permission slip and desire for your fifth grader to attend, we will have permission slips available on that day, or you can request one at the Religious Education Office, or you can download it on the education page at [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com). Faith-filled Catholic health care professionals teach the class, and the boys and girls are separated for the talk.

#### Registration for Religious Education

During class time this past week, we registered many children for classes for next year. We have classes for children in pre-k through grade 8, and grade 1 is a pre-requisite for First Communion. Registration will also take place on Sunday, April 26 from 9:00-noon at the Religious Ed office at 38 Church Hill. 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.

#### End of the Year Mass and Gathering Students Who Attend Class on Sunday

**Next Sunday, May 3, closing Mass will be celebrated at 9:15 and at 10:45** during class time in the new parish hall, followed by a reception. All families are asked to attend; if possible, please bring a finger food to share at the reception. Thank you for being a part of this parish community.

#### End of the Year Mass and Party All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

This joyful celebration will take place on Sunday May 3 beginning with Mass at 5:00 for all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Eighth grade students are invited to join the youth group that evening for food, fun, and fellowship in the new gathering hall. Come and see what “Catholic Young Adults” look like – you will like what you see!

#### First Communion Rehearsals

Rehearsal for 10:00 a.m. May 2 ceremony is Monday, April 27; for 1:00 May 2 ceremony is Tuesday, April 28. Rehearsal for 10:00 a.m. May 9 ceremony is Monday, May 4; for 1:00 May 9 ceremony is Tuesday, May 5. All rehearsals are from 4:15-5:45.

There is a separate rehearsal for readers and gift bearers on Friday May 1 for May 2 ceremonies, and on Friday, May 8 for May 9 ceremonies. Please be on time for all rehearsals!

#### Looking for a faith-based response to unemployment?

Job Seekers meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Religious Ed Office at 38 Church Hill Road. This active and spirit-filled group helps us to look at ourselves the way that God looks at us – seeing our unique gifts and talents so that we may present our “best self” as we seek employment. We welcome you to join us.

#### Children’s Liturgy

This past Saturday was the last “Children’s Liturgy” for this school year. We are grateful to Nancy Haas and Eileen Vitarbo for coordinating the Liturgical celebrations this year and to Helen Malyszka and Trish Keil for coordinating the children’s choir, and to all of the children who participated.

#### 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, please do so as soon as possible because 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! St. Rose will host our own VBS from July 20-24, and we participate in the Ecumenical VBS from Aug. 3-7, which is hosted this year by Trinity Episcopal Church. Registration forms can be found in the church or at the religious education office. Registration fees are: \$25 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$20 each additional child. Details for both follow:

**St. Rose Vacation Bible School will be held July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM. Contact the Co-Directors with any questions: Michele Buzzi at 426-2374 [mbuzzzjr@att.net](mailto:mbuzzzjr@att.net) and Dot Perpignand 270-7828 [dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net)

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

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

#### Adult Formation

##### Spiritual Journey: New Beginnings

This Thursday morning, April 30, from 10:15-11:15, we welcome you to attend a spirit-filled session that will be led by Sr. Frances Smalkowski, who will speak about “New Beginnings.” 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 Bpt. offers classes for adults, both on-site and on-line. For a list of classes and for registration please visit the Diocesan website at: <http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com/ps-stcyril.asp>

**This week we celebrate the lives of St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Mary deMontfort (April 28), St. Catherine of Siena (April 29), St. Pius V (April 30), St. Joseph the Worker (May 1), and St. Athanasius (May 2).**

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** (d) We celebrate St. Joseph as the husband of Mary on March 19, St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church, and St. Joseph the Worker (May 1). This kind, gentle, and loving man served God in his devotion to Mary and the Child Jesus; he descended from the house of David. He earned a living as a carpenter, making sure that his family was taken care of as he willingly and humbly followed God’s will for his life.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

**Please Note:** From now until our October clothing drive, we have no client organizations which can accept clothing. Please do not contribute clothing until our October clothing drive (and only cold weather wear at that time). Thank you for your continuing generosity.

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

**Available:** 13" TV

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

**Needed:** Sewing Machine.

**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. 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 next meeting on May 17<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 info call Suzanne Brown (203) 364-9796.

**SPECIAL MOMS MEETING** – Wednesday, April 29 at 38 Church Hill Rd. Special Moms is an ecumenical prayer group for women of Newtown who have a special needs child of any age in their life. We meet to read scripture, pray for our families and encourage each other. Social time starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by our prayer meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come feel God's love through these special women who gather to support one another! For more information call Anne Marie at 270-7344 or email riehayes@snet.net.

