

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, May 3, 2009

Sunday, May 3

All Sunday Masses
5:00 p.m.
7-10 p.m.

Monday, May 4

9-11:30 a.m.
7-10 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5

9:30-11 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6

9-11:30 a.m.
3:30 – 5 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 7

10:15 a.m.
3-4 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 8

7:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
3-4 p.m.

Saturday, May 9

All masses
6:30 p.m.

Scrip Sale (1)
7 & 8 End of Year Mass (3)
Men's CRHP (2)

Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
Women's CRHP (2)

WEBS (2)
Job Network Support Group
Al-Anon (2)
Pro-Life Meeting (Rectory)

Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)
Social Concerns Meeting 2
God's Do Gooders Mtg. (5)

Spiritual Journey (2)
Eucharistic Adoration (7)
Adult Choir (1)
K of C Meeting (8)
RCIA (2)
Prayer Group (2)

Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
Friday Bible Study (2)
Eucharistic Adoration (7)
Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy

Mother's Day Flower Sale 1
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 |



We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of April, 2009.

**Chloe Teagan Forrester
Hayden Michael Nelson
Scarlett Lucy Suba
Teagen Rose Ventres**

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL

In memory of

Ellen & Daniel Clarke &
Sheila Bradley
Angela & Patrick Giannettino
& Anthony Perone
Zaira Fritz
Michael West & Barber Family
Helen Mok
Sarah Lee,
Henry Erickson, Jr. &
The Lockwood Family
Walter, Eleanor Jean &
Michael Anderson

Requested by

Anna M. Clarke

M/M Richard Giannettino

Luisa & Mitch Bolinsky
Rose West
Crystal & William Mok
Florence Erickson

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday, May 4

6:45	For our grandparents	The Lanza Family
9:00	Tina M. Comeaux	The Soto Family
5:00	7 th & 8 th grade End of Year Mass	

Tuesday, May 5

6:45	Marie Lilian Gaulin	Gaulin-McKenzie Family
9:00	Martha & William Loring	Jim & Roseanne Loring

Wednesday, May 6

6:45	Frank Pitrone	Religious Ed. Staff
9:00	Henry Bojnowski	Josephine Bojnowski

Thursday, May 7

6:45	Helen Mok	Sean & Mo Kerins
9:00	Francis Reilly	Tom & Ellen Curran

Friday, May 8

6:45	Pat Sarbak	Rodriguez Family
9:00	Luisa Pavia	John & Nella Pavia

Saturday, May 9

8:00	Deceased Members of K of C Council #185	
4:00	Helen Baiad	Peggy & Tony Baiad
5:30	Denise Thompson	Joe & Sandy Bosco

Sunday, May 10

7:30	Mama Alagna & Mama Pavia	Nella & John Pavia
9:00	Kenneth Malsch	Daughter, Karen Banks
10:30	Giovanna Mancini & Carolyn Gingras	Marilyn & Dick Gingras
12:00	Rosa Arizaga	Marie Giner

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Ellen C. LaPak as requested by husband.

Thank you for your support!

Collection for April 26, 2009	\$17,676.00
Mission	4,256.00
Children's Offertory	19.43
Collection for April 27, 2008	\$17,304.00

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If you would like to support Father Amal's mission in India, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to Pax in Terra Inc., a 501c3 charitable organization established by St. Rose parishioners to support Father Amal and other sustainable efforts around the world. You can send a check to Pax In Terra Inc., P. O. Box 13, Newtown, CT 06470 or donate through the website at www.paxinterra.org.

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A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

