

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – August 23, 2009

<b>Sunday, August 23</b> 7-10 p.m.	Men's CRHP (2)
<b>Monday, August 24</b> 1-3 p.m.	Altar Server Training (1)
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP meeting 2
7:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (Rectory)
<b>Tuesday, August 25</b> 10:00 a.m.	Job Network Support Group
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m.	Al-Anon (2)
7-9 p.m.	Matthew Kelly Program (8)
<b>Wednesday, August 26</b> 7:30-9 p.m.	Cub Scouts (D. Locke) (2)
<b>Thursday, August 27</b> 1-3 p.m.	Altar Server Training (1)
3-4	Eucharistic Adoration (7)
8:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (2) Loft
<b>Friday, August 28</b> 7:15 a.m.	Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
3-4 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (7) Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy
<b>Saturday, August 29</b> 6:30 p.m.	AA Meeting (2)

**LOCATION:**

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

**ST. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND**

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

Gift of Robert and Margot Hall in memory of William A. Honan, Jr.

Gift of Walter and Sandra Motyka in loving memory of Sharon Llodra Barrows

**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, 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.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Monday, August 24</b> 6:45	Leonard Altieri	Family
9:00	Grazia Gorga	Tony & Connie Esposito
<b>Tuesday, August 25</b> 6:45	Joseph Murphy	Patti & Joe DeMaida
9:00	Gerry Kennedy	Nancy Kennedy
<b>Wednesday, August 26</b> 6:45	Jeff White	Peggy & Tony Baiad
9:00	Michael Cummins-Cheh	Family
<b>Thursday, August 27</b> 6:45	Mitchell Drabik	The Drabik Family
9:00	John Giblin	Margie & Tim Cassin
<b>Friday, August 28</b> 6:45	Frank Saidis	Peggy & Tony Baiad
9:00	Ann Kelly Bresson & Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bresson	Family
<b>Saturday, August 29</b> 8:00	Elaine Griebel	Grandson, Jack Griebel
4:00	Richard Wesselbrand	DeCanio Family
5:30	Rica Manna	Robert & Linda Manna
<b>Sunday, August 30</b> 7:30	Larry Lauricella	Family
9:00	Lillian & Josefina Pascual	Family
10:30	Angela M. Sequenzia	Frank & TJ Sequenzia
12:00	Rosa Arizaga	Marie Giner

**Thank you for your support!**

Collection for August 16, 2009	\$15,720.00
Assumption	1,913.00
Children's Collection	\$ 12.90
Collection August 17, 2008	\$15,314.00

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



**Wedding Banns**

**Banns III Geoffrey Brennan & Andrea Rustine**

**II Kelly Dean & James Henry Bebrin III**

**I Ashley Marie Pratt & Justin Newmann**

**I Meghan Hamilton & Kevin Garvey**

**Sunday, Sept. 20 – Celebrating Marriage and the Family**

The St. Rose of Lima Catholic Forum is very pleased to announce that Father John R. Waiss has accepted its invitation to speak on the celebration of marriage and the family on **Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**. Father Waiss will present the **homily at the 4 p.m. Mass** in the church and then speak in the **Gathering Hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** Father Waiss is the chaplain of the Overlook Study Center and Vancourt in New Rochelle, New York. His book, "**Couples in Love**", discusses the Catholic truths about love, marriage and family. Please plan on participating in this important presentation. The Catholic Forum will be providing additional information on this upcoming Sept. 20 event.

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

**PARISH PICNIC, 2009! PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC. WE WILL BEGIN WITH MASS ON THE FIELD AT 12:00 NOON (BRING A CHAIR). PRAY THAT THE WEATHER COOPERATES! FOLLOWING MASS, THE PICNIC WILL BEGIN. AS YOU KNOW, IT IS A FREE PICNIC WITH HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS AND SODA. WE ASK EACH FAMILY TO BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE. THIS YEAR WE ARE BRINGING THREE LARGE INFLATABLE PLAYSAPES TO THE FIELD TO MAKE THE DAY EVEN MORE FUN FOR THE CHILDREN.**

**AS PART OF THE NOW FAMOUS "MILLENNIUM SURVEY", ONE OF THE REQUESTS WAS FOR AN OUTDOOR MASS AND PICNIC. THIS WILL BE OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MASS AND PICNIC, SO I HOPE THAT MANY OF YOU WILL JOIN US. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND MASS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP BY FOR THE PICNIC AND RE-CONNECT WITH SOME PARISHIONERS YOU MAY NOT HAVE SEEN IN A WHILE OR INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO A NEW PARISHIONER.**

**IN CASE OF RAIN, THE MASS WILL BE IN CHURCH AND THE PICNIC WILL BE IN THE HALL ALONG WITH THE INFLATABLE PLAYSAPES.**

**SO RAIN OR SHINE, MAKE IT A FUN TIME AND JOIN US!**

The countdown to **BACK TO SCHOOL** has begun! Summer vacation has gone by very quickly, and the many days of rain and cool temperatures in June and July put a damper on a lot of planned activities. It is not too late to enjoy these remaining days, so take some time with your family and friends and do a "summer" thing!

