

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, May 16, 2010

Sunday, May 16

All masses
12 Noon Deacon Luke's Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception (1,3)
7-8 p.m. Bereavement Support Group 2

Monday, May 17

7-9 p.m. Matthew Kelly Program (2)
6:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony (1,3)

Tuesday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 19

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
3:30-5 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)
7-9 p.m. Folk Choir (1)
7 p.m. Special Moms Meeting (2)
7 p.m. Kennedy Rosary Project (8)
7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (2)

Thursday, May 20

10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
6:00 p.m. Master Chorale Rehearsal (1)
7 p.m. Adult Choir (3)
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)
8 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, May 21

7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer Group 2
10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)

Saturday, May 22

9-12 Cub Scout Rosary Patch (1)
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Used Bike Drive (parking lot)
All Masses Cub Scout Bake Sale (1)
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)
8:00 p.m. CT Master Chorale Concert 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 |



Wedding Banns

BANNS II – Jeanmarie Morlath & Jeffrey King
I – Marilyn Giglio & Frederick Knapp, Jr.

WANT TO HELP OUT AT THE CARNIVAL? Want to spend an evening with the Knights of Columbus? Sign up for an evening filled with laughter, music, and flying-flour! Where else but the fried dough booth! Fried dough, pizza fritta, elephant ears, flying saucers, call it what you wish, it's still the "funniest" food of the year! Email Chris Locke at c.locke@snet.net to have a blast! You must have taken the Protecting God's Children Seminar in order to work at the carnival.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Please indicate the amount of your donation on the outside of your envelope to enable us to post the amount correctly. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

GARDEN ANGELS NEEDED

Are you available to put your green thumb to good use? We need garden angels to help plant annuals at the end of May, water all summer when needed, and deadhead and weed. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Eileen Gallo at 203-426-8223.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 17

6:45 Henry Howryletz Son, Matt Howryletz
9:00 Sue Baraschi Len & Linda Moritz

Tuesday, May 18

6:45 Thomas Esposito Marie Esposito
9:00 Kevin McCarthy Mom, Marianne Muskus

Wednesday, May 19

6:45 Sean Gage Chiravelli Family
9:00 Dayna Romano Roseanne & Jim Loring

Thursday, May 20

6:45 Greg Ryan Men's CRHP Team 5
9:00 Francis X. Maher Meg Soto

Friday, May 21

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Monika Hamilton St. Rose School Faculty

Saturday, May 22

8:00 Rev. Edward Small Peggy & Tony Baiad
4:00 Anna Greco Joanne Rochman & family
5:30 Margaret Kuhne Karin Halstead
8:00 Master Chorale Concert

Sunday, May 23

7:30 Lucy Borruso Cousins Paula Stephan & Florence Gambino
9:00 Jerry Metita Schwalger & Family Tim & Debbie Reilly
10:30 Antonia & Gaetano D'Amico Marie & Peter D'Amico
12:00 Albert Sequin Rosemarie Abric

IN REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Janet Burke as requested by Patrick.

Thank you for your generosity!

Collection for May 9, 2010	\$17,201.00
Collection for May 10, 2009	\$22,982.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE STROSECHURCH.COM FOR YOUR REVIEW	

The Catholic Forum at St. Rose and the Knights of Columbus Council 185 present a Celebration of the Priesthood Dinner on Sunday, May 23rd. The evening will include a reception at 5:30 pm with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, followed by dinner at 6:30. *Special guest speaker: Father Gabriel O'Donnell, vice-postulator for the cause of Father Michael J. McGivney.* Tickets for this event are \$40.00. Contact: Catholic Forum Committee, c/o Richard Dunseith, PO Box 830, Newtown, CT 06470. Please call 203-270-4664.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese of Bridgeport requires that all volunteers attend a **Protecting God's Children Seminar**, read and acknowledge both the Diocesan Policy Against Abuse and Code of Conduct, and authorize a background check.

