

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – July 5, 2009

Sunday, July 5
7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

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

Tuesday, July 7
10 a.m. Job Network Support Group
7-8 & 8-9:30 Al-anon (2)

Wednesday, July 8
3:30 – 5 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)

Thursday, July 9
3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)

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

Saturday, July 11
8:00 a.m. Mass for deceased K of C Members
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

LOCATION:

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

Thank you for your generosity in last weeks Peter's Pence Collection. Because of you, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. In 2007, the United States was responsible for almost one-third of worldwide proceeds for this Collection. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need.



BANNS: III Kimberly Messing & Azaam Ramjohn
III Holly Ferguson & Robert McGrath



We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of June 2009.

John Douglas Bortzfield
Aiden Joseph Doyle
Kaitlyn Rose Doyle
Christian Mack Foss
Gianna Christine Grigas
Kathryn Ainsley Lynders
Robert Kenneth Onofrey
Celia Catherine Plaue
Anthony Robert Valenzuela
Izabella Luz Valenzuela

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 6
6:45 Marie DeMarco Kroha Family
9:00 Lillian Clark Pat & Ed Matthews

Tuesday, July 7
6:45 Kathleen Hartl Anna McMahon
9:00 Robert L. Kayfus Charles & Irene Keller Family

Wednesday, July 8
6:45 Joanne Cwikla Peter & Vincenza McNulty
9:00 James Bahan SNAN

Thursday, July 9
6:45 Bertrand Wray Mary Ruffles
9:00 St. Rose Parishioners

Friday, July 10
6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 William Honan, Jr. Peter & Vincenza McNulty

Saturday, July 11
8:00 Deceased Members of K of C Council #185
4:00 Anthony & Anna DeSimone Family
5:30 Richard Manna Robert & Linda Manna

Sunday, July 12
7:30 Anthony Gierzadowicz Palo Family
9:00 Bernard & Irene Zugehar LaVerne Burzynski
10:30 Brenda Schlesinger Lorraine Dzurenda
12:00 Brennan Merrick Dan, Ann, Shannon, Kelly
Danny, & Colleen McCarthy

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FR. AMAL'S MISSION

If you would like to support Father Amal's mission in India, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to Pax in Terra Inc., a 501c3 charitable organization established by St. Rose parishioners to support Father Amal and other sustainable efforts around the world. You can send a check to Pax In Terra Inc., P.O. Box 13, Newtown, CT 06470 or donate through the website at www.paxinterra.org.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! This weekend our country celebrates the freedoms that are ours as Americans. As difficult as times are for us in the midst of our economic downturn, we are still a privileged people. When we view the oppression that many in the world must live with each day, we realize even more how blessed we are. We can never forget the lives that were sacrificed and the risks that our founding fathers and mothers had to take in order to establish us as a country. We need to become more and more aware of all that is ours because we are Americans and do all that we can to live our rights and privileges for the good of all people. Even with the financial stresses on so many of us in this time, we are still more blessed than so many others in the world. This weekend is to be celebrated with gratitude, hope, faith and a deep trust that God is ever at our side. Enjoy this holiday and hold sacred to all that it means to us as a country.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited our poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it public assistance. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen.

-The Reverend Billy Graham

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! to everyone who helped with our carnival and supported our efforts. Because this bulletin has to be submitted to the company on the Friday before the carnival has even begun makes it impossible to write anything about what happened. BUT, I am keeping faith in God that we will be blessed with success. We will commit next weekend's bulletin to carnival happenings! Thanks for your understanding of our situation in this matter. PLEASE know how grateful I am to all of you who in one way or another worked together to provide an outstanding event for the parish and the community.

Now that summer is here, and ice cream tops the lists of summer fun, here is a story I was sent about a child saying grace in a restaurant:

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six year old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads, he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank You more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all. Amen."

Along with the smiles from the customers who heard his prayer, I heard a woman remark, "That's what is wrong with our country. Kids today do not even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream. Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God going to be mad at me for asking for ice cream?"

As I held him and assured him that he did a terrific job and that God certainly was not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and told him that he was sure God thought that was a great prayer. Then he whispered to my son; "Too bad she never asks for ice cream; a little ice cream is good for the soul"

We finished our meal, and I ordered ice cream for my children. My son stared at the sundae sitting in front of him. He picked it up without a word and walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile, he said: "Here this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already!"

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

NEW RESOURCE FROM THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Each month, Family Life Ministry will offer a Marriage and Family Life E-Newsletter that will provide helpful resources and articles related to Marriage and Family Life Enrichment. For further information contact Betty Anne Casaretti, Director of Family Life Ministry, bcasaretti@diobpt.org, 416-1442.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Distractions

It is so easy to get distracted – our eyes divert our attention – or our ears pick up on another sound, and we focus on something else. For someone who may have attentional difficulties, it is very hard to focus on a goal, a project, or a mission. In today's readings, it would have been very easy for Jesus, Ezekiel or Paul to be distracted. Ezekiel is warned that his message may not be taken in the Spirit of God; Paul speaks of a distracting thorn in the flesh; and Jesus is rejected in His own hometown. However, in all three instances, we are taught to keep our eyes on God – trust in Him alone because ultimately God is in control and the daily distractions are passing.

