

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – August 9, 2009

**Sunday, August 9**

All Masses 7-10 p.m. Dominican Sisters Bake Sale (1)  
Men's CRHP Meeting (2)

**Monday, August 10**

1-3 p.m. Altar Server training (1)  
6:30-9:30 p.m. Women's CRHP Meeting 2

**Tuesday, August 11**

9:00 a.m. Safe Environment Seminar  
10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group  
7-9 p.m. Matthew Kelly Program (8)  
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)

**Wednesday, August 12**

7-9 p.m. Fan the Fire Adoration (1)

**Thursday, August 13**

1-3 p.m. Altar Server Training (1)  
3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)  
8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

**Friday, August 14**

3-4 p.m. Fan the Fire  
Eucharistic Adoration (7)

**Saturday, August 15**

6:30 p.m. Fan the Fire  
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       |

This week we celebrate the lives of St. Lawrence (Aug. 10), St. Clare (Aug. 11), St. Jane Frances de Chantal (Aug. 12), Pope Pontian & St. Hippolytus (Aug. 13), St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Aug. 14), and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug. 15).

**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 Parish, Newtown, August 11 at 9:00 a.m.**

**St. Rose Parish, Newtown, September 24, 6:30 p.m.**

Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://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.\_\_\_\_\_

**POSITION OPEN – PART TIME MUSIC TEACHER\**

St. Rose School. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Grades K-4. For further details contact Mary Maloney at [principal@stroseschool.com](mailto:principal@stroseschool.com).

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, August 10**

6:45 Irene Murphy The O'Brien Family  
9:00 Gloria Codeghini Sister, Marie

**Tuesday, August 11**

6:45 Gene Supchak Nancy Kennedy  
9:00 Sr. Marie Ines Family

**Wednesday, August 12**

6:45 Joseph Murphy Peggy & Tony Baiad  
9:00 Eileen Wyka Norm Roos

**Thursday, August 13**

6:45 In thanksgiving to St. Joseph, Marie Esposito  
St. Dymphna, St. Anthony, St. Peregrine

9:00 Madelyn Korth Blind Mary & Bernie Curran

**Friday, August 14**

6:45 Douglas Ruffles, Sr. Mary Ruffles  
9:00 Rolf Magne Lunde Bernie & Mary Curran

**Saturday, August 15**

8:00 Catherine Arco Mary Lee Cannone  
4:00 Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother Marie Morgera  
and Sacred Heart

5:30 Edward Urban, Jr. Mother

**Sunday, August 16**

7:30 Rocco Macchiarulo John & Evie Theall  
9:00 Stella Juliano Dolores & Rodman Pruefer

10:30 Madelyn Korth Blind Bernie & Mary Curran  
12:00 Catherine Arco Sister, Marie

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Joseph LaCava as requested by Peggy & Tony Baiad.

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week in memory of Sharon Llodra Barrows as requested by Art & Chris Polstein.

**Thank you for your support!**

Collection for August 2, 2009	\$14,360.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 5,518.00
Children's Collection	\$ 15.96
Collection August 4, 2008	\$18,223.00

QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE [strosechurch.com](http://strosechurch.com) FOR YOUR REVIEW.



**Wedding Banns**

**Banns: III Patrick Thomas Dennen & Yohana Rueda  
I Geoffrey Brennan & Andrea Rustine**

## A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

This year has been declared **THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST** by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. The theme for this year is “Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests”. Its purpose is to encourage what our Holy Father calls, “the yearning for spiritual perfection” in priests.

The celebration of this year coincides with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, a nineteenth century priest who transformed the lives of villagers in France through his example of holiness, his teachings and his ability to touch people’s souls in the Sacrament of Penance. He was born near Lyons in 1786, and as a young man yearned to be ordained a priest in spite of many odds against him. He was of humble origins and worked as a shepherd boy, receiving no formal education. His seminary studies were quite challenging for him, but his desire to be a priest enabled him to overcome the odds. He was ordained in 1815 and assigned to the remote village of Ars where he became known as the Cure of Ars.

