

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, June 21, 2009

Sunday, June 21

All Masses
9:00 a.m. Rel. Articles & Cares Box 1
7-9 p.m. Graduation Mass (1)
7-10 p.m. Bereavement Group (2)
Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, June 22

6:30-9:30 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)

Tuesday, June 23

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

Wednesday, June 24

6:30 p.m. Protecting God's Children 2
7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, June 25

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

Friday, June 26

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, June 27

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 |

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next week our parish will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. This Collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. Please be generous in next week's Peter's Pence Collection.

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 seminars are:

St. Rose of Lima, Newtown, June 24, 6:30 p.m.

St. Jude Parish, Monroe, July 11, 9:00 a.m.

St. Edward the Confessor, New Fairfield, July 12, 1 p.m.

St. Jude Parish, Monroe, August 8, 9:00 a.m.

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, etc.). If you don't have Internet access or have any questions, contact Doreen Morrissey 426-2572 ext. 27. Please bring all your paperwork and a copy of your card to St. Rose if you take the class elsewhere.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 22

6:45 Henry Sarbak Rodriguez Family
9:00 Eileen & Kevin Comerford Family

Tuesday, June 23

6:45 Irene Murphy Lucille & Michael LaPerch
9:00 Terry S. Koziol Marilyn Salvatore

Wednesday, June 24

6:45 Patrick O'Neil Anna McMahon
9:00 Jack Anderson Kulikowski Family

Thursday, June 25

6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Thomas Hayes III Mom & Dad

Friday, June 26

6:45 Richard Palo The Nostrand Family
9:00 Ann Kelly Bresson & Mr. & Mrs. Angus Kelly Family

Saturday, June 27

8:00 St. Rose Parishioners
4:00 Jacques & Andre Maye Mary Maye
5:30 Susan Gabert & John Grimardi Marianne Muskus

Sunday, June 28

7:30 Bethany Mass
9:00 Oliva Riva Blanca & Gary Sheehan Family
10:30 Violet & Vincent Kuhn
12:00 John & Josephine Gorman Tony & Terri Ambrogio

Thank you for your support!

Collection for June 14, 2009	\$16,182.00
Children	12.90
Collection for June 15, 2008	18,853.00

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PRINTED COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS.



BANNS: III Maria Pavelo & Brian Seaman, Jr.
III Maureen Flanagan & William Pendergast
II Melissa Egan & Justin Brehm
I Kimberly Messing & Azaam Ramjohn
I Holly Ferguson & Robert McGrath

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS.
For nationwide Mass times and locations, check the Internet www.Masstimes.org.

ST. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND

The St. Rose Memorial Fund has graciously been chosen by the following families and benefactors in memory of a loved one. We are most grateful for their generosity.

Gift of Donna DeMarco in memory of Marie DeMarco

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! This weekend we take time to acknowledge the love and gratitude that we hold for our fathers. These are very challenging times for men who have accepted the vocation of fatherhood. We gather this weekend to pray for these men that God will continue to encourage them as they foster and nurture the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of their children. The everyday stresses created by the present economic situation in our country add to the challenges of fathers who work so hard to provide for their families. We hold these fathers in particular prayer this weekend. There is nothing more devastating for a father than to lose his job and not be able to care for his family's needs. In spite of all the challenges that exist, however, a father sees his child as a gift from God and willingly puts aside many of his own pleasures and personal goals to raise his child the best he is able. Fathers are an anchor for their child; it is their father to whom they turn with their questions, their doubts, their insecurities and their anxieties knowing that he will answer their questions, replace their doubts with certainty, give them a sense of security and calm their anxieties and fears. It is the special role of a father to bless his child every day seeking God's grace, protection and love on his son or daughter. Today is our opportunity to return that blessing to our father as we ask God to take special care of the man who loves us as really as the Father in heaven loves His Son, Jesus.

