

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, May 10, 2009

Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

All Masses	Blood Pressure Screening 1
All Masses	Mother's Day Flower Sale 1
7-10 p.m.	Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, May 11

7-10 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

9-11:30 a.m.	Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
7:00 p.m.	Women's Club (8)
7:30 p.m.	Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, May 14

10:15 a.m.	Spiritual Journey (2)
7-9 p.m.	Adult Choir (1)
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scouts (5)
7:30 p.m.	RCIA (2)
8:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (2)

Friday, May 15

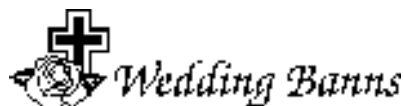
7:15 a.m.	Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
10:30 a.m.	Friday Bible Study (2)
3-4 p.m.	Divine Mercy Adoration (7)
	Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy

Saturday, May 16

All Masses	Rel. Articles & Cares Box
6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting (2)
8:00 p.m.	Ct. Master Chorale (1)

LOCATION:

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| 1. Church | 5. Parish Center/Safeplace |
| 2. 38 Church Hill Road | 6. St. Rose School |
| 3. Gathering Hall | 7. Chapel |
| 4. Science Room | 8. Msgr. Conroy Room |



Banns I Monica Middleton & Nuno Lopes

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Monday, May 11

6:45	Marie DeMarco	K of C Council #185
9:00	Barbara Moosbrugger	Patricia McGorry

Tuesday, May 12

6:45	St. Rose Parishioners	
9:00	Michael E. Taweh	Nancy & Ed Belanger

Wednesday, May 13

6:45	St. Rose Parishioners	
9:00	Genevieve Maron	The Rosary Group

Thursday, May 14

6:45	Douglas Ruffles, Sr.	Mary Ruffles
9:00	Vincent A. Kost, Jr.	Family

Friday, May 15

6:45	Jessie Wargo	Anna McMahon
9:00	Frances Van Zanten	Kevin & Mary Maloney

Saturday, May 16

8:00	Charles R. Denninger (10 th Anniv.)	Wife & Children
4:00	Clement Maye Family	Mary Maye
5:30	Albert Sequin	Rosemarie Abric

8:00 Master Chorale Concert

Sunday, May 17

7:30	Brennan Merrick	The Brown Family
9:00	Reuban & Laura Tanner	Blanca & Gary Sheehan
10:30	Kevin McCarthy	Marianne Muskus
12:00	William H. White	Matthew & Nancy White

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Paul Conway as requested by Jack and Cathy Hickey-Williams.

Thank you for your support!

Collection for May 3, 2009	\$17,488.33
Capital Improvement	7,541.66
Children's Offertory	19.50
Collection for May 4, 2008	\$18,311.00

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PASTORAL PLAN

The first reading brings out that a living relationship with God and Christ alone is not enough. Our relationship with God opens us up to love our neighbors, to build friendships centered in Christ. In this way our faith is lived in community. That is why Paul went to Jerusalem, and once Barnabas "took charge of him," he was accepted as a disciple.

The theme for the readings this week assures us of our need of "belonging." When people forge authentic relationships through their love to Christ, others may also encounter the Lord. The Gospel teaches us that Christians are called to live in Christ and let Christ live in us. By prayerfully encountering the Lord Jesus in the Bible, one will develop a listening and responding attitude with Christ, and also our fellow Christians.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! This weekend we take time to thank and honor our mothers. Like Mary, our mothers said their YES to the Lord by conceiving us and bringing us to life. Their love, acceptance, patience and guidance have helped form us into the person we are today. When all is said and done, no one is more proud of a child than a mother. Mothers have their own personal wants, desires, struggles and challenges, but they are willing so often to put them aside for the sake of their child. A mother would rather take the pain of her child on herself than watch her child suffer. As we gather in gratitude this day to pray for our mothers, let us in a special way remember those women who are desiring to become a mother, those who have opened their hearts and lives to another mother's child through adoption or caretaking, those who are raising a child alone, those grandmothers who are raising a grandchild, and those who may be alienated from their child. We also pray for mothers who are raising a child with special challenges and for those who have lost a child. May this day be a blessed and holy one for each of you who are blessed to be a mother.

