

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, May 17, 2009

**Sunday, May 17**

After 7:30, 9 & 10:30 mass  
7-10 p.m. K of C Pancake Breakfast 3  
7-9 p.m. Men's CRHP Meeting (2)  
Bereavement Group (2)

**Monday, May 18**

9:00 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)  
7-10 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)  
7:00 p.m. Catechist Mass & Gathering  
7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Min. Book Club

**Tuesday, May 19**

9:30 a.m. WEBS Book Club (2)  
10 a.m. Job Network Support Group  
7-8 p.m. Al-Anon (2)  
7:15-8:15 p.m. Lay Missionaries of Charity

**Wednesday, May 20**

9:00 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play 2  
3:30-5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)  
7:00 p.m. Special Moms (2)  
7:00 p.m. Special Moms Prayer Group  
7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

**Thursday, May 21 (Ascension Thursday)**

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

**Friday, May 22**

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

**Saturday, May 23**

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

**LOCATION:**

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

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The St. Rose Memorial Fund has graciously been chosen by the following families and benefactors in memory of **William Honan, Jr.** We are most grateful for their generosity.

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**THURSDAY, MAY 21 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

**VIGIL MASS: WED. MAY 20 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, MAY 21: 6:45 & 9 A.M., 5:30 & 7:30 P.M.**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, May 18**

6:45 Thomas A. Esposito Marie Esposito  
9:00 Dayna Romano Jim & Roseanne Loring

**7:00 Catechist Mass**

**Tuesday, May 19**

6:45 Charles R. Denninger Charles, Kristin & Thomas  
9:00 Michael E. Taweh Susan Belanger & Christopher Quirk

**Wednesday, May 20**

6:45 Curtis Reade III Cynthia Naab Soré & Family  
9:00 Fran Reilly Barb, Bob & Girls  
7:30 Vigil William Honan, Jr. Mary & Bernie Curran

**Thursday, May 21 (Ascension Thursday)**

6:45 Fran Reilly Deacon Dan & BJ O'Connor  
9:00 David Joseph Licata Lenny & Linda Moritz  
5:30 Mike Wiggins Bernie & Mary Curran  
7:30 St. Rose Parishioners

**Friday, May 22**

6:45 Evelyn Thaxton Hartless Mary & Bernie Curran  
9:00 Frances Van Zanten St. Rose School Faculty

**Saturday, May 23**

8:00 Donald Sullivan Jennifer & Matthew Hubbard  
4:00 Steve & Paul Stefura Poidomani Family  
5:30 Joseph P. Malyszka Ellen Klaus

**Sunday, May 24**

7:30 Brennan Merrick The Brown Family  
9:00 Michael, Margaret & Robert Marusa Family  
10:30 Charles Weiss Family  
12:00 Brennan Merrick Diane, John, Lauren, James & Matthew Frazetta

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Marie O'Brien as requested by the Sugarman Family.

**Thank you for your support!**

Collection for May 10, 2009	\$19,252.00
Children's Offertory	15.97
Collection for May 11, 2008	\$17,571.00

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*Wedding Banns*

**Banns II Monica Middleton & Nuno Lopes**

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

It is all about love in this weekend's liturgy as we gather for the Sixth Sunday in the Easter season. The love of our God for each of us is beyond any of our imagining. Through the words of Saint John, we realize the depth of God's love and the call by Jesus to live in that love. John reminds us that we can never forget that the Father sent His Son to us not only to expiate for our sins but also to call us into deeper relationship with Him.

The words of our scriptures for this weekend are most calming especially in these times when we are all under so much stress and anxiety. If we could simply relax in the Lord and trust in His love, so many of our concerns would be lifted from us. Jesus tells us that all He wants for us is to have joy in our lives by loving one another as deeply as God loves us. He reminds us that Jesus laid down His life for us so that we could know the fullness of God's care for us. By calling us "friends", we are no longer strangers but an intimate part of the very heart of God. We can never take this gift for granted. Let us never falter in following God's command to love another...the graces are beyond our expectations!

This week we celebrate the FEAST OF THE ASCENSION. This is a HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION and all Catholics are to attend Mass. In recent times, holydays have lost their place in the lives of many. Please join us as we celebrate the Lord's return to heaven and begin to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to the Journey of Faith students who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday at our 9:00 a.m. Mass. These young men and women have been participating in a special preparation class this year under the direction of Janice Lindsay and some very special tutors. Please keep them and all the children of the parish who received their First Communion in your prayers.