Upcoming Seminar:

St. Joseph, Shelton 5/24/10 @ 7 p.m. – 50 Fairmont Place
St. Rose of Lima Newtown 6/7/10 @ 6:30 p.m. 38 Church Hill
St. Jude, Monroe 6/12/10 @ 9 a.m. – 707 Monroe Turnpike
Register online at www.virtus.org – click on the registration tab, select Bridgeport, CT and follow the prompts. For the question regarding your title, please enter "volunteer" followed by what you volunteer for (carnival, lector, school). Questions? contact Doreen Morrissey at 203-426-2572 ext. 27. Please bring your paperwork and a copy of your card to St. Rose if you take the class elsewhere

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

What a privilege it was for our parish to host an ordination rite on Saturday morning for REVEREND MR. LUKE SUAREZ! We are one of the few parishes who can record in their archives that all seven sacraments have been celebrated in our church.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders has three levels of ordination: deacon, priest and bishop. A bishop possesses the fullness of the sacrament which enables him to ordain others to the diaconate and priesthood.

The diaconate has its roots in the New Testament. The name DEACON (from the Greek diakonos) means minister or servant. We can find references to the order of deacon in the New Testament in the Gospel of Matthew (20:28) and in the letters of Saint Paul (Romans 15:25 and Ephesians 3:7) as well as throughout the Acts of the Apostles. Stephen was the first deacon named by the Apostles along with six other men who were given responsibility in the early Church to care for widows and preach the Word of God. As men of prayer, they assisted in the development of the Christian community. The special duty of a deacon is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to preach and to assist in the celebration of the sacraments. Liturgically, a deacon may preside at Baptism and Marriage, conduct a wake service and burial rite, and assist at Eucharist by leading the congregation in the Penitential Rite, proclaiming the Gospel and preaching, leading the Prayers of the Faithful, preparing the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, inviting the faithful to share the Exchange of Peace and concluding the liturgy with the words of the dismissal. The special duty of a deacon during the distribution of Holy Eucharist is to be the custodian of the cup from which the faithful may receive the Blood of Christ. Of course, deacons engage in a variety of other ministerial duties depending on their assignment, such as visiting the sick, managing parish finances, and participating in general Church life.

A "transitional deacon" is a man who accepts celibacy and continues on to the priesthood. A "permanent deacon" is a man who is married and oftentimes has a family and another occupation in the secular world.

We are very proud of our newest deacon! His vocation is well grounded thanks to his family and his strong faith. We are grateful to the Suarez's for sharing their son with the Church and encouraging him in his vocation. We welcome them this weekend as they celebrate this beautiful moment in the life of their family. Please keep DEACON SUAREZ in your prayers as he begins his ministry and continues his theological studies in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood in 2011!

We are also very blessed to have a parishioner, RICHARD SCINTO, who is studying for the permanent diaconate and preparing for his ordination in 2012. We have a few men who are in the process of discernment to apply to the permanent diaconate program in the diocese in the next class. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

To DEACON LUKE SUAREZ.....AD MULTOS ANNOS!
(This is the traditional Church greeting to those in Holy Orders...TO MANY YEARS!)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM WHO ARE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT 9:00 A.M. MASS THIS WEEKEND. This is the child and adolescent version of R.C.I.A. I am grateful to Janice Lindsay and all who have been tutoring these students in preparation for this sacrament.

CONRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL KIRK OF OUR BOY SCOUT TROOP 770 WHO IS RECEIVING HIS EAGLE SCOUT AWARD THIS MONDAY EVENING. Michael is a graduate of Saint Rose School and attends Fairfield Prep. He designed, built and installed map boxes at Al's Field in Newtown as his project. Congratulations to his parents, Eileen and Tom, to his family and all the leaders of Troop 770!

Next Sunday, May 23, the Catholic Forum and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a dinner to honor priests, deacons and seminarians as part of the International Year of the Priest celebration. If you would like to join us, please call either Richard Dunseith at 203/270-1419 or the rectory office at 203/426-1014. We are most appreciative of this gesture on our behalf. I hope many of you are able to join us!

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING....JUNE 22 THROUGH JUNE 26 NEXT WEEKND, WE WILL BEGIN OUR COLLECTION OF DONATIONS FOR THE CARNIVAL...