All loving God,
We give you thanks and praise for mothers.
We pray for young mothers,
Who give life and tend to our every need.
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness
To care for their families with great joy.
We pray for our own mothers
Who have nurtured and cared for us.
May they continue to guide us In strong and
gentle ways.
We remember mothers who are separated
From their children by poverty, war or conflict
May they feel the loving embrace of God
Who wipes away every tear.
We pray for women who are not mothers
But still love and shape us
With motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers
And great grandmothers who are no
longer with us
But who live forever in our memory.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who have received their First Communion these past weeks. These children remind us of the innocence to which Jesus calls each of us as we receive Him into our hearts. Their joy and their excitement is a call to each of us to open ourselves more and more each day to God's care and to grow stronger in our faith. Thanks in a very special way to our Religious Education and Saint Rose School staff for their guidance in preparing these children for their special day and to all who taught them about Jesus' love made real in Holy Eucharist. Thanks in a special way to all the parents of these children; please pray that they keep their child close to Christ by bringing them to Mass each week. Above all, thanks to each of these children for letting us see Christ in their happiness, hugs and smiles.

We will continue to do our best to follow the suggested guidelines by both the Diocese of Bridgeport and the Newtown Health Department for precautionary measures in light of the impending flu epidemic. I appreciate your understanding and your willingness to follow these guidelines. As a reminder....

- 1) We have temporarily removed the holy water from the fountains at the entrances of the church.
- 2) We will not engage in the actual exchange of peace by handshakes or other gestures.

- 3) Extraordinary Ministers and clergy will use a hand sanitizer before the distribution of Holy Communion.
- 4) All are asked to receive Holy Communion in their hand rather than on their tongue.
- 5) We will temporarily suspend the use of the cup for the distribution of Holy Communion.

We simply ask that you do your part as well by following these suggested guidelines:

- 1) Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- 2) Stay home when you are sick.
- 3) Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- 4) Wash your hands often. Soap and water is still the best way to avoid germs!
- 5) Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth after being in contact with someone who is not feeling well.
- 6) Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious foods.

Let's pray that God watches over us in these times and especially protects those who may be the most vulnerable to this flu.

We are celebrating the end of the Religious Education classes with special liturgies and a party. As we do so, I want to say both my personal thanks and the thanks of all of us to those who have guided and administered the program this year as well as to the numerous volunteers, catechists and aides who make this a wonderful and faith filled experience for our young. I hope that all of these volunteers join us for our catechist gathering on Monday, May 18 as our way of saying thanks to you.

Please keep in your prayers the 6 young men who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 16 at Saint Augustine Cathedral. We are blessed as a diocese to have these young men commit themselves to the service of the Lord and the Church. Pray that God will keep a special watch over their vocation as they begin their priestly ministry.

- Reverend Francisco Gomez
- Reverend Sean Kulacz
- Reverend Reggie Norman
- Reverend Ignacio Ortigas
- Reverend Bruce Roby
- Reverend Sebastine Ukwandu

AD MULTOS ANNOS!

Thanks to everyone who has supported the 2009 Annual Bishop's Appeal. We are rapidly reaching our goal thanks to the over 750 parishioners who have already demonstrated their generosity by their gifts and pledges. Every gift, small or large, is appreciated and will be well used to continue the good works of our diocese. If you have not yet made your commitment, please consider doing so as soon as possible.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Time Away to Reflect and Prune

After Paul's incredible conversion, he became very ardent and bold about defending Christianity. After a while, the Jerusalem leaders wisely suggest that he go home to Tarsus - a little time set apart to reflect on his new life and also a time for the community to get used to the "new Paul." This retreat revived him and gave the Divine Gardener a chance to "prune" in the life of St. Paul. Stepping back and listening to God and reflecting on our lives is a necessity for spiritual growth. We all have some issues -- some "dead wood" that may be weighing down the goodness within us. Often times what needs to be pruned are old ways of reacting to others, or unhealthy habits, or removing things that we adore instead of God. Only our Lord has the answers to what needs to be "pruned" so that the joy and peace within can flourish.

Reflection Activity: Plan a time in your day to step back and reflect on your life and listen to God's direction. Make a commitment to "prune" what needs to be changed.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: On May 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco, & Jacinta in Portugal and asked them to: (a) Sacrifice for sinners; (b) Pray the Rosary; (c) come to the same place on the 13th of each month for five months; (d) all of the above.

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

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 11, 12, & 13 families who attend Religious Education at 4:15 are invited to attend a closing Mass during class time in the new parish hall, followed by a reception. If possible, please bring a finger food to share at the reception. Thank you for being a part of this parish community.

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.