This Monday evening the Religious Education staff is hosting a liturgy and dinner for all those who volunteer to provide a sound faith formation for our parish at every level. From our pre-Baptism program through our bereavement support groups, we strive to provide sound religious education from cradle to grave. We are blessed to be able to provide so much to so many. The list of volunteers is well into the hundreds, and on behalf of the entire parish community, I express our gratitude for making such a significant difference in our parish life. I hope all who have been invited will join us at 7:00 p.m. for Mass in the church followed by a dinner catered by Sal and Pepe Restaurant which will be held in our new gathering hall. Special thanks to our Wednesday morning book club for coordinating this event.

The parish carnival is just around the corner: June 30 through July 4. As many of you know, this is one of our major fundraisers for the parish. We will soon be soliciting volunteers as well as donations to help make the carnival a success. At this point, we should be able to be back on the soccer field once again which is a great setting for one of the

area's best carnivals! Raffle tickets are on their way to your homes. I know the times are tough, but please do what you are able in supporting this year's carnival and raffle. As the Gospel tells us this weekend.....everyone working together in even the smallest way makes all the difference in the world!

On Saturday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup> our parish is hosting the Master Chorale's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert. The concert will feature highlights from the Chorale's first 10 years and will reflect the variety of complex and entertaining music the chorale has provided us since its beginning. The concert will be held in the church beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. It has been a privilege for us to host these concerts since so many of them have reflected the beauty of religious and spiritual musical selections. Congratulations to the Chorale's director, Tina Johns Heidrich, and to all the members! Thank you for lifting our hearts and spirits with your gifts!

Welcome back, Fr. Milan! Please continue to keep his mother in your prayers. On behalf of Fr. John and myself, I want to thank everyone for their patience and added support these past several weeks. They are probably our busiest weeks with the celebrations of sacraments, Holy Week and Easter and many special liturgies and activities. I am especially grateful to our deacons who really "stepped up" and gave so much of their time and effort to assist us as well as Fr. Cole and Fr. Hernán.

I will be heading down to Georgia to visit my mother and to baptize my new great nephew this Friday and Saturday. (May 22 & 23). Thanks to so many of you who ask me about my mother. She is doing remarkably well in both her adjustment to assisted living and in her health. I will be sure to bring her your regards.



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic Tournament**

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

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**FREE MINISTRY to traveling Catholics. For nationwide Mass Times and locations, visit the Internet at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).**

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

### **Who's Making the Decisions?**

In today's readings, John reminds us that rules (commandments) are made for a reason, and even when our desire is to follow what we want to do, we need to listen and follow what our God commands us to do. He first reminds us that we are not in the driver's seat: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." Sometimes we forget this focus with the day-to-day pressures that we face – in fact, sometimes we forget to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us in every decision we make each day. We do not remake God's ways in the way that we would like Him to be, rather we let God be God and realize that it is all about God and His ability to help us through every storm. We follow His lead, and as John reminds us: "Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete.'" Wow – we could spend a day re-reading this passage over and over – it is about **His** joy within us – **it completes us!** So let us practice letting go of our pre-conceived notions of what God is all about and stop looking for our own answers, and put all our questions at His feet and wait for His response.

**Reflection Question:** In what area of my life do I need to focus on God's will instead of my own?

**Enriching My Catholic IQ:** Throughout most of the Church year, the paschal or Easter candle is located next to the: (a) baptismal font; (b) ambo; (c) tabernacle; (d) dining room table.

### **Mission Collection**

The final amount of money collected during Lent for the Breakfast Program for the homeless was: \$6,973.79. Thank you for reaching out to those in need!

### **Registration for Religious Education**

If you have not yet registered for Religious Education, please remember that there is a late fee after May 31. If you have registered, thank you for making Religious Education a priority in your child's life. 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.

### **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

1<sup>st</sup> child and \$20 each additional child. Details for both follow:

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

**Ecumenical Vacation Church School will be held August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church. Contact the Co-Directors with any questions: Jen Peterson & Sue 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 21 from 10:15-11:15, we welcome you to attend Spiritual Journey. June Carpenter, a Lay Franciscan, will be leading a discussion. 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.