He plunged himself into his ministry by restoring the parish church, visiting parishioners, teaching the catechism and encouraged people to take more seriously the need for weekly worship and Eucharist. While his sermons were simple in nature, they had a deep impact on his listeners. He lived an austere life, slept little, fasted often and prayed constantly. He quickly developed a reputation as a compassionate confessor who could read the souls of his penitents. He understood the struggles of those who came to him and helped them through their struggles to know and love God in a deeper way. As his life came to an end in 1859, he was at peace with himself and the work he accomplished in the name of Jesus Christ. He was canonized in 1925 and named the patron saint of parish priests.

There is no doubt that the ministerial priesthood is in great crisis. The decline in vocations to the priesthood is due to a variety of factors in our contemporary society:

- 1) The Second Vatican Council reminded the faithful that it is not simply priests who have a vocation but that everyone has a baptismal call. As a result, there are many opportunities to serve the Church as lay men and women in today’s society, apart from the ordained priesthood or vowed religious.
- 2) The decline of religious practice in our country and Europe is a contributing factor. The focus on satisfying personal needs and wants has a high priority in people’s lives as well as values and morals being reshaped by the secular world.
- 3) The lack of desire for long term commitments is a major reason as well. Divorce rates are at an all time high, couples are living together without marriage, children are being born into single parent families and it is becoming more and more challenging for our youth to make long term commitments.
- 4) The decline in respect for the grace of celibacy in our society is an additional factor. The liberal sexual attitudes of today militate against the virtues of chastity, modesty and continence as well as the gift of celibacy.

- 5) The lack of encouragement by parents for their son to become a priest is also a factor that needs to be taken into account. How many times do you hear a parent say they would rather be a grandparent than the mother or father of a priest?
- 6) Certainly, the scandals that have rocked the Church in America have made men shy away from the priesthood and blurred for many the work of the many good priests who are faithful to their vows and commitments.

It is time for all of us as Catholics to revisit the role of the ordained priesthood in our faith. Where will we end up if there are no priests to serve the churches? Already many priests are being stretched beyond their abilities to serve the needs of parishes. While our diocese is blessed in many ways with a sufficient amount of priests to minister in our parishes, we only have to look across the borders to the Archdioceses of Hartford and New York where parishes are being closed or consolidated and priests are serving two or three parish communities. This is a year to pray for priests and to encourage men to serve the Church in Holy Orders. The following recommendations from the International Committee for the Year of the Priest are for your consideration:

- 1) **PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS** - Prayer is a great gift for anyone to receive, especially a priest. Spiritual support can make all the difference in the life of a priest, especially when he may be going through some personal crisis or feel overwhelmed in ministry.
- 2) **PARTICIPATE AND BE ACTIVE IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH.** - A priest cannot do it alone. With the shrinking numbers and growing demands, a priest today needs to be able to count on involved lay men and women.
- 3) **KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF A PRIEST REALISTIC** - Priests are human beings with strengths and weaknesses and feelings. Priests have limits as do all people. Every priest is gifted in some way; that uniqueness makes him who he is and what he is capable of doing. While St. Paul calls a priest to be “all things to all people”, we need to be realistic in our expectations: a priest comes in all shapes, sizes, ethnic backgrounds, ages, personality styles and giftedness.
- 4) **BELIEVE THE BEST ABOUT YOUR PRIEST** Priests are called to be faithful to the Church and her teachings. A priest is a guardian of the traditions of the faith. Asking him to make exceptions or to “bend the rules” to accommodate a specific need is unfair, and many times the priest becomes the victim of untruths and gossip. Certainly, a priest can be wrong or make a bad judgment, but that should not be a reason to condemn or bad mouth him to any who would listen. Try to get “both sides” of the story before making a judgment...you may be surprised with the answer!
- 5) **THANK YOU** - Once in a while, it is good for all of us to be shown appreciation for what we do, and a priest is no exception. A priest sacrifices much of himself in order to serve others, and a simple thank you can go a long way. Priests have birthdays, ordination anniversaries and celebrate the same holidays that everyone else does; take a moment and celebrate those moments with your priest.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **PRAY FOR AN INCREASE OF VOCATIONS TO THE ORDAINED PRIESTHOOD AND KEEP IN PRAYER THOSE WHO ARE ACTIVELY SERVING AS PRIESTS.**

Good and gracious God, hear our prayer for an increase in priestly vocations. Touch the hearts of young men in our world today. Instill in them a desire to serve you. Give them the courage to answer Your call with a generous heart.