- WEEKEND OF MAY 22/23: PAPER PLATES (ALL SIZES), PAPER TOWELS AND PAPER NAPKINS
- WEEKEND OF MAY 29/30: PLASTIC KNIVES, FORKS, SPOONS
- WEEKEND OF JUNE 5/6: ALUMINUM FOIL AND TRAYS
- WEEKEND OF JUNE 12/13: CONDIMENTS --- MUSTARD, KETCHUP, RELISH
- WEEKEND OF JUNE 19/20: SPONGES, DAWN DETERGENT, BLEACH, CLEANING SUPPLIES
- EVERY WEEKEND... SODA (COLA, DIET COLA, ORANGE, ROOT BEER, LEMON-LIME), BOTTLED WATER, ICED TEA

VOLUNTEER SHEETS WILL SOON BE POSTED. YOU CAN ONLY WORK AT THE CARNIVAL IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED A VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION. A SPECIAL SESSION FOR THE CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 7 AT 6:30 P.M. HERE AT SAINT ROSE. CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE TO REGISTER!

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL SOON BE MAILED! THIS IS A VITAL ASPECT OF THE CARNIVAL'S SUCCESS. PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO SUPPORT THE RAFFLE.



The St. Rose Theatre Group presents THE BEST LITTLE THEATRE IN TOWN

A Broadway-Bound Musical
By Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse
Directed by Miss Lyn Nagel
PERFORMANCE DATE: Friday, May 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM
St. Rose School Meeting Hall
TICKETS: Adult - \$5.00 Student - \$3.00
Under 5 Years Old - FREE (with canned food donation)
Tickets can be ordered by contacting music@stroseschool.com or by visiting the website under classrooms, music.

The Broadway Singing Class presents
MARY POPPINS The Broadway Musical, A Concert
Performance Directed by Miss Lyn Nagel
PERFORMANCE DATE: Friday, May 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM
St. Rose School Meeting Hall

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Perfection

Last week, a former student of mine was talking about writing a thesis, and her quest to keep writing until it was “perfect.” In all of our lives, we have a little bit (or a lot) of drive for perfection – the perfect mother or father, the perfect child, the perfect Catholic, the perfect soccer player, or the perfect student; sometimes we do not even realize that it is a part of us! This drive for perfection can wear us down if we do not recognize the presence of the truly “perfect” One residing within us. In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks about perfection. He prays that his followers may be so perfect that the world will recognize the presence of our perfect God. This perfection, however, is not something that we achieve as an individual; rather it is something that is the result of perfect unity. Within this unity, we are all so different with various viewpoints – however our differences within this family of God does not diminish our perfection; rather our unity is *rooted* in the perfection of our Creator. When we sin, we have *forgotten* the perfection that God has created within us; however because of our salvation through Christ, the sins that we commit do not have power over us. We ask for forgiveness when we have “forgotten” the perfection that God has created, and we move on in unity as brothers and sisters in Christ. Next week, as we celebrate Pentecost, may we be drawn to the divine power within us to be “perfection as one” and witnesses to the Christ’s Kingdom on earth.

Reflection Activity: At bedtime, reflect on particular incidences that day in which you consciously allowed the perfection of God within you to determine your actions or words.

What’s Your Catholic IQ?: Which of the following is not a Marian feast? (a) Assumption; (b) Visitation; (c) Annunciation; (d) Ascension

Our Little “Christ” Bearers

During the last several weekends, St. Rose Community has been celebrating First Communions. This weekend at the 9:00 Mass, we celebrate some more! The enthusiasm of these children to “bear Christ” to those they meet is a direct result of the parents and catechists – thank you for your witness!

Registration for Religious Education!

Please register on time to avoid late registration fees! First grade attendance is a pre-requisite for First Communion in second grade. Each subsequent year is necessary for continuity of curriculum.

Catechist Gathering

On **Monday, May 24**, catechists from all the educational ministries will gather for 6:30 Mass followed by dinner in the hall. Please call the Religious Education Office to RSVP by Monday, May 17. Call (203) 426-2333, extension 0.