#### **Edith Stein: In God's Hands**

On Wednesday, May 20, the directors of Religious Education invite all catechists to attend a day of retreat at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Stratford. The day will begin with Mass at 9:30 followed by discussion led by Dianne Traflet, S.T.D. Please call Pam Arsenault to RSVP or for more information.

#### **Come Be My Life**

This St. Augustine Lecture will focus on the private writings of Mother Teresa. It will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at St. Joseph Parish in Shelton. Adoration will take place at 6:30, and the lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m.

#### **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](http://strosechurch.com) website.

**This week we celebrate** Pope John I (May 18), St. Bernardine of Siena (May 20), The Ascension of the Lord (May 21 – Holy Day of Obligation), St. Rita of Cascia (May 22).

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** (a) the paschal candle stands next to the baptismal font except during the Easter Season, when it stands near the altar in the sanctuary.

**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](mailto:espctprogram@trinitydc.edu) or call 203-847-2363. EPS relies solely on donations. For more info see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES**

**This weekend** Religious articles will be 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.

**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:** 15 pressure treated 10' 2x6 planks.

**Available:** Children's pool, 4'x 6' with slide.

**Available:** Large wooden outdoor swing and gym set.

**Available:** Dell computer with monitor, keyboard & mouse

**Available:** Ping-pong table with paddles & balls

**Needed:** any size bed for a man with cancer

**Needed:** Queen size bed (frame, spring, mattress) & couch.

**Needed:** Sewing Machine.

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

**Needed:** Broken or unwanted costume jewelry, especially rhinestone's 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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009** from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room on the main floor of 38 Church Hill Rd. Meetings will take place monthly every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from 7-8 p.m. For info call Suzanne Brown (203) 364-9796.

**SPECIAL MOMS PRAYER GROUP – May 20, 2009**

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

**PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRY**

The Outreach Ministry Office is seeking your help in identifying those parishioners who are home-bound or in Nursing Homes, and those recuperating from surgery or serious illness and cannot come to church but would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit. Also, many times a parishioner is in the hospital and we at St. Rose are unaware of this. Weekly visits are made to parishioners in Danbury Hospital who list themselves during their admission process as St. Rose parishioners. Parishioners in other hospitals can be visited if a family member calls the parish and requests a visit. If you have a family member in any of the above situations and would like someone to visit, please call Sister Mary Ellen at the Outreach Office 426-2572, ext. 11. If Sister is out visiting parishioners, leave a voice message and she will get back to you.

**PARISH NURSE MINISTRY**

**KRISTEN VELSMID, COORDINATOR- 426-2573**

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

**HEALTH TIP:**

Mostly water, celery has never been taken very seriously in terms of nutrition, has it? And yet those low-calorie lightly colored stalks may be nutrition superstars, according to Jonny Bowden, author of *The 150 Healthiest Foods on Earth: The Surprising, Unbiased Truth About What You Should Eat and Why*. A Crunchy Cure: For years, celery has been touted by Chinese medicine as a treat for your blood pressure, thanks to a heart-healthy phytochemical compound called *phthalide*. It's known to help relax artery walls, allowing for faster, freer blood flow. And in early animal research, a daily extract providing the nutritional equivalent of about four stalks of celery helped reduce blood pressure 12%–14%. However, Bowden notes that celery is one of the more pollutant-prone veggies and so recommends going organic when you can.

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

The Elizabeth Ministry book club will be meeting on Monday May 18th at 7:00 to have a Book Chat. We will be discussing Books to read for the next few months. For information please call Anne Annesley at 364-0676 or e-mail [aannesley@charter.net](mailto:aannesley@charter.net). New members are always welcome.

**WE ARE LAY ROMAN CATHOLICS –A MOVEMENT OF CONSECRATED PERSONS WITH A SPECIFIC VOCATION AND MISSION:** Missionaries of Charity following the charisma of Mother Teresa; missionaries of love, doing small things with a great Love – with Jesus' love. We meet every third Tuesday of the month in the Chapel. We pray Night Prayer and the Rosary in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We conclude our Holy Hour with a reflection on Mother Teresa's words.

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our **Mother's Day Flower Sale!** Your contributions help us to continue our work promoting the Gospel of Life.