**God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise
For fathers, young and old.
We pray for young fathers
Newly embracing their vocation.
May they find the courage and perseverance
To balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for our own fathers
Who support and challenge us.
May they continue to lead us in strong and gentle ways.
We remember fathers around the world
Whose children are lost or suffering:
May they know that the God of compassion
Walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
But still mentor and guide us
With fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers
Who are no longer with us
But who live forever in our memory
And nourish us with their love from heaven.
Amen.**

Some Father's Day reflections.....

The child you want to raise as an upright and honorable person requires a lot more your time than your money. -George Varky

Your hands have changed with the years-grown a little out of shape and worn. But for me they are the hands that held me steady on your shoulders, that taught me sailor's knots, that soothed away my nightmare, that kept me safe.

Any change in them is only a disguise. They are the hands I trust, the hands that now, as then, mean certainty and love. -Anonymous

Dads do not need to be tall and broad shouldered and handsome and clever. Love makes them so. I know fame and power are for the birds. But then suddenly life comes into focus for me. And, ah, there stands my kids. I love them. -Lee Iacocca

No man can possibly know what life means, what the world means, until he has a child and loves him/her. And then the whole universe changes and nothing will ever seem exactly as it seemed before my child was in my life. - Lafcadio Hearn

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES! WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SUCCESSES, AND WE PRAY THAT GOD WILL GUIDE YOU AND THE CHOICES YOU MAKE FOR YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS. REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR PARENTS AND TEACHERS WHO HAVE BEEN YOUR GUIDES THE PAST FOUR YEARS. ABOVE ALL, REMEMBER TO STAY CLOSE TO THE LORD WHEREVER LIFE TAKES YOU. HE WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR BEST GUIDE AND PROTECTOR! SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE GRADUATES WHO HAVE JOINED US FOR OUR 9:00 MASS THIS WEEKEND. WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF EACH OF YOU!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND FR. JOHN'S FAREWELL MASS AND RECEPTION NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28. Mass will begin at 12:00 noon with a reception following in the hall. Because this is a catered event, we need as accurate a count of those attending as possible. Please return the RSVP that was mailed to you to the rectory as soon as possible.

**CARNIVAL, 2009 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...
+++MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JUNE 30 THROUGH JULY 4
+++RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS
+++DONATE SOME MUCH NEEDED SUPPLIES ESPECIALLY SODA (COLA, DIET COLA, ORANGE, ROOT BEER, AND LEMON-LIME), JUICE BOXES, BOTTLED WATER AND ICED TEA
+++SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
+++PRAY FOR SUNSHINE**

AND TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL.....

HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Asleep in the Boat

Imagine the scene – a deadly storm, the disciples are out of control with fear, and their savior is asleep in the boat. What is Jesus teaching us? At times we find that our own lives are out of control, and we are running from activity to activity like a whirlwind, when the answer to interior peace and joy lies in putting the day in God's hands and letting Him control it. There is a wonderful spiritual picture of Jesus knocking on a door – on closer observation we notice that there is no doorknob on His side. He will not force us to open the door of our hearts and our lives to Him each day – however He will knock. Do we hear His knock, or are we so frantic, that we simply say to Him as the disciples said: "Don't you care that I am going to drown?" His sleeping reminds us sometimes the priorities of the world need to be put aside so that we can attend to the needs of our bodies and our souls.

Reflection Question: What does your body and soul need for the peace "beyond all understanding?"

Reflection Activity: Make a resolution to give Christ the control of one thing that is causing a "storm" in your life.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Of the following, the spiritual benefit that is not a Gift of the Holy Spirit is: (a) love, (b) wisdom; (c) fortitude (courage); (d) fear of the Lord.

Catechist for Child with Special Needs

When we begin classes in September we will need a catechist for a hearing-impaired five-year-old child, and also a tutor for a child with multiple special needs. Kindly call Janice Lindsay at the Religious Education Office at 426-2333 for additional information.

Yes, Christmas is a long-way off....

However, during the summer we set our calendars and elicit help from coordinators of special events that take place during the school year. This year, the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant Coordinator, Donna Locke, is looking to train someone during this year's pageant for the following year coordination. Yes, she will walk with you this year (2009) so that you will coordinate the following year. Please listen if God is calling you to this ministry, and call 426-2333. There is nothing more joyful than being in the presence of children – especially angels and shepherds!