Thanks to everyone who has supported **PROJECT 2009**. I am always edified by the generosity of the many parishioners who support these summer efforts. We have received donations ranging from 25 cents to hundreds of dollars. Every donation is helping us do one of the mini-projects or repairs on our property. It was an honor to hear so many positive comments about our campus by the participants in FAN THE FIRE, especially the clergy who were present. Reminder my philosophy...everyone doing a little makes a lot happen!

Thanks also to the many parishioners who have been making up their weekly offertory from the time they have been away on vacation. It is a great help in keeping us on budget and helping us maintain our staff and facilities. Did you know that you can arrange for electronic fund transfers for the parish? If you would like information, please contact Doreen Morrissey at the Parish Finance Office.

CONGRATULATIONS to Meghan Barbour who recently received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement a girl can earn in Girl Scouting. Meghan created Sensory Learning Boxes for a special needs class here in Newtown. We are always proud of young people like Meghan who do so much for others.

FAN THE FIRE was a great success, and we are grateful to all in the parish who support this annual event for our youth from around the Diocese. Thanks to Rodd Blessey and the Youth Ministry Team for their coordination and to Bishop Lori for his role in the event. Thanks especially to all the youth who attended to renew their faith and celebrate their relationship with the Lord!

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**CHOIR**

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ST. ROSE CHOIR**

On Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the St. Rose Choir \*10:30 a.m. mass) will resume rehearsals for the 2009-2010 season. The choir rehearses most Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. in the church. The choir sings challenging sacred music anthems in 4 parts, SATB, based upon a wide variety of styles, composers, and historical periods. While the choir sings most Sundays at the 10:30 a.m. mass from September thru early June, they also participate in the liturgies on Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Confirmation, and other special events that occur throughout the church year. The choir also performs periodically in concerts at the church, and in the summer of 2005 undertook a very successful musical pilgrimage to Italy. The group consists of 35+ dedicated singers with various musical backgrounds, all dedicated to and united by their love of praising God through song. If you or anyone you know might be interested in participating, please contact director Joe Jacovino at [jacovinojoseph@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jacovinojoseph@sbcglobal.net) or by calling 203-758-8568 home, or 203-233-9926 cell. You may also speak with him directly after any mass over at the organ console. There are openings in all sections for qualified and interested singers.

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**EDUCATION • PARISH • SERVICE -- (EPS)**

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 courses, see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu> or contact Priscilla Toumey at [EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu](mailto:EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu) or call 203-847-2363. EPS relies solely on donations.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### The Decision is Our Own

A few years ago, a seminarian at St. Rose designed our Religious Education stationary. He chose a quote from scripture that is the same that we heard in today's Gospel: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." In all the readings today, decisions had to be made, and these words spoken by Peter were the reason that he and the Apostles decided to stay with Jesus. Today we are challenged to make all of our decisions in light of these words. We may be so "caught up" with the stresses of daily life that we lose perspective. Jesus forces us to re-examine the choices that we make in light of eternal life – to keep our eyes on Him.

**Reflection Question:** When making decisions, ask yourself: Which answer draws me closer to eternal life?

**Reflection Activity:** Like St. Augustine, whose life we celebrate this week, at some time in our life, we are asked to surrender all to Jesus – and this is not a one-time surrender. Each day before you get out of bed, surrender the day to what God wills for your life.

**Enriching My Catholic IQ:** St. Augustine's mother is: (a) St. Rita; (b) St. Felicia; (c) St. Monica; (d) St. Agatha

**Catechists: If you did not receive a letter and a calendar in the mail about 3 weeks ago, please call the Religious Education Office at 426-2333.**

**Catechists** – Please 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)

**Thank you for the school supplies for inner city schools and for Religious Education classes. Your generosity is a gift from God!**

#### 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!

Many people have come in to register their first grader within the last few weeks. Thank you for spreading the word that first grade is a pre-requisite for First Communion. The Lord uses you to mention registration for Religious Education in your day-to-day conversations with those who need a simple invitation. 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.

