

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, June 28, 2009

Sunday, June 28
after 12 noon Mass
7-10 p.m.
Monday, June 29
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 30
10 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 1
3:30 5:00 p.m.
6-10 p.m.
7-10 p.m.
Thursday, July 2
3-4 p.m.
6-10 p.m.
Friday, July 3 First Friday
7:15 a.m.
4 p.m.
5 p.m.
6-10 p.m.
Saturday, July 4
6-10 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Farewell to Fr. John Inserra
Men's CRHP (2)

Women's CRHP (2)

Job Network Support Group
St. Rose Carnival

Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)
St. Rose Carnival
Men's CRHP Team 5 (2)

Eucharistic Adoration (7)
St. Rose Carnival

Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
Divine Mercy Chaplet (7)
Benediction
St. Rose Carnival

St. Rose Carnival
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 |

CONGRATULATIONS MSGR. WEISS ON YOUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT ST. ROSE!!

It is hard to believe that you have been here at St. Rose Parish for ten years. Thanks to your hard work and perseverance, much has been accomplished; notably our St. Rose Gathering Hall, which has finally become a reality.

We sincerely thank you for everything you have done for St. Rose, and we hope that you will be here for many more years. Because of you, our parish and our faith have grown, and for that we are truly grateful.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection.



BANNS: III Melissa Egan & Justin Brehm
II Kimberly Messing & Azaam Ramjohn
II Holly Ferguson & Robert McGrath

The flowers by the St. Rose Statue on June 19th were in memory of Eugenia Matrullo as requested by Matthew Matrullo.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 29
6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 William Honan, Jr. St. Rose Religious Ed

Tuesday, June 30
6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Lillian Pascual Family

Wednesday, July 1
6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Helen Zywan (Anniversary) Norm Roos

Thursday, July 2
6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Julie Primavera Mary & Bernie Curran

Friday, July 3 First Friday
6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 John Reilly Ann & Dan McCarthy & Family
5:00 Benediction

Saturday, July 4
8:00 Brennan Merrick Pelisson Family
4:00 Irene Murphy Ed & Alice Walsh
5:30 Jack Manna Robert & Linda Manna

Sunday, July 5
7:30 Col. Edwin & Charlotte Vail Family
9:00 Eileen & Kevin Comerford Family
10:30 Rosemarie Kenilla Mary Lee Cannone
12:00 Brennan Merrick The Kordish Family

Thank you for your support!

Collection for June 21, 2009	\$17,123.00
Children	19.86
Collection for June 22, 2008	\$15,187.00

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



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – Friday, July 3

The Lord is exposed after 9 o'clock Mass, the Rosary Group prays a rosary at 9:30, and then silent adoration follows until 4 p.m. From 4 p.m. to Benediction at 5 p.m. we will pray The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Evening Prayers.

BETHANY MASS

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those parishioners who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. This Sunday, June 28th, at the 7:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way, Richard Palo, Joseph Andrews, Dorothy Tani, and Irving Bradley, who have died since our last Bethany Mass. Although we miss their physical presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased parishioners, their families, and their friends. Deacon Don and Stephania Naiman, Coordinators (748-7976)

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

THANK YOU, FR. JOHN INSERRA! This weekend we gather as a parish community to thank Fr. John for his 6 years of service to us. Arriving as a new priest in 2003, Fr. John began his adjustment from seminary life to parish life. His involvement in many areas of parish life gave him a quick introduction to what parish ministry is all about. We are grateful for his commitment to the Altar Servers, the Junior and Senior Youth Groups, the Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee, St. Rose School and Religious Education students, the weekly hospital visits and Masses for our area nursing facilities, the parish Carnival, CHRP and numerous other parish activities. His ministry is now taking him to Greenwich where he is serving as a parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish and assistant chaplain at Greenwich Hospital. His new address is: St. Mary Parish, 178 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830. Please join us at a reception in his honor this Sunday in the Gathering Hall from 1:00 until 3:00 to thank him and wish him well.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alex DiNoto who is receiving his Eagle Scout this Sunday at the Meeting House. We are very proud of Alex, his project and all the young men of our parish who are Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to his parents and leaders for their encouragement of Alex.