Ecumenical Vacation Church School

The Newtown Ecumenical Vacation Church School, which is being held at St. Rose, is in need of several adult volunteers. We are looking for coordinators in recreation and craft plus teachers for PreK, Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade. All volunteers are guaranteed placement for their children and nursery care is available for younger children. Teaching time is only about 20 minutes and the material is provided for you. The remainder of the time consists of rotating your class to snack, recreation, music & craft. Adult volunteers, youth helper and child registration forms can all be found on the St. Rose website and at the Religious Education office. Please join us to make this fun, spiritual week a success! For more information contact the Directors, Michele

Buzzi at 426-2374, mbuzzijr@att.net or Dot Perpignand at 270-7828, dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net.

Will You “Show Up” so that God can “Show Off” How Wonderful and Great He is?

On Friday June 18 at 4:00 until Saturday, June 19 at 4:00, you are invited to participate in a 24-hour mini-retreat sponsored by St. Rose Adult Formation. Dick and Dorothy Lambert, Dea Herring, and Pam Arsenaull will facilitate. The theme is “Enriching Your Spiritual Journey.” The Lamberts will lead the following four discussions: “*Letting Go*” of Concerns: *Experience Christ’s Peace*; 2. *Wake Up to Life*; 3. *Wisdom’s Way*; and 4. *Living Jesus – Moving Beyond Minimal Catholicism to the Fullness of Our Faith*. The retreat will take place at Wisdom House in Litchfield, Conn. Carpooling will be available. The cost of \$110 includes a room and all meals. Financial assistance is available. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information or to register. We only have 7 open spots, so please call if you are interested.

Spiritual Journey

Spiritual Journey adult formation group will meet on Thursday, May 20 from 10:15-11:15. The topic is “Healing and Prayer Ministry,” which will be led by Ken and Toni Adams. All are welcome to attend at the Religious Education Office at 38 Church Hill Road. Refreshments are served.

This week we celebrate the lives of St. John I (May 18), St. Bernardine of Siena (May 20), St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions (May 21), and St. Rita of Cascia (May 22).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (d) The Feast of the Ascension is traditionally celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter, the sixth Thursday of Easter. In some parts of the U.S. and in some other countries, the feast is moved to the following Sunday: the seventh Sunday of Easter.

EPS – Education + Parish + Service

Do you know your faith well enough to share it? Discover why evangelization and on-going faith formation – especially in the parish – are key to the Church in the Education for Parish Service (EPS) course **Evangelization: The Essential Mission of the Church**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 1, 3, 8 and 10, from 7:15 – 9:20 PM at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk. Instructor is Joan Kelly, D. Min. Contact EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu or 203.847.2363. Learn about upcoming courses at <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>. Suggested donation for the four-session series is \$100. EPS relies solely on donations.

CURRENCY ENGINEERS NEEDED: This is a fun way to help the Parish when you have a limited amount of free time to donate!!!! The Time Commitment is 2 ½ - 3 hours once every 4 to 5 weeks

The Time Options are

Saturday – after the 4:00 Mass

Sunday – after the 7:30 and 10:30 Masses

Holidays and Holy Days as needed

We work as a Team of 2 or 3 people to count the Collections after Mass and prepare the bank deposits. Training will be provided.

Requirements are

·The Diocese requires that all Currency Engineers take the Class Protecting God’s Children.

·A basic understanding of counting, using an adding machine and preparing a bank deposit.

If interested, please contact Kathy Marusa at 203-426-3152 or at kathymarusa1@hotmail.com

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

About Clothing Donations: Please do not leave clothing donations in the church foyer, or on the rectory porch. Our once a year clothing drive in October is scheduled to provide cold weather clothing to our own parishioners in need and to the charitable organizations we support. These organizations have little or no storage space and cannot accept clothing at any other time. If you have donations of warm weather clothing at any time, or cold weather clothing that you cannot hold until October, please give them to a charity which is prepared to handle such donations. At the Newtown Landfill there are collection stations for Good Will Industries and for the Salvation Army.

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

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

Used Bike Drive in Support of St. Charles Urban Center in Bridgeport: The St. Rose of Lima Social Concerns Committee will hold a bike drive on Saturday, May 22, between the hours of 11 AM and 2 PM.

- Bikes of any size and condition will be collected and forwarded to the St. Charles Urban Center in Bridgeport, the sponsoring Catholic Charities organization.
- The bikes are to be refurbished and made available to provide the working poor with transportation for reaching work. Smaller bikes will be given to children who might not otherwise own a bike.
- The bikes will also be made available to adults just out of prison who need some form of transportation to go to jobs or to meet with probation officers.