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 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: New Beginnings

This Thursday morning, May 14 from 10:15-11:15, we welcome you to attend Spiritual Journey, which will be led by Celeste Vodola, who will lead a discussion on "Responding in Faith to Dilemmas in Society." 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.

Bereavement Books

The library at the Religious Education Office at 38 Church Hill has many new books on bereavement. For a listing of the books and a short description of each, please visit the "Ministries" page of the strosechurch.com website.

Today we celebrate Mothers Day – show the special "mothers" in your life how much they mean to you!

This week we celebrate St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, & St. Pancras (May 12), Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), St. Matthias (May 14), and St. Isidore the Farmer (May 15).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (d) All of the above. The children were ages 10, 9, and 7. The oldest visionary, Sister Lucia, died on Feb. 13, 2005. She said that the purpose of the visions was to help people grow more in faith, hope and love. The miracle of "The Day The Sun Danced" occurred during the time of the visions and was witnessed by thousands of people. There is a video of Our Lady of Fatima, which you may borrow, in the Religious Education Office. You may also want to visit www.culturalcatholic.com/LadyFatima.htm to read about the "three secrets" Our Lady revealed and for more details about this modern-day appearance of Our Lady.

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NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL 6TH & 7TH GRADE "PREVIEW DAY"

On Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Notre Dame High School in Fairfield will be hosting an Open House, "Preview Day" for 6th & 7th Grade students and their families. This will give students a first look at Notre Dame and its academic, athletic & extracurricular programs. Prospective students can meet the principal, faculty and current students and tour the building. Contact: Chris Cipriano (372-6521 ext. 34) for further information.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Next weekend: After each Mass, religious articles will be available for purchase in the vestibule.

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

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: Children’s pool, 4’x 6’ with slide.

Available: Large wooden outdoor swing and gym set.

Available: Dell computer with monitor, keyboard and mouse.

Available: 13” TV

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 in any quantity, 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.

ST. ROSE WOMEN’S CLUB

All women of the parish are invited to attend our next meeting of the St. Rose Women’s Club on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Our evening will begin with a brief meeting followed by a most inspirational program presented by Michelle Babyak. Michelle will speak about the “Order of Malta” and her recent trip to Lourdes. We hope many of you can join us for this program.

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.

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

Blood pressure screening will be done this weekend after all masses in the reconciliation room in the front of the church, to the right of the organ. This is a free service! Please stop by and see us before we take summer break!

Parish nurses always welcome new members. Please call 426-2573.

HEALTH TIP:

How’s your posture? Want to feel good about your work, your family...yourself? Try picking up that chin and pulling back those shoulders. That’s right—carry yourself with confidence. Studies have found that people who consciously improve their posture actually end up improving their self-esteem. And it’s one of the keys to living a 360-degree life. What’s that, you ask? Confidence Carry-Over: When you carry yourself with confidence, not only do you feel better about yourself, but you make a better impression on other people, too. You know, like that new boss you’re dying to impress. The Surround-Sound Life: Another key to standing tall on life’s tilt-a-wheel ride? Living a balanced, 360° life, says Cathie Black, president of Hearst Magazines and mom of two. That means maintaining equilibrium between work and everything else. Sure, you can constantly pull 80-hour work weeks, but you won’t produce your best stuff if you do. Spending time with family, meeting new people, taking trips—having a life outside the office—is necessary in order to fuel your creative energies and recharge yourself. You also need to ask yourself what you want most out of life, says Black – not once, but often, because the person you are at 21 is very different from the person you are at 35, 47, or 61. Priorities, dreams, and goals change. Refocus and go after yours!

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>.

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FIFTH 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 (this) 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

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.

Motherhood: Pregnancy is not a disease like some in the 'culture of death' would have you believe. It is a power, a glory, and a privilege beyond measure. More importantly, it is a gift from God. Do not abort God's gift. Pray that all pregnant women will bring God's gift within them to full term.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

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

Available: 1 large room with utilities

Available: 1 bedroom with utilities for a female

Available: 1 bedroom cottage with utilities

Needed: Single parent with son needs 2 bedroom apartment
Mature woman parishioner available to house sit—long or short term.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop William Edward Lori, S.T.D., will celebrate a Mass, in which the commemoration of significant marriage anniversaries will occur, at Saint Theresa Church, Trumbull, on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Lori will be the homilist and will administer both the renewal of marriage vows and the presentation of commemorative certificates.