In our Catholic tradition, the month of May has been dedicated to our Blessed Mother. I am sure that many of us remember the beautiful May processions that were hosted by parishes throughout the country culminating in the crowning of a statue of Mary. The hymns of those years still resonate in my mind: "O Mary, We Crown Thee With Blossoms Today" and "Mother Dear, Oh Pray For Me." While these traditions may sound maudlin, they reminded us of the primary role that Mary has in our faith. While many of these traditions are no longer part of our devotions to Mary, we still view Mary as an incredible woman of faith whose YES to God changed the world forever. In giving birth to Jesus, in nurturing and caring for Him and in standing by His side throughout His ministry, suffering, death and resurrection, Mary tells a story of faith that will never be duplicated again in history. Mary represents to both men and women the importance of trusting our lives to God and accepting His will. She also reminds us that we need to stand strong in faith against the challenges of society; remember how she had to witness the false accusations against Her Son and His teachings. Mary also is a call to vocation, embracing a life choice that brings us the fulfillment we need in order to be happy while at the same time building up God's kingdom on this earth. Take some time every day of May and reflect on Mary. Take out the rosary and pray it in silence or with your family. Meditate on her life as she matured from a young teenage girl through motherhood, marriage, suffering and witness. As Jesus said to St. John from the cross: BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER.

Congratulations to the children of our parish who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. These children remind us of the innocence to which we are each called and the joy we are to experience when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Thanks to the Religious Education Staff, the catechists and teachers who worked preparing them and to all who made their celebration a special one. Please pray that their parents will keep these children close to Jesus by bringing them to Mass on a regular basis.

The NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER will be celebrated in Newtown on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Pleasance (next to the Police Station). This interfaith prayer service brings us together in prayer and hope for our country. This day was established as a means to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the community to intercede for America and its leadership. The focus of the prayers is on the following centers of power that exist in our country:

- FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- OFFICIALS AND JUDGES
- MILITARY
- MEDIA
- BUSINESS
- EDUCATION
- RELIGION AND FAITH
- FAMILY

This day was begun in 1775 when the nation was called to prayer and fasting by the Continental Congress and has been renewed and encouraged by every President since that first call. As President Washington said in 1789: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God." Please join me and the other clergy of Newtown for this time of prayer.

The ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL is our way of showing support for the good works of the Church in

Fairfield County. You have received a great deal of information from the Diocese regarding this annual campaign through letters from the Bishop soliciting your support and the Fairfield County Catholic. Bishop Lori is very sensitive to the economic crisis we are experiencing and is simply asking that we each do our part to help reach out to the ever growing numbers of people in our diocese who are seeking help and assistance from the Church. Even the smallest donation, gift or pledge will make a difference. As the Bishop has so often said: "NOW MORE THAN EVER." Please consider what you can do to help our parish reach our goal of \$215,000. so that we can continue the good works which Jesus called us to do for one another. This weekend, we will give you an opportunity to contribute if you have not yet done so through an in-pew solicitation. THANKS to the over 600 parishioners who have already made their commitment to this year's campaign.

Paul A. Zalonski is a seminarian for our diocese and he'll be working with Msgr. Weiss until August, when he goes to Saint Joseph Seminary (Yonkers, NY). Paul was raised in East Haven, CT, where his parents Ed & Linda, continue to reside; his younger sister Lauren lives in Branford. Paul's undergraduate degree is from Creighton University; he's earned two Masters (one in theology and the other Liturgy) from Weston Jesuit School of Theology and the University of Notre Dame. His ministerial experiences have taken him to teaching at Fairfield Prep, hospital chaplaincy at Georgetown University Hospital and various other activities for the Church. For a time he was a Jesuit seminarian after which he worked as an editor at Liturgy Training Publications (Chicago) and then at the Catholic Information Service at the Knights of Columbus (New Haven). Over the past year he's spent time living in two Benedictine monasteries and he's in the process of becoming an Oblate of Saint Benedict. In his spare time he writes the Communio blog (<http://communio.stblogs.org>) which is dedicated to the richness of communion theology and he promotes the work of the World Youth Alliance. Paul is a member of the Fraternity of Communion & Liberation, a lay ecclesial movement of the Church.



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.