The bikes can be delivered to the Connecticut Bike Project truck, which will be located in the Saint Rose parking lot on that Saturday (from 11 AM until 2 PM). Notes: Helmets will be accepted and put to good use. Exercise bicycles will not be collected for this program.

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

Available: Drill press.

Needed: Mini (3’ to 4’ wide) trampoline for exercise.

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

MEETINGS

The **FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** We meet on Fridays 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. at 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, Michael Ronan at 733-9186, or Markus Balas 203-449-7190 for information.

WEBS – (Women’s Enrichment Book Study) – will meet on Tuesday mornings at 38 Church Hill Road from 9:30-11 a.m. Please call Kristen Renzi at 270-6915 if you would like to join us.

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 next meeting will be **Sunday, May 16, 2010** from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room on the main floor of 38 Church Hill Rd. The group meets monthly on every 3rd Sunday. For more information, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 203-364-9796.

SPECIAL MOMS PRAYER GROUP – The next meeting is May 19, 2010. 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 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.

PARISH 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, please 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 for more information.

There will be no blood pressure screening in June, July and August. Screenings will resume in September. Please call the parish nurse office if you would like your blood pressure checked.

Health Tip

Can workouts make you Wealthy? According to Drs. Mehmet Oz and Michael Roizen, the best way to keep your job might be to leave your desk. That’s right: the less time you spend sitting on your bottom, the better it might be for you—and your company’s—bottom line. In a study of entrepreneurs, people who worked out regularly also had companies that performed well. In fact those who ran regularly were better at meeting their personal goals, and their companies had better boosts in sales than those owned by non-runners. (The researchers didn’t ask about walkers).

People who stuck to a strength-training regimen were also better at meeting their personal goals than people who don’t lift weights – but their businesses weren’t doing off-the-charts better. Researchers suspect that the lift in confidence and energy that people get from regular exercise may spill over into their careers, giving them an edge. Plus, getting into shape often means developing a mind-set that accepts and embraces hard work – a definite perk when it comes to moving a business through tough times and beyond. If your boss likes to see you in your chair and nowhere else, remind him or her that people who exercise have less anxiety, tension, and stress. And that means you can think clearly –and probably even talk nicely to the shrill-voiced client who calls 37 times before lunch. Ultimately, taking time to work out may actually help you get more done during the work day. The best time to work out? Whenever you will do it. But we recommend setting your alarm 30 to 60 minutes earlier than usual and getting moving first thing.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THANK YOU to all who supported our Mother's Day flower sale. The funds will help us to continue our pro-life activities.

From *Contraception: The Fine Print*, published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and available in the vestibule: "It is important to understand that hormonal drugs and devices are not 'medications' given to cure a disease, where the benefit of restoring health makes some level of risk acceptable. Hormonal contraceptives are powerful *steroids* intended to disrupt a normal, functioning reproductive system. The drugs powerful enough to accomplish that purpose also disrupt the healthy functioning of other systems. The more successful they are at disrupting ovulation, the more risks they pose to a woman's overall health."

We need your BABY BOTTLES!!! (even empty ones) 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**. Please return all bottles, even if they are empty, as they are reused for fundraising at other times. Thank you!

ROSARY FOR LIFE: Saturday, May 29 after the 8 A.M. mass and on the last Saturday of each month

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

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

Is God the Creator of all life? As Christians we believe this to be true. Then as believers, we can never accept abortion under any circumstances. To do so is a direct assault on the will of God. Pray and work to end abortion.

ARE YOU A CANCER SURVIVOR OR A CAREGIVER?

Newtown's Relay for Life Committee invites you to St. Rose of Lima Gathering Hall on Friday, June 4th for a free reception honoring cancer survivors and their caregivers, from 7-9 p.m. for complementary appetizers, dessert, and dancing to the sound of "Shoo Fly Blues Band". To submit your name to receive an invitation, please go to our website: www.relayforlife.org/newtownct, or email relayforlifeofnewtown@gmail.com. We look forward to embracing your survivorship at this year's Relay for Life Survivor/Caregiver Reception.

SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS:

Scouts who participated in the National Federation For Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) and The Bridgeport Diocese Girl Scout Religious Awards Program will receive their religious medals from Bishop Lori at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, 6/1/10. The awards ceremony was originally scheduled to take place on Friday, 6/4/10. However, this date has been changed:
What: Scout Religious Awards Ceremony
When: Tuesday, 6/1/10
Where: St. Theresa's Parish in Trumbull, CT
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Scouts who participated in the religious awards program this year will receive an invitation from the Diocese in the mail.

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

102nd Infantry
Capt. Andra Allison
Capt. Robert A. Bassett, DO.
SSG. Anthony T. D'Aquila
Capt. Kathryn Devonshire
Sgt. Daniel Dobbs
SSG. Michael Dobbs
2nd Lt. Thomas K. Dyer
Major William Gottmeier
Cpl. Marc Hellig
1st Lt. Rachel (Askue) Hoffman
Capt. 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

SMS Thomas Daniels
Airman Kurt Kling
Airman Travis Mueller
1st Lt. Donald B. Naiman
MSgt. James Rebman
Capt. Gregory Zencey
2nd Lt. Jessica Zencey
2nd Lt. Phillip Zencey

United States Navy

Airman Michael Carter
Seaman Elizabeth Daniels
RPSN Philip DeMayo
CEI Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.
MIDN Allison Kirk
ENS Daniel Kirk
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
Pfc. Louis Enriquez
Sgt. Thomas Monckton
United States Marines
Gy. Sgt. James A. Allen
WO Michael Costello
1st 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 www.kofc185.com

A reminder to all parishioners that the K of C toy closet remains open through the year. If you need to pick up a gift for your child's birthday, a gift for someone else, or to make a donation of any new unwrapped toys or gift certificates, please contact Markus Balas at markus@yankeeautographs.com or 203-449-7190.

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.



stroseyouthgroup.com

5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: Check the calendar for the next event.

Senior Youth Group: The next meeting is Sunday, May 16 from 6-8 p.m. in the Safeplace.

Registration for Steubenville East Conference is open for July this summer. All information is available on the Youth Group website.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

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

Available: Basement Studio with private bath and entrance.

Needed: Apartment with garage or storage, for April

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASTORAL PLAN

The first reading, which describes the martyrdom of St. Stephen who was only a recent convert to the faith, offers a clear and obvious example of what can be done by one who is filled with the Holy Spirit. Baptized Christians are called to help our brothers and sisters. The Gospel teaches this. The Lord wanted us to be one with him and with one another. It is a oneness in love, founded on the oneness of the Father and Son. Our love as Christians must be fostered daily and so does our friendship with Jesus. The second reading teaches this to us as well. "Come, Lord Jesus," is an authentic prayer for Christians. When repeated it will result in an ever more intimate relationship and oneness with Jesus in love and understanding.

BISHOP CURTIS HOMES – CONGREGATE FACILITY IN BETHEL – 203-790-9744

The Bishop Curtis Homes Congregate is a low income housing facility for individuals 62 years of age or older. This three (3) story building consists of forty-four (44) efficiency apartments with approximately 330 square feet of living space. Each apartment is equipped with a refrigerator, stovetop, and an air conditioner sleeve. Residents provide their own air conditioner.

Bishop Curtis Congregate is funded and monitored by DECD and CHFA. The congregare program provides each resident with a daily meal served at noon in our dining room and one (1) hour of light housekeeping weekly. The building is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The site employs a full time superintendent who is responsible for the building, grounds and internal maintenance of the apartments.

There is a Laundry Room on each floor with a handicap accessible washing machine conveniently located on the second floor. Each floor also has a handicap accessible bathroom with roll in showers for resident use. Trash rooms are on each floor for both garbage and recyclables.

There is a Resident Services Coordinator on site to assist residents in making connections to local, state and federal programs and resources.

This community offers a variety of programs and activities such as Bingo, annual flu/pneumonia clinic, monthly blood pressure screening, crafts, seasonal activities and weekly transportation to a local grocery store.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. Upcoming dates: July 23-25, September 17-19 and November 5-7, 2010.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Joe and Jane Staszowski at (860)644-7260 or meweekend@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.