St. Rose Faith Community thanks Helen Fitzgerald for volunteering to coordinate Children's Liturgy with Eileen Vitarbo! Many hands make light work!

First Communion DVD

For all who ordered First Communion DVDs of the May 2 or 9 First Communion ceremonies, and those who ordered DVDs from previous years, your DVDs are now available in the Religious Education office. If you still wish to order a DVD of any session, for years 2004 through 2009, e-mail: freddwyer@charter.net or call Fred at 426-9337.

First Communion Photos Available for Viewing and Ordering On-Line at:

www.lensphotography.photorelect.com

Books of the photos will be available in the Church soon.

Registration for Religious Education

Reminder that first grade is a pre-requisite for First Communion. We also have classes for Pre-K and K.

Religious Education is a spiral curriculum – each year is necessary because it builds on the previous year, and there is a specific subject matter for each grade. We would not consider taking our children out of Math or English for one or two years; learning about our faith should be treated the same, if not better! Sometimes people wait to register until the children's extracurricular activities have been worked out; why not show God what comes first in your child's life and choose faith formation first? Together we can always work out scheduling conflicts if they arise later in the summer. Call 426-2333 if you need additional information.

St. Rose Vacation Bible School

This joyful experience for your children will take place July 20-24 – there are a few openings in 5th & 6th grade. Contact Michele Buzzi at 426-2374 mbuzzi@att.net or Dot Perpignand at 270-7828 dot.perpignand@sbcglobal.net for additional information. Registration forms are available online at the St. Rose Church website, or can be filled out at the Religious Education Office.

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

There is still a need for teachers and other volunteers – please consider helping out. The VBS takes place from August 3-7 at Trinity Church. Contact either Jen Peterson or Sue Vogelmann at 426-9070 X 16 if you are able to help.

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.

This week we celebrate St. Paulinus of Nola, St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More (June 22), the birth of John the Baptist (June 24), & St. Cyril of Alexandria (June 27).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (a) Traditionally based on Isaiah 11:2-3, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Think about today's Gospel message, which gifts were used and called forth through the disciples.

Happy Father's Day!

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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, refrigerator & microwave

Available: 2 rooms with utilities, refrigerator & microwave
Available: Large 2nd floor 1 bedroom apartment- utilities included

Available: 1 bedroom apartment in Danbury

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

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.

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: Solid 5-drawer bureau (needs paint) and small side table.

Available: 2 office filing cabinets; 3- to 6-drawer, 2 nice chairs, 3 lamps

Available: Metal secretary's desk, walnut wall unit 6'h x 5'w, white kitchen table 36" round plus leaf.

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.

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 June 21st, 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.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY BOOK CLUB

The Elizabeth Ministry Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book The Secret Life of CeeCee Wilkes written by Diane Chamberlain. New members are always welcome. For information please call Anne Annesley at 364-0676.

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 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:

How to mind your multivitamins! Taking a multivitamin is a good way to fill in nutrition gaps. But for your prostate's sake, take just one a day. A new study showed that taking too many multivitamins—more than seven a week—could raise the risk of prostate cancer. Supplement Surplus: In fact, taking too many multivitamins was worse for prostate health than taking none. More than seven doses a week bumped up prostate cancer risk by 32 percent over the men who didn't take a multi. The risk was highest among men who also took selenium, beta carotene, or zinc—another sign that bad things could come from a supplement surplus. Prostate Protection Made Perfect in addition to not OD'ing on supplements, here are some other easy ways to protect your prostate: Ditch the burger and fries. A diet low in saturated fat keeps your prostate healthy. Take tea breaks. That's right, extend that pinkie and sip yourself a cup of green tea for the sake of your man parts. Yep, eat your veggies. All are good.

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DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT?

The Cenacle of Divine Mercy

(We meet at the chapel the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 3:30 to 5 p.m.)