**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.**

Think about this: Those who favor euthanasia speak of the "right to die". No one needs a right to die; it's a fact of life. What they really want is the right to kill.

### 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 cottage with utilities

**Mature woman parishioner available to house sit—long or short term.**

### NEW CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)

#### TEAMS FOR UPCOMING FALL RETREATS:

The Continuation Committee would like to thank and congratulate Women's Team 11 for a successful and spiritual weekend for the women of our parish. The CRHP Men and Women each have new teams forming for the upcoming fall retreats. If you have been on a CRHP retreat as a participant or a team member, please prayerfully consider joining the new teams. We especially welcome those who have been participants, but have not had the experience of being on team, to think about enriching your faith life through the CRHP team formation process. Both the men's and women's retreat will be held this fall. (Women's Retreat--Oct. 17 & 18. Men's--Sept 26-27). The men's team meets on Sunday evenings, and the women's team meets on Monday evenings. Please contact Kristen Renzi at 270-6915 for more information or to join a team. Additional CRHP information is also posted on the St. Rose website.

### CARNIVAL RAFFLE

*Our summer raffle tickets have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Thank you for your support. Extra books are available in the rectory.*

*Special thanks to our envelope stuffers: Peggy Baiad, Audre Campe, Joan Gilbertie, Gayann Haas, Mona Lauricello, Aloise Mulvihill, Mary Obre, Pat Philipp from Tim Haas, Raffle Chairperson.*

### 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas K. Dyer  
Major William Gottmeier  
Cpl. Marc Hellig  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rachel (Askue) Hoffman  
Lt. Kathryn Hughes  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Tucker Hughes  
Major David A. Johnson  
Capt. Matthew A. LaRocco  
CWO Joseph Letourneau  
Sgt. John Martus  
Lt. Col. Mary Sara Moore  
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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Donald B. Naiman  
MSgt. James Rebman  
Capt. Gregory Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Phillip Zencey

#### **United States Navy**

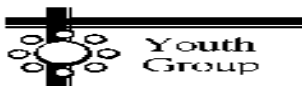
Aman Michael Carter  
CEI Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.  
Lt. Cmdr Timothy Krippendorf  
Lt. Commander John Porado  
PO Christopher Szabo  
**Army National Guard**  
CSM Al Almeida  
Spc. Carl Bergquist  
Pfc. Matthew Bergquist  
Major Todd Bookless  
**United States Marines**  
Gy. Sgt. James A. Allen  
WO Michael Costello  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Christopher J. DiNoto  
Cpl. Robert W. Hoyt, Jr.  
Major David G. Irving  
Major Benjamin Krippendorf  
Lance Cpl. Rylan McCollum  
Pfc Luke T. Miller  
PFC Ian Montgomery  
Col. Will F. L. Rodgers  
Lance Cpl. John Tamborino

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Ken Ayles after the 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on May 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:** Next meeting is Sunday, May 17 from 6-8:30 in the Safeplace.

**Freedom to Serve:** The summer mission trip is for all high school age students to explore different ways to serve those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The group called "God's Do Gooders" meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month to plan for this trip and for local service projects. For all interested teens, our next meeting is Wednesday, 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](http://www.stroseyouthgroup.com). Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

**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—15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 50 plus years—are invited to participate with family and friends. **Interested couples should register with one's own parish office as soon as possible.** The deadline for registration is Monday, **June 1, 2009.**

The **ST. AUGUSTINE LECTURE SERIES** of the Diocese of Bridgeport invites you to learn more about the faith journey of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. May one of the greatest missionaries of our times inspire us all to embrace our calling and mission to evangelize.

**Lecture:** Mother Teresa, Come Be My Light: The Saint of Calcutta

**Speaker:** Father Brian Kolodiejchuk – Author of the Book

- Superior General of the Missionaries of Charity Fathers
- Postulator of the Cause of Canonization of Mother Teresa
- Director of the Mother Teresa Center

**Dates:** Tuesday, May 26 – St. Joseph, Shelton (English)  
Wednesday, May 27 – St. Peter, Bpt. (Spanish)

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. – Lecture begins – light reception follows  
6:30 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL** will be offering a Summer Readiness and Enrichment Program. Programs will be offered to middle school as well as high school students. Programs will be offered June 29<sup>th</sup>–July 2<sup>nd</sup> & July 7<sup>th</sup>–July 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Lynn Lemme at [llemme@immaculatehs.org](mailto:llemme@immaculatehs.org).