ST. PIUS X JOB NETWORKING GROUP MEETING

The St. Pius Job Networking Group ministry will be conducting its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tues. May 18, 2010 in the 1st floor hall of the Religious Ed. Center. Unemployed or underemployed individuals are welcome to attend to work on their networking techniques, share contacts and compare notes to help in their job search process. During our next session, an experienced outplacement professional, Beth McDonald, will continue her workshop on the preparation and skills required to conduct a successful job interview. Our group usually meets on the 3rd Tues. of each month going forward. If interested, please contact Deacon Bill Koniers at wkoniers@st-pius.org, 203-395-6242.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Grace Christian Fellowship Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. **Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on 6/11/2010. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more info or pre-register.

VILLA NOTRE DAME DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Where are you going? Want help on the journey? Discernment Retreat Weekend for Women (ages 18-45). June 11-13, 2010. Villa Notre Dame, 345 Belden Hill Rd. Wilton, CT. Our presenter for the weekend is Sister Patricia Flynn, SSND. \$50 per person includes meals and overnights. To register and for more information:

S. Maria Iannuccillo, SSND, 203-762-4152, miannuccillo@amssnd.org or S. Carolyn Jost, SSND, 4425 N. Ozanam Ave. Norridge, IL 06706, (708) 583-2402, cjost@amssnd.org.

FREE LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM ON AGING

A free lunch and learn for the community entitled, "Insights into Successful Aging" will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at Masonicare at Newtown, 139 Toddy Hill Road, Newtown. Dr. Casy Ott, from Southbury Geriatric Center will present the program. The program will begin at 12 p.m. with a complimentary lunch. Dr. Ott will also be available to answer questions. Seating is limited. To attend, please call the Masonicare Helpline at 1-888-679-9997.

MASS IN HONOR OF ST. GERARD (Patron of mothers, their children and the unborn) Thursday, May 20th at 7:00P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, 37 Schuyler Avenue, Stamford.

We encourage everyone to come, especially as families. Prayers for special blessing and respect for life will be recited at 6:45P.M. Expectant mothers, mothers with newborns and married couples praying to conceive will be blessed.

KENNEDY'S ROSARY PROJECT: The next meeting of Kennedy's Rosary Project is Wednesday, May 19 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Kennedy was diagnosed at age 2 with a spinal cord tumor. She has spent countless hours in the MRI. She has received much comfort from praying the rosary in the MRI, but did not have a rosary that she could actually take in with her. We have created a new ministry called Kennedy's Rosary Project. The rosary chaplets are hand-knotted from nylon twine and are MRI-safe. The mission of this ministry is to make twine knotted rosaries and give them away. The Rosaries are placed in boxes located in MRI centers and hospitals. If you have any questions, please call Michelle Babyak at 203-270-6265.

The **Moms Club of Brookfield East & Newtown** invite you to an Open House on Thursday, May 20th (rain date May 27th) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Treadwell Park in Sandy Hook. We are a support group designed just for you, the at-home mother of today. We have playgroups, park playdates, fundraisers, holiday parties, MOMS Night Out, and much more!! Stop by and see what we are about! For more information, visit our website: www.momsclubofben.webs.com

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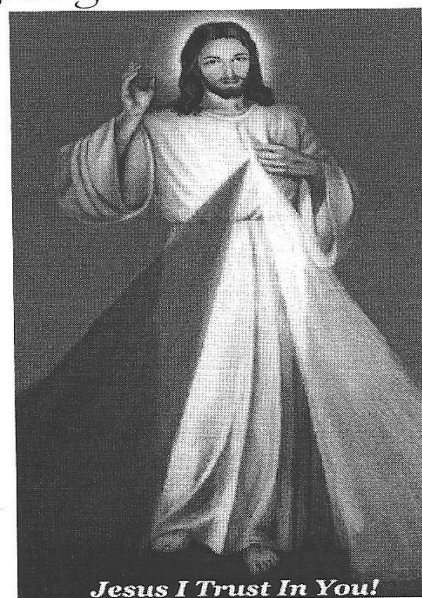
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Faustina*



- Eucharistic Adoration - Confessions -
- Rosary - Holy Mass -
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