GROCERY CARDS & GIFT CARDS FOR SALE

Representatives from Saint Rose School are at the back of the church *today* selling gift cards after the *Sunday* masses. Cards are available in the categories of: Groceries, Entertainment, Restaurants, Stores & Gas. You get the full value of the card, while helping us raise money for the school. Thank you for your support.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

The Roaming Flock

We hear Jesus say in today's Gospel: "I have sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also and they will listen to my voice." Jesus knew that the Church would have many "free-roaming" sheep in its flock – those who are marginalized and perhaps not feeling part of this community of faith. Many of the free-roamers are more in need than those who are compliant. It is time for the Church (that's all of us) to be Christ's voice to those who are roaming. The purpose of the new evangelization is to be His voice – to drop whatever gets in the way of being His voice and to reach out in peace, reconciliation, joy, love, self-control, and kindness. We are designed by God to be a community that reflects the presence of Christ – and that is a welcoming presence. It may be as simple as moving into the pew so that others can sit next to us. It may be to call a neighbor and invite them to join one of the many ministries in the Church (check the website for a complete listing!). Perhaps with this 21st century flock we can be creative about the use of technology to invite people back. Whatever Christ is calling you to do, do it with love and gentleness – they will indeed hear His voice within you.

Reflection Questions: What makes you feel welcome in the Catholic Church? What is Christ calling you to do to "play that forward?"

Enriching My Catholic IQ: The patron saint of television is (a) St. Catherine of Palma; (b) St. Aelred; (c) St. Otto; (d) St. Clare of Assisi.

Registration for Religious Education

Thank you for making Religious Education a priority in your child's life and registering your children. Please reach out to others and invite them to register – it is a sign of love to simply say "Have you registered your children for Religious Ed. yet?" We have a remarkable group of catechists who joyfully teach the children about God each week! We are always open to more catechists, co-catechists, and catechist aides! Please call 426-2333.

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

On 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 7th and 8th grade students

This joyful celebration will take place on Sunday May 3 beginning with Mass at 5:00 for all 7th & 8th 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 9 ceremony is Monday, May 4; and on Tuesday, May 5 for the 1:00 May 9 ceremony. All rehearsals are from 4:15-5:45. There is a separate rehearsal for readers and gift bearers 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.

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.

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 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 mbuzzzjr@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: New Beginnings

This Thursday morning, May 7 from 10:15-11:15, we welcome you to attend Spiritual Journey, which will be led by Pam Arsenault. Pam will focus her talk on the power of Christ's healing presence in our families, our neighborhoods, our friendships, and our Church. This 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 Cinco de Mayo on May 5!

Answer to Catholic IQ: (d) Clare of Assisi (1194-1253) is the foundress of the Order of Poor Ladies (the Poor Clares). She had a special ability to see distant events and places. Ask St. Clare to intercede for you when making decisions about TV programs and your children.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Social Concerns Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., in 38 Church Hill Rd. New members are always welcome.

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: Dell computer with monitor, keyboard & mouse.

Available: Eddie Bauer wooden highchair.

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. Also needed: any kind of fabric trims, lace trims, metallic trims, batting (stuffing) and any kind of buttons 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.

On Mother's Day at all the masses there will be a collection for Birthright by God's Do Gooders. The only acceptable items are as follows: clothes up to 3 year olds, large and medium diapers, and baby wipes. The van will be in front of the church at all masses on Mother's Day weekend.

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.

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 17th, 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

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.

Blood pressure screenings will take place next weekend after all masses.

HEALTH TIP:

What a Half-Full glass gets you! If you're one of those people with a swing in your step and a can-do attitude, you can look forward to better health when you get older. Research shows that, late in life, people with a glass-half-full outlook tend to feel physically stronger than their more pessimistic peers. Key Steps to Strong: So what were the key attitude markers that made people feel less exhausted and more able-bodied in their older years? Specifically, those who felt less frail had higher self-esteem, tended to be more hopeful about the future, felt happier overall, and were focused on enjoying life. Do you need help getting there? Try these tricks: Boost your confidence with this simple posture adjustment--pick up that chin, and pull back those shoulders (Seriously, it works!) Take control of your financial future. Effect on your immune System: Researchers suspect that positive feelings help support the immune system, which might help explain the better outcomes for happy seniors.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)

Women's Evening of Discipleship is Sunday, May 4th. 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.

EPS: Education+Parish+Service which educates Catholics to understand, live and share their faith, will present Mary, the Perfect Disciple, a consideration of Mary as Mother of God and Mother of the Church, as well as the model of discipleship, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 2, 4, 9, and 11 and from 7:15-9:20 p.m. at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk. The instructor is Rev. Samuel Scott, Rector, St. John Fisher Seminary. Contact Priscilla Toumey at espctprogram@trinitydc.edu or call 203-847-2363. EPS relies solely on donations. For more info see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>.