**BIRTHRIGHT INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER**

Friendship counseling and clerical volunteers needed. Training provided. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support to women in crisis pregnancies. Our guiding principle: "It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Please join us and be blessed with the opportunity to help a mother and her child. Our office is located in Danbury. Call 744-3737.

**FUN IN THE SUN CAMP:** July 6-10, 13-17

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

St. Mary School Grounds, Bethel

Cost is \$100 per child per week

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year of our summer camp for children in grades k-6 (for the 2008-09 school year). Amusements, Water Slides, Rock Wall, Games, T-shirts, Prizes, Bible and Saint Stories, Arts & Crafts, Songs, Prayer and much more! Registration forms on website [www.stmarybethel.org](http://www.stmarybethel.org). Make checks payable to St. Mary Church and return forms and payment to parish office. For more information or questions, call Kate Fitzgerald at 744-5777 or visit our website. Act Now! Space is limited!

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC SINGLES**

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*The Blessed Virgin Mary in the Sacred Scriptures*

443 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT (203)-335-1797

**HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER AN EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR MUSIC MINISTERS**

Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 10

(The same program will be offered on two consecutive evenings).

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.

Calling all choir members, cantors, organists, church musicians, and all who care about music and the liturgy. This evening of reflection for Ministers of Music is designed to give renewal and refreshment to those engaged in leading the assembly in musical prayer. The evening will include dinner, the presentation and liturgy.

Program offering \$30.00

Send names and address and offering to:

Holy Family Retreat Center

303 Tunxis Road

West Hartford, CT 06107

860-521-0440

or register online at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families. This open house will give students a first look at Notre Dame and its academic, athletic and extracurricular programs. Prospective students can also meet the principal, faculty members, and current students, and tour the building. Call Chris Cipriano 372-6521 ext. 34.

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HOMESTEADS AT NEWTOWN 166 Mount Pleasant Road (Route 6), Newtown CT**

#### Escorts:

Person needed to escort some residents to activities. No experience necessary. Help call residents to invite them to events. Go to the rooms of hearing impaired people to remind them of activities. Push wheel chairs or walk with the visually handicapped or memory impaired to accompany them to the concert, game or entertainment.

#### Friendly Visitors:

Come to chat and form a new friendship with one or more of our residents.

Go shopping, bowling, on a short outing, or just stay at the Homesteads and visit someone.

#### Daytrip Escort:

Accompany and assist residents on outings on our Homesteads bus to casinos and other day trips or fill in for staff.

#### Recreation Assistants:

Visit senior citizens; teach or play games such as Dominoes, Pinochle, Checkers, Chess, Scrabble, or other board games; do projects or crafts with small groups; or assist with memory impaired residents.

#### Entertainers & Musicians:

Musicians and entertainers needed to amuse residents in our memory-impaired unit. You can enjoy practicing your instrument or craft with a small appreciative audience at 6:30 most weekday evenings or on the weekends during the day or early evening.

#### Speakers:

Residents, family members, or friends.... Do you have a skill to share or a game to teach or a topic to speak about to our residents? Let us know.

#### Writing Interns:

Write short articles for our in-house newspaper. Make your own hours. Get "published". Interview residents. Report on events at The Homesteads. *No typing or computer experience necessary*. Work at home or in our library.

#### Gardeners:

Anyone interested in gardening is needed to assist in tending our vegetable garden.

#### Men's Club Organizer or Assistant:

Help run our Men's Club here at The Homesteads. Escort residents to meeting area, lead discussions, watch ball games together, do projects, play pool, electronic darts, shuffleboard, horseshoes, cards, chess, checkers, or other games.

#### Bingo Callers:

Volunteers needed to call bingo numbers on weekends or weekdays. No experience necessary.

#### Card Players:

Play various card games with residents. Monday through Thursday at 2:00 or Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 4:00.

#### Crafters/Quilters/Needle workers:

We have a small group of knitters who meet on Mondays, but we would love to have additional people to work with out residents on various projects. Come with your ideas and have fun.

**Call: Tracy Brady  
Activities Director  
At (203) 426-8118 ext. 1044**

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