CARNIVAL, 2009 begins this Tuesday. Thanks in a special way to the many parishioners who have been helping in the coordination and organization of the carnival:

- Rich Fenaroli, who has been collecting and sorting the donated supplies
- Doreen Morrissey, who has been obtaining permits and organizing the "financial aspects" of the carnival
- Lynda and Jim Healey, who have been working on our volunteer lists
- Fran Gargano, who has arranged for the nightly entertainment
- Pat and Joe DeMaida, for their coordination of the nightly Bingo
- Mary Jo Runkle, who has been putting our menus together and requesting donations from our area restaurants
- Chris Locke, who has been coordinating the Fried Dough Booth with the Knights
- Frank Middleton, who has put together the inventory lists and supply orders
- Rich Tortora and Kevin Cragin, who are doing the electrical and tent set-up
- Rodd Blessey, who has the Youth Group ready for Kiddieland
- Gay Ann and Tim Haas and the Knights for chairing the raffle

THANKS also to the many parishioners who have signed up to work the Carnival for us this year. These men and women make all the difference!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1) Return your RAFFLE TICKETS.
- 2) PRAY for good weather.
- 3) Donate needed supplies, especially:
 - SODA (cola, diet cola, lemon-lime, orange, root beer)
 - WATER BOTTLES
 - JUICE BOXES
 - ICED TEA
- 4) PRAY for good weather.
- 5) VOLUNTEER to help at the carnival
- 6) PRAY for good weather
- 7) SUPPORT the carnival by attending
- 8) DID I MENTION TO PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER!

This July 1, I will be celebrating my 10th anniversary as pastor of Saint Rose Parish. I still remember the day in late winter when Cardinal Egan called me to his home in Stratford to tell me that he was assigning me as the new pastor in Newtown. We had just completed our new building at St. Joseph's Parish in Shelton, our school

enrollment was over 400, we were out of debt and financially sound, the buildings had been restored and were in great shape, and I was ready to sit back and enjoy the 10 years I had served as pastor! It was quite a shock to me and to the parish community. But that is what diocesan priesthood is all about; you go where you are called. Cardinal Egan handed me a report that had been done by St. Rose Parish in conjunction with the dawning of a new millennium. It was a 10 point plan for the parish's future which was based on several months of meetings, surveys, conversations by a committee from the parish community. The Cardinal told me that this list was to be like my Bible for the next several years, and he wanted me to accomplish as many items on the list as possible, preferably all of them in short course! For your review, here is that list:

- 1) Establish an active, vibrant infrastructure to support the parish community with a balanced program based on the needs and wants of the parish community. The infrastructure should be a balanced mixture of paid and volunteer staff that can lead by being facilitative, consultative and supportive while being able to direct and coordinate the Parish Community activities and make decisions about the evolving wants and needs of the parish family.
- 2) Refresh and support the existing Parish Ministries and use volunteers to develop the numerous additional ministries that are needed and wanted such as music, youth, families, seniors, out-reach programs and spiritual development. Full time paid and /or volunteer help should be considered for some of these positions.
- 3) Update and improve the communications system within the parish community.
- 4) Take a fresh look at the liturgy with a strong focus on varied choir and specially supported music: youth involvement, children's choir, and so on.
- 5) Expand and integrate the educational activities of the total parish family.
- 6) Address the wanted and needed outreach programs.
- 7) Increase weekly donations to support the operating expenses.
- 8) Identify ways to expand the parish social activities: parish picnic, youth activities, dinners and dances, cabarets, and so on.
- 9) Develop a facilities plan to support the wants and needs of the parish. Embark on a fund raising and building project to provide the appropriate facilities.
- 10) Implement the plans and recommendations of the Millennium Committee immediately.

I will leave it up to you to evaluate my performance on addressing this list. I am grateful for all the support I have received from staff, volunteers and parishioners these ten years. They have been challenging ones for us as Catholics with both the sexual and financial scandals as well as for us as Americans with 9/11, the initiation of a war, the economic downturn and the political decisions that have changed us forever. Nevertheless, we have continued to grow and prosper as a people of God. Time goes quickly, and there will always be challenges and obstacles, but when you stay rooted in God and His ways, much can be accomplished. It was not an easy start in July, 1999, and I apologize to any who I may have offended or hurt in these ten years of ministry. I always try my best to be as the Scriptures tell us to be, but human pride is part of everyone's life, even a pastor's! I can honestly say that I am very proud of all that we are and all that we have become as a parish community. We celebrate 150 years as a parish this year, and I am blessed to have some share in that rich history. May God continue his very special watch over us. Please pray for me and for all priests. Your support and affection make all the difference in our lives. Finally, thanks for these 10 years and for the challenge you have put before me to be the most effective minister of God's word that I can be.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