Reveal to them a vision of Your kingdom. Help them to see the joy of priestly ministry. Lead them in the footsteps of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Bless our seminarians and guide them on the path toward priesthood. Strengthen them as they are educated and formed in the duties and responsibilities of the priesthood. Help them to become faithful servants and leaders in the Church today.

Grant that those who are priests will be strengthened daily in their vocation and not grow discouraged or disheartened. Give them the spiritual and physical health they need to be effective ministers of the Word and challenge them daily to grow in their faith and commitment. Encourage them as they minister the sacraments to the faith-filled members of the communities they generously serve. Help them to know our gratitude and willingness to support them.

Watch over those priests who have grown weak in their vocations and who have been a source of hurt and scandal for the Church. Lead them to healing and renewal.

In this Year of the Priest, we seek Your abundant blessing and graces on our Church and especially on the ordained priesthood. All this we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

#### **Living Bread – Living Faith**

Last week and this week's Gospel messages are similar. Jesus again speaks about the "bread of life." However if we look carefully, this week as He faces those who question His authority (after all, he was just a local boy from Nazareth), Jesus adds that this is "living bread." We are called this week to reflect a *living* faith as a result of consuming the "living bread" – Jesus Christ. We are meant to transform the world by being "doers" of the Word – and stop our critical murmurs! On Tuesday evenings, a group of 30 parishioners are being challenged to create good habits to create good character because God desires us to be the people He intended us to be. God does not force this on us – He gave us free will to choose to be the best version of ourselves!

**Reflection Questions:** What do you do after you receive Eucharist?

**Reflection Activity:** Create one good habit that will bring you closer to be the "best version of yourself."

**Enriching My Catholic IQ:** Which of the following saints was a martyr? (a) Francis of Assisi; (b) St. Clare; (c) Augustine of Hippo; (d) Ignatius of Antioch

#### **CD Players needed to Accompany the New Textbooks for Religious Education!**

This year, grades 1 through 4 will be using a new Loyola textbook series called "Finding God." (Last year, grades 6, 7 & 8 started new textbooks.) These new textbooks use multi-sensory ways to help the children learn; one addition is the use of CDs. We currently have nine CD players, and we will need another nine! If you are able to donate a small CD player, please give us a call at 426-2333. Thank you!

#### **Sessions are Filling Up!**

The earlier one registers their children for Religious Education, the better the chance to receive the session that is needed. You also help avoid the late summer crunch, which is costly in terms of human resources to process the registrations! First Grade is a pre-requisite for First Communion. We are available for registration weekdays from 8:00 – 4:00. If you need to arrange a different time to register, please call 426-2333.

#### **Needs for Catechists**

Thank you to the many catechists who signed up once again to bring the joy of Christ to the children of St. Rose each week. We are blessed that most of our catechists (about two thirds) come back each year because of their desire to share their faith with others – and this is the ability to change the life of a child! We have a few needs (41!) for this coming September. Please call the Religious Education Office at 426-2333 if you would like more information: Our catechist needs are listed below by grade.

#### **Sunday 9:15 -**

Grade 6 - 2 Catechists  
Grade 7 - 2 Catechists

#### **Sunday 10:45 -**

Grade 2 - 1 Catechist  
Grade 2 - 1 Co-Catechist  
Grade 6 - 1 Catechist

#### **Monday 4:15**

Grade 1 - 1 Catechist  
Grade 1 - 1 Co-Catechists  
Grade 2 - 2 Catechists  
Grade 3 - 1 Catechist  
Grade 3 - 1 Co-Catechist  
Grade 4 - 1 Catechist  
Grade 5 - 1 Catechist

#### **Monday 7PM**

Grade 7 - 5 Catechists  
Grade 8 - 2 Catechists

#### **Tuesday 7PM**

Grade 7 - 1 Catechist

#### **Tuesday 4:15**

Grade K - 1 Catechist  
Grade 2 - 2 Catechists  
Grade 4 - 3 Catechists  
Grade 6 - 2 Catechists