Couples who have or will be celebrating (during the months of January – June) one of the following wedding anniversaries—**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, 2009.**

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
2nd Lt. Thomas K. Dyer
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
Capt. Stefania Naiman, DVM
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
SSgt. James Rebman
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

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Ken Ayles after the 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on May 17th in the Gathering Hall.

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.

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.



5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: May 29 Scavenger Hunts & Field Games – We will be searching around the grounds for clues and items. Prizes go to winners. Snacks provided. Cost \$3.00

Senior Youth Group: No meeting Sunday, May 10. Spend time with your moms.

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, June 3 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 **Stuebenville 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 10, 2009

Got "Junk"?

St. Rose of Lima Parish
TAG SALE
Coming Soon!

Saturday - June 6, 2009
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Rain or Shine

Clean the house, Organize the closets, Clear out the attic, Make
space in the basement, Empty the garage!
Sell it all at the St. Rose Tag Sale!

Reserve your spot now!
Complete the form below and return by May 29th to
Janice Lindsay, Religious Education Office.
12'x12' spaces available @ \$35.00 each.
Limited number of tables available for rent @ \$10.00 each.

All money collected for spaces and tables goes to helping other
parishioners in need via the Social Concerns Committee.
You keep all the sales at your table!

Don't wait! Reserve your space now!
Any questions, please call Janice at 426-2333, ext. 4

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Name: _____ Day Time Phone #: _____

Address: _____

of Spaces @ \$35.00 each: \$ _____ Total Due

of Tables _____ @ \$10.00 rental charge: \$ _____ Total Due

All "Vendors" agree to set up and clean up their own site. All non-sales must be taken out with you! Set up
time at 7:30 am on 6/6. To reserve your space/tables, complete form, cut at dotted line, include check made
out to St. Rose of Lima, and return to Janice Lindsay, St. Rose Religious Education Office by 5/29/09.
Payment must be received to reserve your spot. Any questions please call Janice @ 426-2333, ext. 4.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GETTING READY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

One Mother's Story and Prayer

I started saying this prayer many years ago when my children were small. At that time I was recently divorced and had abandoned much of my faith in that marriage. Suddenly, my children and I were completely on our own. We were no longer able to enjoy the blessings of my being stay-at-home mom; instead I found myself working two and three jobs, trying to go back to school, barely making ends meet. We often had hectic days, but I was determined to remain connected with my children.

Just prior to my divorce I had attended a Christ Renews His Parish Retreat at my church, and afterwards I began going to meetings to host the next year's retreat. During this time my faith was re-awakened, and I tried to put into practice some of what I was learning. Over the months of planning the retreat we had many talks about the ways in which God calls us. I came to realize that we are all parts of one Body, and it is up to the individual, through prayer and meditation, to discover what that calling is. I found I could answer this calling in my everyday life, trying to be a strong mother, a caring teacher, a loving friend.

The call to motherhood was especially important to me. I knew that I needed God's help in raising three children on my own, and that He would expect me to teach them about Him and about love. I remember listening to the radio one day and hearing a man talk about his father's love, and how his dad expressed it by spending a few minutes with him each night. He cherished being reminded just before sleeping that he was much loved. I wanted to do that for my children. Then the prayer just sort of came out of me.

Today my children are teenagers, 14, 16 and 19. The prayer gave us many gifts, possibly the most precious among them time and trust. Before the prayer I would sit with each child and listen to them talk about their day. It was our special time. Together we shared triumphs and sorrows, laughed and cried, solved problems of our personal lives and the problems of the world. We remained connected to each other and to God everyday.

I am proud of my children; they are kind and thoughtful, dedicated to their family and friends, strong students, active volunteers, each share a gift of music with the world and have belief in God. I am still saying the prayer to my daughters, who even though they are teenagers, pat the bed and say, "Don't go yet..." and when my son comes home from college on the occasional weekend and semester break, he still appreciates hearing his prayer in which God calls his name and encourages him to go forth each day in God's love.

If this little prayer can do for others what it has done for us, I am happy to share it.

Elaine Hunyadi

Here is the prayer.

Dear God, look down on my child/ren as they sleep in their beds tonight. We thank You for the blessing they are in our lives; for all of the good that they are and all of the good that they do. We ask that You watch over them, hold them in the comfort and warmth of Your Holy Spirit; protect them. Help them to have good night's rest, with sweet dreams, so that when they wake in the morning, they are refreshed and rested, ready to start the day serving you, God, showing their love through the things they say and the things that they do.

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