We invite you to come with us on a tour of The National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA

Wednesday, July 8th, 2009

Depart promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Return approximately 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration 1 to 2 p.m. with Confessions and Rosary for Life. Holy Mass at 2 p.m.

Chaplet and Benediction at 3 p.m.

Reserve now. Call 426-9275 or 426-2153

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

JUST IN: NEW INSPIRING CATHOLIC CDs and DVD!
ALL STAR FOR CHRIST-5-TIME MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STAR MIKE SWEENEY. Mike Sweeney gives his testimony about living his life for Christ. A parishioner from the Diocese of Hartford says: "This presentation was fantastic - Mike is a great role model for our times! I will give the CD to our youth groups and catechism students."

New DVD: THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE SEMINAR- A overview of the Church's beautiful teaching on marriage (which is free, faithful, forever and fruitful) - great for dating singles, engaged couples and married couples alike. *Related CD title: PLANNING YOUR FAMILY GOD'S WAY (What Every Christian Needs to Know).*

CDs and DVD are available in foyer display for \$3.00 donation.

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, June 27 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.

It's a fact: The father of an unborn child cannot protect his baby from abortion. If the mother decides to abort, the way things stand now, the father and baby have no rights. He is not allowed to be a part of the decision making process if his view is different from the mother's.

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THE CATHOLIC FORUM presents: **MARRIAGE AND NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: A DIVINE DESIGN** with Al and Adrienne Keogler, certified Natural Family Planning instructors

Sunday, July 19th --4 p.m. mass followed by the presentation in the school library -- please join us! Find out about God's beautiful design for the human body. Learn about the gift of your fertility. Come and bring the questions you have always wanted to ask, but were afraid to, in an informal setting.

NFP is knowledge. NFP is amazing for the body *and* soul. NFP is a place where science and theology meet. NFP is extremely healthy and "green."

This is an all-important message for everyone: young adults, engaged couples, married couples and yes, grandparents too! This is fertility awareness that everyone, male and female, needs to have.

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
1st Lt. Donald B. Naiman
MSgt. James Rebman
Capt. Gregory Zencey
2nd Lt. Phillip Zencey

United States Navy

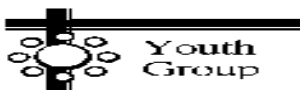
Aman Michael Carter
CEI Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.
MIDN Allison Kirk
ENS Daniel Kirk
Lt. Cmdr Timothy Krippendorf
Lt. Commander John Porado
PO Christopher Szabo
Army National Guard
CSM Al Almeida
Spc. Carl Bergquist
Pfc. Matthew Bergquist
Major Todd Bookless
United States Marines
Gy. Sgt. James A. Allen
WO 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

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: See you in September! Have a nice summer.

Senior Youth Group: The next meeting is 6-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 21 in the Safeplace.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH -- The Christ Renews His Parish 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 formation process. For info on upcoming men's and women's retreats, (men's Sept. 26 & 27) (women's Oct. 17 & 18), please contact Michael Ronan 733-9186 michael@jerichopartnership.org or Bev Tevnan at 270-8787 btevnan@charter.net. Visit our website at www.strosecrhp.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASTORAL PLAN Prayer with faith is essential in any anxiety since it gives us strength and peace from the Lord. God is the Lord of creation. In today's first reading, God speaks out of the storm. Life can be like a storm. We can lose hope and be on the brink of giving up. When we try to solve our own problems, we have to remember to pray with faith. The Lord has power to do things that humans cannot explain: "thus far shall you come but no farther." Job in his suffering should be mindful of this. The reading introduces the theme of the Gospel, where Jesus shows a similar power by stilling the storm.

In the Gospel, we see that Jesus has a power similar to the one God claimed in the first reading. The wind ceased and there was great calm. This clearly indicates Mark's answer to the question: "Who then is this? Jesus is God is with us," and we should turn to him in faithful prayer whenever difficulties overwhelm us.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM

We are seeking men for a new class in preparation for the Permanent Diaconate. Men who are interested in applying for admission to the program must be between the ages of 31 and 60. Applicants should be men of faith and of good character; and, they must be disposed and willing to give the required time and effort to the Diaconate Formation Program. Men who are married and men who are not married may apply. A married man must be validly married and must have the approval of his wife for acceptance into the program. Applications are to be submitted during the time period of now through August 31, 2009.