## 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:

Drink up for better bones. Know which drink the YOU Docs recommend for better bones? Hint: It's not milk. Well, not regular milk, anyway. In their book *YOU: Staying Young*, experts Mehmet Oz, MD, and Michael Roizen, MD, tout the bone-friendly attributes of kefir, a fermented dairy drink. Two Benefits for Bones: What's kefir got that's so great? Vitamin K<sub>2</sub>. It helps prevent the death of osteoblasts—cells that are responsible for forming new bone. Vitamin K<sub>2</sub> also escorts calcium out of your blood and into your bones so it can do its job of making bones stronger. That's two bone benefits for the price of one drink! More to the story: Of course, calcium and vitamin D are still critical to maintaining bone health. Then, do even more to keep your skeleton hardy with these bone-boosting choices: Add weight. Not to your body, but to your workout. A little strength training is great for bones. Think green. There are lots of green veggies that can help boost your intake of calcium. Go easy on protein and caffeine. Too much can speed bone loss.

### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)

**You're Invited! Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Marian Heights Spiritual Retreat Center, Monroe, CT.** All past CRHP Brothers and Sisters are invited to the closing Mass and celebration to welcome all our new Sisters in Christ who have participated in the Women's renewal retreat this weekend. Mass is at 2:30 p.m. with refreshments following.

**Blessings to Women's formation team #11** as they work through Christ this weekend to renew our parish of St. Rose. Thank you Janice, Eileen, Dot, Patti, Fran, Laverne, Michelle, Donna, Tammy, Elizabeth, and Brenna for your faith-filled spirits and works of love and service to our parish community.

**Women's Evening of Discipleship is Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.** All Christ Renews His Parish brothers and sisters are invited to gather at St. Rose Church at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the team's discernment of answering God's call to service.

### **Time to join a team?**

All women who have been past participants on a CRHP renewal weekend are welcome and invited to join upcoming team #12.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner**

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

**Mother's Day Flower Sale Fundraiser:** The Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee will hold its annual flower sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 9 & 10. Roses will be available before and after all of the masses to present to the Virgin Mary at the Crowning, or to give as Mother's Day gifts.

**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**

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

**ROSARY FOR LIFE: Saturday, May 30 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.**

A problem with the slogan "I don't want to impose my morality on others" is that it is inconsistent with the way we view other issues. We impose our morality on others when we say they cannot steal our car, burn our house, or kidnap our child. Certainly we don't allow others the right to make those choices. Why do we allow a different standard for abortion?

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**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> – PRAYER FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH the WORKER**

God our Father,  
creator and ruler of the universe,  
in every age you call man  
to develop and use his gifts for the good of others.  
With Saint Joseph as our example and guide,  
help us to do the work you have asked  
and come to the rewards you have promised.

*The St. Joseph donation box for people having housing needs is near the organ in front of the church.*

**NEWTOWN NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING**

May 7, 2009 (Thursday) 6-7 p.m. at The Pleasance  
If rain, then: Edmond Town Hall, Alexandria Room  
All are welcome to join us as we pray for Government, Military, Businesses, Media, Education, Churches and Families. Parking on one side of Routes 302 & 25. Overflow @ Liberty and Dickinson Town Parks.

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**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 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

**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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our next council meeting is in the Monsignor Conroy room on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 26 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Safeplace.

**Freedom to Serve:** The summer mission trip is for all high school age students 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, 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 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**

**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: 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, June 1.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR & SENIOR BOYS**

Consider adding St. John Fisher Seminary to your list of college visits. It seems to be such a mystery what life is like in a house of discernment. We are offering the opportunity to live the schedule and life of the house for 24 hours. For more information and to schedule your visit please contact Father Peter Lynch at 203-416-1513 or e-mail [vocations@HearTheCall.org](mailto:vocations@HearTheCall.org).

**QUO VADIS HIGH SCHOOL VOCATION CLUB FOR**

**BOYS:** The next meeting will be Thursday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Saint John Fisher Seminary Residence in Stamford, Mass, dinner, meeting. All high school boys are welcome. RSVP by calling 203-416-1513 or e-mail [vocations@HearTheCall.org](mailto:vocations@HearTheCall.org).