The Creative Power of Healing

In today's Gospel we witness happy endings – the synagogue official's daughter and the woman suffering from hemorrhages both experienced physical healing. Mark's Gospel accounts were written to bring the good news of the power of Christ to those suffering persecution for their faith. Today, we pray for healing of body, mind, and spirit, and we may not experience the results that we desired. Our focus tends to be on what our eyes see and what our hearts *want*. However, Christ sees much more and He knows what we *need*. When we look through the eyes of God and trust in His ways, we are more likely to find His healing touch where and when we most need it.

Reflection Question: What is the difference between wants and needs? If you could heal someone, who would it be and why?

Reflection Activity: Pray: "O Divine Healer; touch me today. Touch that place within that most needs your healing hand. Give me a spirit that surrenders, a heart that yields to your love, and a body that is revived by your grace. Amen"

Enriching My Catholic IQ: At Sunday Mass, the First Reading is generally taken from the (a) Old Testament; (b) documents of the Church; (c) New Testament; (d) Gospels.

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!

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.

Catechists – Mark your calendars: New Catechist Meeting (Sept. 3 at 7:00 p.m.), Meeting for all catechists (September 12 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.), and Beginning of classes (Sept. 20-23)

This week we celebrate Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29), First Holy Martyrs (June 30), Blessed Junipero Serra (July 1), St. Thomas (June 3), St. Elizabeth of Portugal and Independence day in US (July 4).

Confirmation 2010

The dates of Confirmation for our upcoming school year have been set! Friday, April 16th and Saturday, April 17th are the dates the Bishop has given us for our 2009-2010 8th grade class to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please plan your calendars accordingly as these dates are at the beginning of a vacation week!

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 x16 if you are able to help.

Answer to Catholic IQ: (a) The first reading at Sunday Mass is taken from the Old Testament except for the Easter Season, when it is taken from the Acts of the Apostles.

Happy Fourth of July! We are grateful to God for living in a country that is free (for everyone) and offers a good quality of life...for some. In our first reading today, Paul encourages people to be generous. To practice that teaching, clean out a closet, a basement, or garage and give your family's surplus to the poor in our country.

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. 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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

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: Wall or window air conditioner, Kenmore 71122, 12,000 btu electronic controls with remote.

Available: Weber charcoal grill in good condition.

Available: Metal secretary’s desk; walnut wall unit 6’ tall, 5’ wide; kitchen table 36” round with expansion leaf.

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

Needed: Stand-up portable air conditioner suitable to cool 2,000 square feet.

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.

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 July 19th, 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.

THE CATHOLIC FORUM presents **MARRIAGE AND NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: A DIVINE DESIGN** with Al and Adrienne Keogler, certified Natural Family Planning instructors. Sunday July 19 – 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.

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

Weight loss you can bank on! Making a friendly bet could pay off big on your bathroom scale. So says a study in which dieters who were paid to lose weight dropped about 10 pounds more than the people not offered the dollar reward. Reach Your Goal, Get the Green: Researchers recently put a group of obese people into one of three weight loss plans. Two of the programs included a cash-reward incentive, one did not. The goal: Lose 16 pounds in 16 weeks. When time was up, the cash-reward groups lost 14 and 13 pounds. The control group? Only THREE pounds! Major Motivators: If wagering is not your thing, create a little weight-loss-rewards fund for yourself. Set aside a little money each week. If you make your goal, you buy yourself a treat. If you miss it, the money goes to charity. It’s a win-win. Of course, you win much more if you stick to your guns, lose weight, and get healthier.

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

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

The conversation [on abortion], [some would] imply, should remain always open-ended, the dialogue on-going, decision or judgment permanently delayed. But dialogue is a means to an end; it is valuable in the measure that it conduces toward judgment...The Church has come to the considered judgment that abortion is morally objectionable and that Roe v. Wade is terrible law, as bad as the laws that once protected the practices of slavery and segregation in our country. To suggest, therefore, that a Catholic [institution] is a place where dialogue on this matter is still a desideratum is as ludicrous as suggesting that a Catholic [institution] should be the setting for a discussion of the merits of slavery and Jim Crow laws.