If you feel that the Lord is calling you to the diaconate, please discuss the matter with your pastor. Admittance into the formation program must be pursued through your pastor. Anyone wishing to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate and our Diocesan Program of Formation may do so by calling Deacon Tony Detje, Director of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, at 203-748-5235 or 203-416-1451.

NEW COVENANT HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

in Stamford seeks a volunteer to assist Spanish speaking individuals in learning important skills for employment. This would include completing job applications, resumes, communicating with prospective employers, and interview skills for securing employment. Volunteers must complete an application and attend an orientation. There is one mandatory training for all new volunteers. For more information, call Brian Jenkins, director: (203) 964-8228.

MORNING GLORY in Danbury seeks volunteers to assist in preparing and serving breakfast to the disadvantaged, Monday-Friday; 6:30-9:00 a.m., at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. For more information, call Michele Conderino: 748-0848, ext. 231.

THOMAS MERTON CENTER in Bridgeport is in need of hot and cold breakfast cereal. For more information and to make a donation, please contact Mark Grasso: 203-367-9036.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Immaculate congratulates the Graduating class of 2009 who have earned more than \$7 million in Grants, Scholarships and Awards. The Top Ten graduates will be attending Boston College, College of William and Mary, Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, Rensselaer, NYU, United States Naval Academy, University of Notre Dame, Western Connecticut State University. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IMMACULATE BY VISITING US AT www.ImmaculateHS.org.

AN AFTERNOON RETREAT WITH SISTER

BARBARA: FORGIVING—GOD, SELF and OTHERS

A Retreat for Women & Men in 12 Step Recovery

WHEN: July 19, 2009 for Women

July 26, 2009 for Men

TIME: 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

PLACE: MARIAN HEIGHTS

1428 Monroe Turnpike

Monroe, CT 06468

Coffee and Cake available

COST: Love Offering

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

DEADLINE for July 19th is July 15th

DEADLINE for July 26th is July 22nd

For registration and directions call:

Sister Mary Frances 203-268-6540 or Sister Bernice 203-993-9316

SUMMER ENRICHMENT COURSES: St. Joseph High School in Trumbull is running two programs in August for entering high school freshmen – Study Skills and Math Camp. These two-week courses strengthen foundational skills, build confidence, and ease the transition to high school. See their website www.sjcadets.org for details.

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER to benefit Newtown High School Ice Hockey on Friday, June 26th at the Candlewood Valley Country Club – New Milford Great prizes including a Volvo Lease, 42" LCD Flat Screen TV, Yankee Tickets and More! \$550/Foursome; \$149 per individual player – includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, dinner and gift bag. For more information and registration forms visit www.newtownhockey.com or contact Donna Solomons at 203-364-0321 or Donnasolomons@earthlink.net

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 11th 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!

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For more information or questions, call Kate Fitzgerald at 744-5777 or visit our website!

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Faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist cannot be taken for granted. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of Eucharistic faith to the congregation during the Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. In part he said:

Today there arises the risk of a serpentine secularization even within the Church, which can convert into a formal and empty Eucharistic worship, in celebrations lacking this participation from the heart that is expressed in veneration and respect for the liturgy. The temptation is always strong to reduce prayer to superficial and hurried moments, letting oneself be carried away by earthly activities and worries.

As the Church begins to observe the Year of the Priest, Pope Benedict XVI exhorted priests to “become the Eucharist” and to draw “that free and pure love that makes us worthy ministers of Christ and witnesses of His joy” from the His Body and Blood. Moreover, Benedict XVI asked Jesus to “free this world from the venom of evil, of violence and of hate, which contaminate consciences,” purifying it with the power of His merciful love.

Are we nourished with Christ that “we receive the mission to become the soul of our city”?



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