**MAGNIFICAT**, a diocesan Ministry to Catholic Women, welcomes all women to a delightful Women's Breakfast to be held Saturday, May 2, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Ethan Allen, Danbury, CT. Our guest speaker will be Joan Heinsohn. Come experience a Magnificat Meal, be inspired by our excellent speaker and led in prayer for our families, friends, and our Church. \$25/pp. No tickets at the door. Sponsored by the Triumphant Heart of Mary Immaculate Chapter. Contact Joy Scozzafava, Reservations, 203-748-8312 or e-mail: [joyhenrys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joyhenrys@sbcglobal.net). For more information about the event contact Roxane Anngotta-Magnificat Coordinator – Email: [magnificatbpt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:magnificatbpt@sbcglobal.net) or call 203-778-3950. Clergy and Religious are invited at no charge; however, please RSVP.

**SPRING BOOK DONATION DAY**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>** from 12 to 5 p.m. (rain or shine) **NEEDED NOW!** YOUR USED BOOKS, CDs, VHS tapes, LPs, DVDs. Easy drop-off: C.H. Booth Library Parking Lot 25 Main Street, Newtown. Tax receipts available. For the benefit of the library. Questions? Call 270-4537. *Sponsored by the Friends of the C. H. Booth Library.*

**TWO NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS**

Two exciting Upcoming Events at Notre Dame High School. Notre Dame will be hosting its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Auction/Cabaret on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This fun-filled adult social is a great evening to spend with friends and family. Also, the ND Drama Club will present "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on May 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and May 10 at 2 p.m., at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University. Tickets for both of these events are on sale now and may be purchased by contacting Notre Dame High School at 372-6521 or [Marzik@notredame.org](mailto:Marzik@notredame.org).

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.MyFathersHouse.com).

*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.*

**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](mailto: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.

**CHURCH WOMEN OF NEWTOWN** will hold their 2009 **May Friendship Day** on Saturday, **May 2 from 9:30-11 a.m.** in the **Msgr. Conroy room at St. Rose School.**

The theme of this May Friendship Day is "Building Our Stories", and along with prayer and song we will hear the faith stories from women representing the various churches of Newtown. These women will talk about their faith journey through their church and what faith has inspired them to do.

A light breakfast will be served. Please come and be a part of this celebration of faith and friendship with our local Newtown women.

## Third Sunday of Easter

### 2009 EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

#### In Memory of

Anna and John Anshove  
Joseph and Josephine Ancilli  
Karen Anselson  
Helen and Anthony Balad  
Frank Barliss  
Beth-Dorothy Burniss

Dr. and Mrs. A. Etancko  
Dr. and Mrs. J. Kobiloff  
William and Alfreda Bohari

Ed and Jackie Bokuniewicz  
Orten and Albert Bronsweiler  
A. & G. Bailey - Beth Hawkins, Gladys and  
Erik Ingram, & Hank Bailey  
Lewie Bochert, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smeraglio  
The Burke Family  
Rose (Alice), Dorothy Pompeo  
Lillian and Terence Clark and Anne and  
Thomas Matthews  
Patrick and Alton Orsigo  
Joseph DiPesciatto

Bert and Elizabeth Carey  
Joseph Cunningham

Calvert Family  
Colleen and Pizzano  
Dorleen and Teresa Family  
Patricia D'Alessandro, Frank Ploski  
Deceased Family Members  
Deceased Members of Czeslawski-Naiman Family

Deceased Members of the Carey and Himm Families  
Deceased Members of the Puhl and  
Nomenmacher Families

Deceased Members of DiGegan and Figneron Families  
Deceased Members of Kilferan and Oravec Family  
Denton Family  
Deceased Family Members  
Deditions Green and Morgan Families  
Lorella Di Francesca  
Lindsay DiStasio  
Mildred and Richard Marty  
Lombardo Vicenzo Abruzzo Italy  
The Fabry and Kirby Family R.I.P.  
Family  
Mr. and Mrs. André Prégault & Marie-Five Prégault  
Mr. and Mrs. Cy Frenkel and Mr. Leo Benior  
Arlis M. Irnich  
Gladis & Leonor Family

Keith Charly, Muriom Zeiss, Joe Boccuzzi, &  
Peg Chiacrell  
Gilbert/Pelleller Families  
Suzie Fish  
Mrs. Elaine Gröbel  
Mirabeau Maurice Horning

#### Requested by

Alice Horshan  
Joseph and Joan Aprona  
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Peggy and Jerry Usard  
Sue and Lisa Perovich  
Phil and Pauline Deming

Gerard Kehnert

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Joan P. Gilberte

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Lynn Hines  
Adriana Rose Jensen  
Barbara Kaury  
Paul Kira

Elizabeth Kringer  
In Honor of Robert S. Smith  
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