Reflection Questions: Name a few of your “thorns.” How can you allow God to be your strength and your focus when you are weak?

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Before becoming Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was Prefect of the Congregation for the (a) clergy; (b) Divine Worship; (c) Propagation of the Faith; (d) Doctrine of the Faith

Next Year's Confirmation Candidates:

Next year's Confirmation dates have been set: April 16 and April 17, 2010. Since these dates fall at the beginning of Spring break, please note this for any vacation plans you may have!

Children's Library at the Religious Education Office

During the next few months, we will be setting up a few shelves of books for children in the upstairs room at 38 Church Hill. We will be looking for donations of two bookshelves that will fit in a designated area. Please let us know if you can help out! 426-2333. Also, please give your input about books that you would like to see as part of the library.

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 11 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.), and Beginning of classes (Sept. 20-23)

This week we celebrate St. Maria Goretti (July 6), St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions (July 9), and St. Benedict (July 11).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (d) Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger served as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 1981 to 2005. We celebrate the feast of St. Benedict on Saturday – say an extra prayer for our Pope.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THIS SUMMER THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER?

Join us for Matthew Kelly's 6-week series of 6 DVD presentations *Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose*

When: Every Tuesday for 6 weeks

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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)

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 and 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

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.

Needed: Cordless telephone with caller ID.

Needed: Dorm. size refrigerator.

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

Have a happy and safe 4th of July!!!!

Parish Nurses always welcome new members. Please call 426-2573 for more information.

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

HEALTH TIP

Pasta that won’t make you fat! If you dream of eating pasta without the belly-padding, carbo-loading guilt, then check out shirataki noodles. Because of the plant from which they are made, shirataki noodles are particularly high in fiber and low in carbohydrates. And new research suggests these Asian noodles may even help with weight, cholesterol, and blood sugar control. Multiple Metabolic Benefits: Shirataki noodles are made from an Asian root vegetable called konjac, which is rich in glucomannan – a type of soluble fiber. And although glucomannan is not a magic bullet for weight loss or cholesterol and blood sugar control, a recent review of the research suggests it might help. Results from 14 different studies – some funded by producers of glucomannan products, some not – revealed key benefits of a glucomannan-enhanced diet, like slower digestion, increased feelings of fullness, and less absorption of cholesterol-and glucose-spiking foods. How to Serve Shirataki: Shirataki noodles are pretty mild in terms of flavor, so it’s all about how they’re seasoned. Try substituting them in any of your favorite savory, spicy, tangy Asian dishes. You can buy Shirataki noodles online or in the refrigerated section of an Asian food store.

PRAYER SHAWLS are available for the sick, sad, lonely and dying members of our Parish family. Please call Kathleen Chrusciel-Desrosiers at 426-9922 or Sister Mary Ellen at (can you insert her number). A \$20 donation for the shawl is appreciated, as it helps us continue our ministry. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is on summer break. We meet again on September 26.

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

FOURTEENTH 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."

Just in time for **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK JULY 19 - 25:**

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 DVDs 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.

Our society is phony in its attitude toward handicapped children. We sponsor the Special Olympics, and cheer on the Down's syndrome competitors, speaking of the joy and inspiration they bring us, but when we hear a woman is carrying a special needs baby society says "Kill it before it is born." Oh God, help us to change and 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: There is no Youth Group on Sunday, July 5. Youth Group moves to Wednesday nights beginning July 8th with our "Giant, New beginning Life Teen Kickoff".

STEBENVILLE 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!

PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE MOVING SO THAT WE CAN UPDATE OUR PARISH CENSUS. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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.

THE EUCHARIST'S RELATION TO THE CROSS

Christ offered himself once for all on the Cross. He said, "It is finished!" (Jn 19:30). The Eucharist does not repeat this sacrifice, but re-presents it to the father. The sacrifice that was accomplished on Calvary is offered again in each Mass. It can be offered now only because "it is finished," perfected, "a perfect offering." "In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the Cross, the very blood which he 'poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins' (Mt 26:28; *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1365). We know this is true because Christ said so: "This is my body which is given for you," and "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood" (Lk 22:19-20).

The Eucharist is not merely an image or symbol of Christ's sacrifice; it is Christ's sacrifice. "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: 'The victim is one and the same: the same [Christ] now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the Cross; only the manner of offering is different.' '...in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the Cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner....' (CCC 1367)

Christ on the Cross of Calvary 2000 years ago and Christ on the altar of your local Catholic church today are the same person. The Christ we meet today in the Mass is the Christ of history, for he is "Jesus Christ; the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb 13:8). Christ is not divided by time. Christ is also not divided by space or limited by matter. "Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species [consecrated bread and wine] and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ" (CCC 1377).