FOURTH 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.

Question: When can a woman, in the pursuit of a career, education, lifestyle, or personal interest have the legal right to kill a defenseless human being? Answer: When she has an abortion which can be done even up to the day the baby is to be born.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) CORNER

Blessings to all the women who participated in the 11th St. Rose of Lima Christ Renews His Parish Retreat this past weekend! Women's Team 11 will be conducting their **Night of Discipleship** this Monday, May 4th. All participants on Team 11 retreat weekend are asked to join their Sisters in Christ at 38 Church Hill Road at 7 p.m. All past participants of the Christ Renews His Parish Retreats are invited to Church Monday, May 4th at 8 p.m. to gather in prayer for prayer support of these women, the renewal of our parish and the continuation of a strong retreat program here at St. Rose.

Is it time to join a team?

Any past participant of a CRHP women's weekend is welcome to join Women's Team 12. Please come to the church Monday evening May 4th to pray with us and discern if this is a good time to step on a team.

The **St. Rose Cub Scouts Pack 570** celebrated Earth Day by thanking our sponsor, St. Rose of Lima Church, by cleaning up the grounds around 38 Church Hill. We cleaned, replanted and mulched the flower beds. Special thanks to Dermot McDermott and family for leading this effort. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support. The mulch was provided compliments of J.F. Walsh Inc. and LRM Landscaping. The pizza was provided compliments of Carminuccio's Pizza. Water bottles and juice were provided compliments of Katherine's Kitchen. Thank you to the Reelick Family and Hollandia nursery for their generosity in providing the plants. Thanks to all of our cub scouts and their families for providing the labor and camaraderie. And of course, our thanks to St. Rose and Msgr. Bob for sponsoring our pack and providing us space and unending encouragement.

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



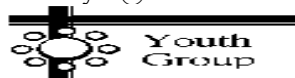
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

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 either Bob Buchanan at 426-6195 or Mike Salvatore at 426-5181.

The Knights want to remind everybody that the second Saturday morning's Mass of every month is for the deceased members of our council #185.

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 – May 8 Miniature Golf at Golf Quest. Drop off at St. Rose at 6 p.m. Pick up is at 8 p.m. Permission forms will be in the back of the church.

Senior Youth Group – The next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, May 3 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 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 **Stuebville East Youth Conference** July 24-26, 2009. Registration is ongoing but space cannot be guaranteed. Contact Rodd for availability. Info can be found on our website www.stroseyouthgroup.com. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

May 3, 2009



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April 25-26, 2009

Dear friends in Christ,

Allow me to thank you most sincerely for your response to Senate Bill #899. As you recall, it was intended to implement the Connecticut Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage. As originally written, Bill #899 provided no real protection for the rights of religious organizations. Thanks to an outpouring of letters, emails, and calls from Catholics and other concerned citizens throughout the State of Connecticut, the Bill was amended. It now includes a significant exemption for churches and affiliated organizations. This exemption covers items such as marriage ceremonies, use of facilities, and delivery of adoption services and foster care. Our Church will continue to provide compassionate care to people in need throughout Fairfield County.

The Church continues to defend, vigorously, traditional marriage as foundational to a healthy society. It believes that the Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage was erroneous. Nonetheless, we should be grateful to those legislators who listened to our outcry and amended this legislation to protect religious liberty.

Thanks to the leadership of the clergy, and thanks to your leadership as citizens and believers, we have made a difference in our State. Bill #1098, the unconstitutional Church re-organization bill, was withdrawn. An assisted suicide bill was withdrawn. An attempt to further expand the civil statutes for sexual abuse died in committee. And Senate Bill #899 was significantly amended. All this shows how important and valuable it is when we unite in voicing our concerns. I am deeply grateful.

I ask God to bless you and your loved ones, most especially during this joyous Easter season.

Faithfully in Christ,

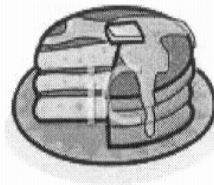
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