#### **Wednesday 4:15**

Grade 1 - 2 Catechists  
Grade 2 - 1 Co-Catechist  
Grade 3 - 1 Co-Catechist  
Grade 4 - 1 Catechist  
Grade 5 - 2 Catechists  
Grade 6 - 2 Catechists

#### **Catechists – Mark your calendars:**

New Catechist Meeting Sept. 3 at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting for *all* catechists September 12, 8:00-11:00 a.m.,  
Beginning of classes - Sept. 20-23

### **ANGELS NEEDED**

The Religious Education Office is looking for a limited number of 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and High School students needing community service hours on the following dates and times. If you are interested, and you are able to commit to some or all of the below dates, please contact the Religious Education office at 426-2333, ext. 4 (Janice) to sign up. We appreciate your help!

**8/12 & 8/13 10:00 am – 12:00 pm:** Help make copies, sort, fold and stuff letters to our religious education parents

**9/1, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm:** Unpack, sort, number text books  
Help sort and stuff grade level theme bags

**9/10, 2:30 – 4:30 pm:** Help copy, sort, stuff, and count catechist folders

**10/1, 2:30 – 4:30 pm:** Help label, sort, and stuff folder packets for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Commitment Mass

**10/22, 2:30 – 4:30 pm:** Help label, sort, and stuff folder packets for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Instructional/Enrollment Mass

**10/29 & 10/30, 2:30 – 4:30 pm:** Help with All Saint's day project in Church, school and Rel. Ed. Office

Help label, sort, and stuff folder packets for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Instructional/Enrollment Mass

### **Adult Formation**

Are you a Catholic who is ready to take the next step in your spiritual development? Do you have lots of questions about your faith, but not enough answers? Don't put it off any longer! For 30 years, Education • Parish • Service (EPS) has been educating adult Catholics to understand, live and share their faith through courses in Scripture, theology and practical application of the faith. Evening classes are held at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk. To learn about upcoming classes, see their website at

<http://eps.trinitydc.edu> or contact Priscilla Toumey at [EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu](mailto:EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu) or call 203.847.2363.

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** (d) St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr, was martyred in Rome sometime between 98A.D. and 117 A.D. His feast is celebrated on October 17.

## **MEETINGS**

The **Friday Morning Bible Study Group** will not be meeting during the month of August. We will resume after Labor Day on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. Experience God's Word in Holy Scripture. All are welcome. If you have any questions please call Blanca Sheehan at 426-3253.

The **JOB NETWORKING GROUP** meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. 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 August 16, 2009 from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room on the main floor of 38 Church Hill Rd. Meetings will take place monthly every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from 7-8 p.m. For info call Suzanne Brown (203) 364-9796.

### **ELIZABETH MINISTRY BOOK CLUB**

**The Elizabeth Ministry Book Club** will be meeting on August 11 at 7:00 pm to discuss the "Poison Wood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver. New members are always welcome. Call Anne Annesley at 364-0676 for information

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### **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 screenings in August. Screenings will resume in September. Please call the parish nurse office if you would like your blood pressure checked!

### **Health Tip**

**Avoid Restaurant Catastrophes!** A restaurant catastrophe isn't just when a waiter spills something on you or when you accidentally miscalculate the tip. When it comes to your health, a catastrophe is what can happen in the first and last 10 minutes of a meal. But it doesn't have to. Here's how to dine out, enjoy your meal, and be trim and healthy, too: **Before You Go-Don't arrive starving!** Eat a little healthy fat—like about six walnut halves—before a meal! The healthy fat in walnuts triggers a chain reaction that slows the rate at which your stomach empties, so you'll feel fuller faster. But the chain reaction takes 30 minutes, so plan for it. **The First 10 Minutes: Raise a glass** of water to your lips. This can fill you up, so you don't overeat. **Ask for cut-up veggies instead of bread.** Most quality restaurants (including inexpensive ones) provide this option. **Dip in olive oil.** If the restaurant brings you whole-grain bread, dip it in olive oil. People who opt for this over butter eat less bread. **Request the bottles.** Order oil and vinegar on the side. Relying on the kitchen to dress your salad – even with oil and vinegar – can deliver as many as 450 extra calories! **The Last 10 Minutes-Share.** Get one dessert for every four or five people, and just a few bites. If there are just two of you, take half of the dessert home, and freeze it for a special occasion. **Savor your wine.** Ending a meal with a glass of wine lets you avoid the cloying aftertaste of sweets...and helps you avoid calorie-bombs, too. **Go European.** Do what many Europeans do: Make salad the last thing you eat.

**Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner**

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

Bishop of Rockville Centre, New York William F. Murphy, writing a July 17 letter to Congress on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), commented: "Genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all is a moral imperative and a vital national obligation." Concerning respect for human life, the bishop insisted that no health care reform plan should "compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion."

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

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

**FIRST MEETING OF THE "NEW YEAR" - Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 in the rectory - please join us!**

**INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL CDs, books and BROCHURES are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation: \$3.**

**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:** Over-sized sofa, good condition.

**Available:** Side by side refrigerators, stoves, microwave and hot & cold outdoor sink.

**Available:** Oak Finish entertainment center 49"wide, 14"deep; 41" high.

**Needed:** Washer and Dryer..

**Needed:** Light weight upholstered chair with arms.

**Needed:** Dorm. size refrigerator.

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

**Needed:** Queen size mattress and box spring

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

**ST. JOSEPH PROJECT**

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

**Available:** 2 rooms with utilities, refrigerator & microwave  
Female only and no pets

**Available:** Large 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 1 BR apartment—utilities incl.

**Available:** 1 bedroom apartment in Danbury

**Available:** Efficiency apartment

**Available:** House-share with separate entrance

**Needed:** Parishioners with three small children are in need of a 2-3 bedroom house

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

**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  
Capt. Robert A. Bassett, D.O.  
SSG. Anthony T. D'Aquila  
Capt. Kathryn Devonshire  
Sgt. Daniel Dobbs  
SSG. Michael Dobbs  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas K. Dyer  
Major William Gottmeier  
Cpl. Marc Hellig  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rachel (Askue) Hoffman  
Capt. Tucker Hughes  
Major David A. Johnson  
Capt. Matthew A. LaRocco  
CWO Joseph Letourneau  
Sgt. John Martus  
Lt. Col. Mary Sara Moore  
Capt. Stefania Naiman, DVM  
Lt. Eric O'Donnell  
Capt. Sean Pond  
Major Benjamin Wallen

**United States 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  
1st Lt. Christopher J. DiNoto  
Cpl. Robert W. Hoyt, Jr.  
Major David G. Irving  
Major Benjamin Krippendorf  
Lance Cpl. Rylan McCollum  
Pfc Luke T. Miller  
PFC Ian Montgomery  
Col. Will F. L. Rodgers  
Lance Cpl. John Tamborino

**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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jessica Zencey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Phillip Zencey



**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](mailto: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 Wednesday, August 12 – Gather and Get Ready! (Adoration) 7:00 – 9:00. This night will get us ready for Fan the Fire. We will get our t-shirts, meet everyone who is going. This night will kick off the Fan the Fire prayer campaign 2009!

**August 14 -** Our second annual “**Night of Praise**” for young adults, youth ministers and catechists featuring Bishop Lori and Chris Padgett will take place on Friday, August 14, in the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall. Spread the word: “Praise is Rising!”

**August 15 - The fourth annual “Fan the Fire” Youth Rally** is a day-long event that brings together teens from around the Diocese for awesome talks and music, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop William Lori, Sean Forrest, Chris Padgett and 700 kids from all over CT and more! Check it out at [www.fanthefirerally.com](http://www.fanthefirerally.com) Registration forms at [www.stroseyouthgroup.com](http://www.stroseyouthgroup.com). Get them in immediately.

#### **PASTORAL OUTREACH**

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.