Does anyone think that [we should] have been open to a dialogue with Wallace about the merits of his unambiguously racist policies? For that matter, does anyone think that Dr. Martin Luther King would have sought out common ground with Wallace or Bull Connor in the hopes of hammering out a compromise on this pesky question of civil rights for blacks? The questions answer themselves.

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- An 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, July 25 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.

Pregnancy takes nine months. Abortion takes a life and gives a life-time of regrets. Choose life!



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

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



www.stroseyouthgroup.com

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 28 in the Safeplace and then Youth Group comes with change to Wednesday nights beginning July 8th with our "Giant, New beginning Life Teen Kickoff". More on this info to follow.

STEUBENVILLE EAST- "ADOPT-A-YOUTH"

Please consider making a donation to the Steubenville East Retreat fund. Steubenville East Retreat is a life-changing event for our teens. The weekend offers wonderful opportunities for the teens to deepen their faith life and gather with other Catholic teens from around the country where they are invited to open their hearts to the Holy Spirit.

We have several students who are attending this year who are in need of financial assistance. Fund raising events are planned, but further assistance is needed. The cost for one student to attend is \$263.00.

If you are able to help, please mail your donations to Attn: Rodd Blessey St. Rose of Lima Parish, 46 Church Hill Rd., CT 06470 or you can drop it by the Rectory Office. Thank you in advance for your help!

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

Pope Benedict's vacation advice from a recent general audience: "We must set aside time in life for God, to open our life to God with a thought, a meditation, a small prayer and not to forget Sunday is the day of the Lord." And in another place he said: "He who neglects contemplation is deprived of the vision of the light of God; he who is carried away with worry and allows his thoughts to be crushed by the tumult of the things of the world is condemned to the absolute impossibility of penetrating the secrets of the invisible God ... While at work, with its frenetic rhythms, and during vacation, we have to reserve moments for God. [We have to] open our lives up to him, directing a thought to him, a reflection, a brief prayer. And above all, we mustn't forget that Sunday is the day of Our Lord, the day of the liturgy, [the day] to perceive in the beauty of our churches, in the sacred music and in the Word of God, the same beauty of our God, allowing him to enter into our being. Only in this way is our life made great; it is truly made a life."

EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY: CHRIST REALLY PRESENT

As a sacrament, the Eucharist has a double aspect: it is both a sign and the reality signified by it, both a remembering of the past and a making-really-present: "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the Cross remains ever present". Here the three meanings of "present" come together: Christ in the Eucharist is 1) present, not absent, but really here; 2) present, not past, but happening now; and 3) presented as a gift (a "present"), really given; offered, not withheld. Christ is "present in many ways to his Church" (CCC 1373) but "[t]he mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species [forms, appearances] is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as 'the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend' [St. Thomas Aquinas]. In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.' '[I]t is presence in the fullest sense... Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (CCC 1374). (From Peter J. Kreeft, *Catholic Christianity*, 2001)

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

GOSPEL OF LIFE SOCIETY

Meets at St. Mary, Norwalk, 669 West Ave. 06850
Every 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m.—after 9 a.m. Pro-Life Mass

Saturday, July 11

Baby Boomer Alert: Get Smart on Euthanasia Apologetics. Come and learn from our honored guest, Mary Taylor, of St. Rose, Newtown. Mary is a graduate of Yale Divinity School, a college teacher of ethics, logic, and theology. A Third Order Dominican. Many of us baby boomers are already experiencing frustration in the communication of our wishes about critical health issues and the Catholic perspective—to doctors, nurses, loved ones, legislators, elder lawyers, parents, other family members. Mary will give a clear understanding of the terminology used, such as "assisted death", and help us to present sound arguments which are necessary to prevent unnatural or immoral deaths. **The meeting is 10:00 a.m., after the Pro-Life Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome! Refreshments!**

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC SINGLES SUMMER BRUNCH & DANCE

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291 Old Gate Lane
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34th ANNUAL C.H. BOOTH BOOK SALE – JULY 11-15
120,000+ BOOKS, DVDS, CDS, VHS tapes and LPs at great prices at Reed Intermediate School, Newtown. Hours are 9 to 5 Sat./Sun., 9 to 7 Monday (1/2 price day), and Tues. (\$5/bag day), 9 to 1 Wed. (free day). All proceeds benefit Booth Library.