The practical consequence of this fact is that we can and should have the same attitude to the Eucharist that we would have to Christ himself if he were visibly present as he was to his Apostles: the same attitude we would have had if we were standing under the Cross as he was offering his life blood for our salvation.

And what attitude is that? It is accurately summed up by [Cardinal Hans] von Balthasar: "Everything that I am (insofar as I am anything more on this earth than a fugitive figure without hope, all of whose illusions are rendered

worthless by death), I am solely by virtue of Christ's death, which opens up to me the possibility of fulfillment in God. I blossom on the grave of God who died for me." (*The Moment of Christian Witness*, pp. 26-27. (from Peter J. Kreeft, *Catholic Christianity*, 2001).

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!**



Are you looking for a way to turn your faith into action? Share two weeks of your summer with a child, and reap the rich rewards of adventure and new-found friendship. As a host family with The Fresh Air Fund, you will help a child experience the freedom of playing outdoors and the simple pleasures of life in your community.

By hosting a Fresh Air Fund child, you are answering a call made back in 1877 when Reverend Willard Parsons asked the families of his congregation to give children living in New York City tenements a brief respite. This tradition of caring continues today through The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town Program.

Every summer, thousands of children visit volunteer host families in rural and suburban communities. Fresh Air children on first-time visits are six to 12 years old. (Hosts may request the age and gender of their Fresh Air Fund visitor). Many families enjoy their young guest so much that they invite their Fresh Air child to return, year after year. There are no financial requirements for hosting a child, just a warm heart and home.

The gifts of hosting are mutual. "My host family taught me to be patient, accept other people, and try new things, even when I was afraid of them," said one Fresh Air child. "Our Fresh Air child makes our family appreciate running barefoot through the grass and looking at the stars, things we take for granted," a Fresh Air host explained.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer host family, please call your local Fresh Air Fund Representative, at 203-982-3999) or The Fresh Air Fund at 1-800-367-0003. You can also visit the Website at www.freshair.org.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's in a Name?

Plan B. RU-486. The Morning-After Pill. The Abortion Pill. Emergency Contraception. What in the world are all of these? With all of the names thrown about by the media it would be easy to become confused. In reality, all of those names boil down to just two things: the Morning-After Pill (a.k.a. Plan B and Emergency Contraception) and RU-486 (a.k.a. the Abortion Pill). Both of these “pills” raise serious moral and medical concerns, but they are not the same.

The purpose of the Morning-After Pill is to prevent pregnancy, much like other oral contraceptives. It was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for women 18 and older without a prescription. Recently, a federal judge ordered the FDA to make the pill available to women 17 and older without a prescription. It is available to girls under the age of 17 with a prescription. (It should be noted that the makers of the Morning-After Pill state their assumption that the safety and effectiveness of the pill is the same for girls under the age of 16. It is fair to presume from this statement that the safety of the pill was not actually tested on girls under 16).

The Morning-After Pill is actually two pills: one taken within 72 hours of “unprotected sex” or “contraceptive failure,” and the other 12 hours after the first pill. It consists primarily of very high doses of the hormones found in other oral contraceptives. The Morning-After Pill works just like other oral contraceptives in a three-level “back-up” manner. First, the drug attempts to prevent ovulation, thereby preventing pregnancy. Second, if that fails, the drug attempts to prevent fertilization, thereby preventing pregnancy. Lastly, if fertilization occurs, the drug prevents implantation. This, confirmed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat last week, is an early abortion.

www.go2plan.com

<http://www.firstchoiceclinic.com/morning-after-pill.asp>

<http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2009/09-090.shtml>

The purpose of RU-486 is to terminate a pregnancy. It was approved by the FDA in 2000. It is available to women of all ages, but was not studied on women younger than 18 years of age.

RU-486 is made up of two separate drugs. The first drug was approved for use up through 49 days of pregnancy. The first drug consists of three pills and it is this drug that kills the baby. The second drug (2 pills) is taken 48 hours later, causes the “delivery”.

www.RU48facts.org

Both the Morning-After Pill and RU-486 can have very dangerous side effects for the women and girls taking them. The Morning-After Pill, like other oral contraceptives can cause blood clots and stroke. Women and girls have died as result of ingesting oral contraceptives. RU-486 is responsible, not only for the deaths of tens of thousands of children, but also for the deaths of at least nine women. While the FDA was responsible for approving RU-486, it does not keep tabs on the doctors and clinics dispensing the drug to assure its proper use.

<http://www.lifenews.com/nat3281.html>

In the end, whatever name you use, the Morning-After Pill and RU-486 both fail to recognize what life is: a truly incredible gift from God.

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