#### **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH**

**Men’s Retreat** – scheduled for September 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> at Marian Heights in Monroe. For more information, please contact Mike Ronan at 203-733-9186 or any of the following retreat coordinators: Chris Fish, Markus Balas, Kevin Barrett, Doug Olah, Jack Hickey-Williams, Brian Liotta or, Mike Pindell

**Survey** – In an effort to improve the Christ Renews His Parish Retreat experience, we recently sent out a web-survey to all past participants. If you did not receive the survey, please contact Joanne Marcinek at [askjoanne@gmail.com](mailto:askjoanne@gmail.com) to make sure we have an up-to-date email address for you. The survey link is also available at: [www.strosecrhp.com](http://www.strosecrhp.com).

#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**PASTORAL PLAN:** The theme for this Sunday’s readings is “Food for our Journey.” In the Gospel Jesus teaches us that we need him on our journey. “I am the bread of life...whoever eats this bread will live forever.” In other words, a person closely related to Jesus Christ will not die the death of forever.” In other words, a person closely related to Jesus Christ will not die the death of alienation from God. The essential condition for this is faith (trust) in the Lord Jesus: “whoever believes has eternal life.” Our Holy Father writes, “In the Eucharistic words of Jesus he undergoes a spiritual death, or, to put it more accurately, in these words of Jesus he undergoes a spiritual act of affirmation, into the act of self-sharing love.” Christians see the Eucharistic bread and wine, signs of Christ’s mysterious presence to us as our “food for our journey” to the mountain where we hope to meet God. Gratefully we should “take and eat it” as the Lord has told us to do.

#### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN BLUE MASS**

The Annual Diocesan “Blue Mass” will be celebrated by Bishop William E. Lori on Sunday, September 13, at 12 noon at Assumption Parish, 98 Riverside Drive, Westport. All are invited to attend this special Mass, honoring the daily service and sacrifice of Fire, Police, and EMS personnel in 21 towns and cities in Fairfield County, with special remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to others eight years ago on September 11, 2001. A reception will follow, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more info, contact Donna Schmidt: (203) 416-1457.

#### **PRIESTS FOR LIFE ALERT:**

Congress is working on health care reform, but unless abortion funding is explicitly excluded, this bill could mean the biggest expansion of abortion in decades. Please call your Representatives and Senators at 202-224-3121 and tell them that you do not want the health care reform bill to fund abortions. For more information online, visit [www.priestsforlife.org/legislation](http://www.priestsforlife.org/legislation).

#### **EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2009**

All the faithful are invited to attend a Eucharistic Congress on September 11-12, 2009 in Washington, DC at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Congress, entitled Sacrifice of Enduring Love, is sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR). There will be no charge for admission to the two-day event that will consist of: celebration of the Liturgy, conferences and catechesis, Eucharistic adoration and procession, and other activities focusing on the Eucharist. Within the universal call to holiness in which all the baptized share, three ways of life will be explored in-depth—the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Marriage—each of which is characterized by: an irrevocable commitment, an identification with Christ in his obedience to the Father, and a complete gift of self in love. His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali, Episcopal Liaison for the CMSWR, will preside and offer the homily at the opening Mass. All are encouraged to intercede for the success of the Congress, joining the hundreds of contemplative communities of men and women united to us in prayer. For more info about the Congress and to register, visit our website or write us at [www.cmswr.org](http://www.cmswr.org), CMSWR, PO Box 4467, Washington, DC 20017.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

Shopping for school supplies?

Would you please consider purchasing one extra item for our donation to the inner city schools and for our Religious Education classes this year?

Below is a list of supplies needed.

**Your help is very much appreciated!**

*Please drop off supplies in labeled bins located at the church entrances anytime before September 1<sup>st</sup>.*

CLEANING WIPES  
MR. CLEAN - MAGIC ERASER SPONGES  
POST ITS  
TWIN POCKET FOLDERS  
WHITE BOARD MARKERS W/ ERASERS  
SCOTCH TAPE  
MAGIC MARKERS  
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PENCILS - PENS  
NOTEBOOKS  
GLUE STICKS  
CHILDREN'S SAFETY SCISSORS  
LINED PAPER  
CONSTRUCTION PAPER  
RULERS  
PAPER CLIPS  
FABRIC BOOK COVERS  
PENCIL BOXES

GIFT CARDS FROM LOCAL DEPARTMENT-SCHOOL SUPPLY/SHOE STORES

**Thank you again, and may God bless you and your family with many graces!**

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