A CELEBRATION OF ST. PAUL

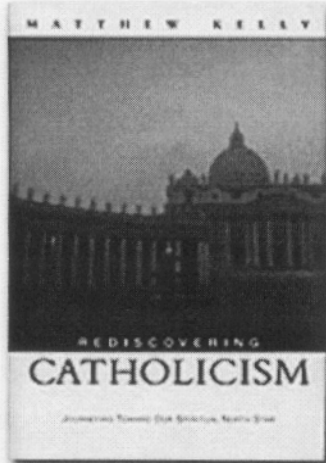
A vigil of Scripture, Reflections and Song
June 29 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Church
5 Hillhouse Ave.
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203-562-6193
The Closing of the Jubilee Year to the Apostle Paul.
Reception Following
Confession 6:30-7:15 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME

AN AFTERNOON RETREAT WITH SISTER BARBARA! FORGIVING – GOD, SELF AND OTHERS –

A retreat for Women and 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 & Cake available
Cost: Love Offering
Registration deadline for July 19th is July 15th
Registration deadline for July 26th is July 22nd
To Register call: 203-268-6540 (Sr. Mary Frances) or 203-993-9316 (Sr. Bernice)

What Are You Going To Do This Summer That Will Change Your Life Forever?

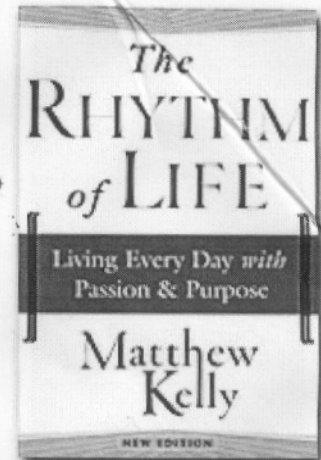
Matthew Kelly was born in Sydney, Australia. Over the past ten years more than two million people in fifty countries have attended his talks, seminars, and retreats. He is the author of ten books including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose*. If you have heard Matthew speak or read his writings, you know already that he possesses a rare gift to convey life-changing insights in a powerful and inspiring way.



What is Catholicism? What does it mean to be Catholic? Is Catholicism relevant today in our modern world? The essence of Catholicism is transformation—a dynamic way of life that encourages and empowers each individual to become the-best-version-of-themselves. To be Catholic means to be striving to live the Gospel, to be striving to become more like Jesus Christ. It is this dynamic approach to transformation that animates the human person—physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually—and allows us to experience “life to the fullest” (John 10:10).

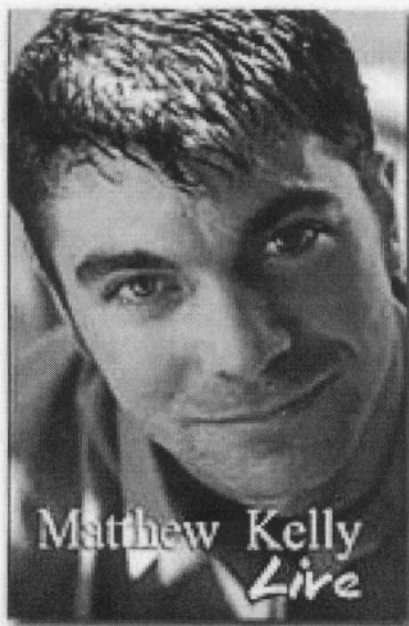
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Facilitators – Justine Kohlsaatt and Joanne Marcinek

Justine is an eleven year member of St. Rose and actively volunteers to support the religious education department. She recently participated in the Christ Renewals



His Parish Retreat. Joanne is a five year member of St. Rose and is actively involved in the Christ Renewals His Parish ministry. She is also a part time administrative assistant at the St. Rose Religious Ed department. Both Justine and Joanne wholeheartedly believe that Matthew's dynamic message on the Catholic faith is powerfully relevant and applicable to our everyday lives.

When: Every Tuesday for 6 weeks

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Dates: July 28th– September 1st

Where: St. Rose of Lima, Newtown CT

Monsignor Conroy Room, St. Rose School

Cost of Workbook: \$10

To learn more about this study group and to sign up by July 24, please email (askjoanne@gmail.com) Joanne Marcinek.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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