#### Religious Education Classes Begin the Week of September 20-23!

#### 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 (20) for this coming September. Please call the Religious Education Office at 426-2333 if you would like more information:

#### Monday 4:15

Grade 1 – (1)  
Grade 1 – (1) Co-Catechist  
Grade 2 -- (2)  
Grade 3 – (1) Co-Catechist

#### Tuesday 4:15

Grade 2 – (1)  
Grade 4 – (3)  
Grade 6 – (1)

#### Wednesday 4:15

Grade 2 – (1) Co-Catechist  
Grade 5 – (1)  
Grade 6 – (2)

#### 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!

#### 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!

#### 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

**This week we celebrate the lives of St. Bartholomew (Aug. 24), St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz (Aug. 25), St. Monica (Aug. 27), St. Augustine (Aug. 28), & the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (Aug. 29).**

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** (c) This week we celebrate the lives of both St. Augustine and his mom, St. Monica. Monica is a model of Christian Motherhood and trust in God. Her son, St. Augustine was challenging during adolescence and young adulthood – he lived in a cult with a woman before marriage. Monica trusted the Lord and prayed. Her son converted and later became a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. In his book, *The Confessions of St. Augustine*, he quotes his mom on her deathbed: "One thing only there was for which I desired to linger in this life: to see you a Catholic Christian before I died. And my God has granted this to me more lavishly than I could have hoped, letting me see even you spurning earthly happiness to be his servant."

**Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Parishioner Mass and Picnic August 30 after the noon Mass!**



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:** Baby Arms Reach Co-Sleeper, Baby Björn carrier, Baby car seat with 2 bases and stroller attachment, and bag of childproofing safety latches.

**Available:** King size pillow-top mattress, good condition.

**Needed:** Queen size Mattress & Box spring.

**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.

**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** 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 next meeting will be Sunday, September 20, 2009 from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room on the main floor of 38 Church Hill Road. The group meets monthly on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. For more information, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 203-364-9796.

### 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.**

### 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, please 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.

Blood pressure screenings will resume the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup>. See you then!

### Health Tip:

**Stop Back Pain Before it Starts:** Whether you have a tattoo or just skin on your lower back, it’s not going to be all that appealing if you can’t clip your own toenails. That’s why now’s the time to make sure that your back has the strength you’ll need if you plan on hoisting grandkids—or just a glass of water. Here’s how to get started: **Build your foundation.** The muscles in your core—especially your abdominals, which oppose your back muscles—are nature’s girdle, and they help provide the support, strength, and stamina to prevent back injuries. Work them 3 days a week (Pilates and planks are ideal). **Give your legs some action.** Exercises such as lunges and squats help your back by placing your core on a firmer foundation. They also keep your leg muscles strong so you can pick things up the right way (by bending your knees) and avoid the error (bending at your waist) that takes a day from “great” to “get me out of here” pain. Doesn’t matter if you’re picking up a box of books or a piece of salmon (following the 5-second rule): Bending at your waist puts the most strain on your back. **Put your feet up.** The price we pay for having the ability to walk upright is that much of the pressure that used to be distributed among our limbs is now transferred to our lower backs. Take some stress off by elevating one foot on a step or curb when you’re standing for a long time. When sitting, put your feet up on something (not your boss’s desk!) so your knees are higher than your hips.

## LOST & FOUND

**Found:** AT&T phone, and Personal Listener plus. Call 426-1014

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

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

From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' web-site on health care reform, <http://www.usccb.org/prolife>, health care reform should:

1. Include health care coverage for all people from conception until natural death, and continue the federal ban on funding for abortions;
2. Include access for all with a special concern for the poor;
3. Pursue the common good and preserve pluralism, including freedom of conscience; and
4. Restrain costs and apply costs equitably among payers.

With the pro-abortion forces so deeply entrenched it is sometimes easy to feel like David confronting Goliath. But like David, we must expose ourselves to the dangers prayerfully and trust in God so that He can bring about a victory. Join pro-life today.

### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CORNER

**Men's Retreat Weekend** –The Christ Renews His Parish weekend is a break from your busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations. This is an opportunity to refresh yourself spiritually in an informal and relaxed environment. The men's retreat is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at Marian Heights in Monroe. If you are searching for a deeper relationship with God and meeting fellow parishioners, please consider attending. For more information, contact Mike Ronan at 203-733-9186 ([Michael@jerichopartnership.org](mailto:Michael@jerichopartnership.org)) or any of the following retreat coordinators: Chris Fish, Markus Balas, Kevin Barrett, Doug Olah, Jack Hickey-Williams, Brian Liotta, Mike Pindell. You can also pick up a brochure with additional details in the back of the church.

**Women's Retreat** – The Women's CRHP retreat is coming. Watch for dates to be announced. For more information, please contact Sue Rocca at 270-1497 or Bev Tevnan at 270-8787.

**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).

**The next CRHP mass is Sunday, September 13 at 9 a.m. Please wear your cross so that we can greet one another.**

### 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 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

#### 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



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who helped us with security for Fan the Fire.

There will be an officers and directors meeting on Thursday, August 27 at 7 p.m. at My Place Restaurant.

The first monthly meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Msgr. Conroy Room. There is a social at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

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)



[www.stroseyouthgroup.com](http://www.stroseyouthgroup.com)

**5/6 & 6/8 Youth Group: September 11, 2009 Back to School Bash, Field Games.** This is the start of the junior youth group events for the year. We will be playing field games with prizes and there will be a cookout with hot dogs and refreshments. Cost is \$3.00. Bring your friends and have some fun.

**Senior Youth Group: Check the website for the next upcoming event.**

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**  
**PASTORAL PLAN**

The readings for this weekend explain two of the most profound subjects in our Catholic religion, faith and love. Faith ultimately is trust in someone or a belief in an idea that its outcome will be accurate. Faith for Catholics is the pinnacle conviction of our Lord Jesus Christ that He is the true redeemer of man and will grant us eternal life. Faith must always be directed and set on the Lord Jesus Christ. Without faith it is impossible to please God and to have a true association with Him. Faith leads us to love which God most definitely gives, but also wishes in return. In this way we will be able to remain faithful to God's Plan.

The first reading directs us to the tribes of Israel questioning their faith as well as Joshua who ultimately was working through the Lord. In the same way the tribes believed in Joshua, in addition believed in the Lord, as a result following the Lord Himself and possessing faith in Him.

The second reading discusses marriage and how faith between spouses can attribute itself to faith in Christ. This Sacrament of the Church is a bond no man can sever. Let us respond whole heartedly to the invitation of the Lord to embrace and to live always in the Truth.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS**

If there is an abortion in your past that you need to make peace with, The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Bridgeport offers *Rachel's Vineyard Retreats*. The next retreat weekend is September 18-20, 2009 in Fairfield County. For more information call the retreat director at 203-218-0291 or email her at [Jeremiah31v17@aol.com](mailto:Jeremiah31v17@aol.com). Visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com). All inquiries are kept in the strictest of confidence.

**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).

**RETRouvaille OF CONNECTICUT:** If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or cold and distant, even if you are divorced or separated but you want to try again, then the Retrouvaille program can help you. The next Retrouvaille weekend will take place Sept. 18-20, 2009. For more info, please call our confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or email us at [3001@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3001@retrouvaille.org).

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR & SENIOR**

**BOYS:** Consider adding St. John Fisher Seminary to your list of college visits. It seems to be such a mystery what life is like in a house of discernment. We are offering the opportunity to live the schedule and life of the house for 24 hours. For more information and to schedule your visit, please contact Father Robert Kinnally at 203-416-1513 or email [vocations@HearTheCall.org](mailto:vocations@HearTheCall.org).

**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 information, contact Donna Schmidt: (203) 416-1457.

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**  
**ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

The Homesteads at Newtown, 166 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Newtown CT, offers monthly support group for families and caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's disease or a related memory disorder. This group covers communication techniques, caregiver support, wandering, behavior management, family dynamics and group discussion. Meetings begin at 4-5:00 on the last Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 24, 2009. For further information, registration or to arrange free care for a loved one during the group session, contact Laura Shortt at 426-8118.

**NUN RUN – SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2009**

**What is a "Nun Run"?**

A *Nun Run* is a 24+ hour experience during which single women ages 18-45 are invited to visit different Sisters' houses (convents) to share life with us. You will have the opportunity to pray with us, eat with us, hear our stories and laugh with us. So fasten your seatbelts and plan to join us for a whirlwind weekend that will give you an inside look into Religious Life for women as a Sister! Transportation provided at no fee for the weekend. A Nun Run is scheduled for September 12th at 12:00pm to September 13th at 12:00pm. Call Sr. Maria Iannuccillo, SSND at 203-762-4152 or email [miannuccillo@amssnd.org](mailto:miannuccillo@amssnd.org) to receive a flyer and to register. Registration must be received by **September 7, 2009**. Sponsored by the Connecticut Vocation Council.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE RETREAT:** For all who are divorced, widowed, or separated – there is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. **DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN** of all ages are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. The Beginning Experience weekend will be held **September 18 – 20** at **Montfort Spiritual Retreat Center in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend begins Friday evening, September 18 and continues through Sunday afternoon, September 20, concluding with Mass. The weekend fee is \$225/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two nights' stay. For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call Yvonne at 860-693-1913.



## *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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### **Women In Faith Fall Study at Sacred Heart Church**

Start Date: Tuesday, September 8th

Registration is on September 8th

Time: 9:15 - 11:15 am

All are welcome & babysitting is available

Please join us as we study, "**A Woman After God's Own Heart,**" by **Elizabeth George.** It teaches that peace and joy come when women follow God in every area of their lives. Then they become women after His heart. Topics discussed include prayer, marriage, children, grandchildren, and making your house a home. Books are available @ [christianbooks.com](http://christianbooks.com) - Book and The Growth and Study Guide are sold together for \$9.99. Please order your books and bring to the first meeting. Questions - Contact Kathleen Oemcke at [ktoemcke@aol.com](mailto:ktoemcke@aol.com), or call 203-264-6375.

### **MOZART, MERLOT, AND MUMS**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 p.m., Kevin's Community Center will celebrate its sixth year of caring for patients in our community, with a town event called: Mozart, Merlot and Mums—An Afternoon Event of Music, Fine Wines and Garden Tours. Sponsored by Claris Construction, Inc., the afternoon event includes a champagne welcome, wine tasting, food, music, and silent auction. Hosting the event are George and Shane Miller at 50 Main Street in Newtown. Acclaimed musical conductor Richard Serbagi is arranging the musical accompaniment. Advance tickets are available at area merchants for \$30 or can be purchased at the door. Call Joanne Logan at 203-512-2780 for more information.

### **EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TO BE HELD SEPT. 11-12**

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 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 information about the Congress and to register, visit our website or write to us: [www.cmswr.org](http://www.cmswr.org). CMSWR, P.O. Box 4467, Washington, DC 20017

### **HOST FAMILY FOR EXCHANGE STUDENT**

**Amy Barth of Study: USA** is seeking a host family for an incoming Immaculate High School exchange student – Se Jeong Kim is a female student from Korea. She is 16 and likes golf, snowboarding and swimming.

Study USA is an international exchange student company dedicated to promoting world peace and understanding through intercultural education and student exchange.

As a Host Family, you will provide a loving home and meals for an exchange student. Students must have a private room. Host Families are compensated up to \$600 a month for Private High School Placements under the F-1 Visa Program. If you are interested in hosting Se Jeong Kim for the coming school year, please contact Amy Barth at [FlowrByrd@aol.com](mailto:FlowrByrd@aol.com) as soon as possible.

### **LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC**

Interested in learning about the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic and Dominican Spirituality?

The members of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic, St. Mary's Chapter, invite all who are interested to an inquiry meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 1:15 p.m. at the Priory of St. Mary's Church, 5 Hillhouse Ave., New Haven, CT 06505

For info call: Karolyn Smith (203) 795-3386 or Linda Kelly (203) 389-8447 after 9 a.m.

### **ST ROSE EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN**

The Newtown Fire Marshal is concerned about the health and safety of our parishioners while we are worshipping together in church. Though unlikely, the Marshal makes the point that a violent storm could create an emergency situation during a Mass and he would like us all to be aware and prepared. Notice the location of all church exits. Should an emergency occur please calmly proceed to the nearest exit. Over-reaction many times causes more injuries in a crowded situation than the event itself. So please exit in an orderly manner. At all masses please find a seat toward the middle of the pews so that people are not compelled to stand in the aisles or out in the front vestibule.

**Parking** – Emergency vehicles must have access to the church building. Please do not park next to the rectory or on the road along the side of the church between the rectory and the rear parking lot. Remember there is additional parking at 52 Church Hill Road.

The Fire Marshal is interested in our safety. Please try to respectfully practice these simple procedures.

### **FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS**

For nationwide Mass times and locations, check the Internet [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE MOVING (426-1014) SO THAT WE CAN KEEP OUR PARISH CENSUS UPDATED.**

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