

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – August 30, 2009

Sunday, August 30

12 noon Mass and Parish Picnic
 7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)
 7:30 p.m. Mass for Michael Jude Fay

Monday, August 31

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group
 1-3 p.m. Altar Server Training (1)
 7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)
 7-9 p.m. Matthew Kelly Program (8)

Wednesday, September 2

3:30 – 5 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)
 7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP Team 5 (2)
 7:30 p.m. Social Concerns Meeting 2
 7:30-8:30 p.m. God's Do-Gooders Mtg. (5)

Thursday, September 3

10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
 3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
 6:45 p.m. Family Rosary Night (7)
 7 p.m. New Catechist Meeting (3)
 7 p.m. Adult Choir (1)
 7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (8)
 8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, September 4 (First Friday)

7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
 after 9 a.m. Mass Adoration (1)
 4 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (7)
 5:00 p.m. Benediction (1)

Saturday, September 5

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

LOCATION:

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



First Friday Adoration – Friday, Sept. 4, 2009

“There is no greater love given to Catholics than Christ present in the Eucharist.” Pope John Paul II

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

“Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest.”

Wedding Banns

- Banns: III Kelly Dean & James Henry Bebrin III**
II Ashley M. Pratt & Justin Neumann
II Meghan Hamilton & Kevin Garvey



Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Patricia Goldman as requested by family.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 31

6:45 Marguerite Lutz Meisenheimer Family
 9:00 Jeff White Anne & John Regnery
 7:30 Michael Jude Fay Memorial Mass

Tuesday, September 1

6:45 Joseph Murphy Kevin, Mary Maloney & Family
 9:00 Patrick Fitzpatrick Mary & Bernie Curran

Wednesday, September 2

6:45 Arlene Theresa O'Connor O'Connor Family
 9:00 Sr. Marie Ines Family

Thursday, September 3

6:45 Brennan Merrick Flip & Knettie Archard
 9:00 Salvatore Panebianco Tony & Connie Esposito

Friday, September 4 (First Friday)

6:45 Joseph Murphy Rosemarie Cavanaugh
 9:00 Helen Mok Ann & Dan McCarthy & family
 5:00 Benediction

Saturday, September 5

8:00 Thomas McDonald Mary & Bernie Curran
 4:00 Matilda Testani Joanne Rochman & Family
 5:30 Jack Manna Robert & Linda Manna

Sunday, September 6

7:30 Bethany Mass
 9:00 Joseph Sideleau Helen Reck
 10:30 Nancy Jane Lumbra The IBM Team
 12:00 Leonard & Anthony Alagna John & Nella Pavia

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Elizabeth Caffoe as requested by Joyce Danscuk.

The Pro-Life & Family Vigil Candle will be lit this week in memory of Francis X. Maher as requested by Meg Soto & Family.

Thank you for your support!

Collection for August 23, 2009	\$15,593.00
Children's Collection	\$ 11.20
Collection August 24, 2008	\$16,245.00

QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE strosechurch.com FOR YOUR REVIEW.

CATHOLIC FORUM

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. 20th**. 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

BACK TO SCHOOL.....this week, the school doors will be open wide to welcome back students, faculty, staff and administration. We join in prayer that this year will be filled with many blessings and that our schools will be a safe haven for our young. With the constant reports on the H1N1 flu, let us also pray for a healthy year! We are blessed in our community to be able to provide an excellent school system, both public and private. It is always my hope that our students take full advantage of the many opportunities provided for them. In spite of budget concerns, we are still able to give our young a well-founded education which continues to open possibilities for them as they grow and mature. May this be a year of good learning for all!

LORD JESUS, YOU TOO WERE ONCE A STUDENT.
YOU STUDIED GOD'S LAWS, THE HISTORY OF
YOUR PEOPLE AND A TRADE BY WHICH TO EARN A
LIVING.
YOU LIVED IN A HUMAN FAMILY,
MADE STEADY PROGRESS IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING
AND WERE EAGER TO DISCOVER YOUR VOCATION
IN LIFE.
AS I BEGIN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR,
OPEN MY MIND TO THE TRUTH OF ALL THINGS.
MAKE ME HUMBLE AS I LEARN THE MYSTERIES OF
THE UNIVERSE YOU CREATED FOR ME.
MAKE ME PROUD TO BE ALIVE AND A CHILD OF GOD
GIVE ME HELP WHEN I AM IN NEED,
ASSISTANCE WHEN I AM CONFUSED,
PERSEVERANCE WHEN I FEEL LIKE GIVING UP
AND GUIDE MY EVERY DECISION ACCORDING TO
YOUR WAYS.
AMEN.

IT IS NEVER EASY TO BE A STUDENT!
EVERY DAY BRINGS MORE WORK AND CHALLENGES.
SOMETIMES I WONDER IF IT WILL EVER END!
I KNOW THAT I WOULD MUCH RATHER LISTEN TO
MY IPOD THAN A TEACHER WHO SEEMS BORING,
TO GO ON-LINE RATHER THAN READ A BOOK,
TO TEXT A FRIEND RATHER THAN DOING
HOMEWORK,
BUT I KNOW IT IS MY TIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE WORLD YOU CREATED FOR ME.
HELP ME TO REALIZE ALL MY TALENTS AND
ALWAYS TO KNOW THAT WITH YOU AND YOUR
GRACE, I CAN DO ALL THINGS,
EVEN THOSE THAT SEEM THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE!
HELP ME RESPECT MY TEACHERS AND ALL THOSE
IN AUTHORITY AS WELL AS MY FELLOW STUDENTS.
LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR EVERYTHING THAT IS
RIGHT AND GOOD FOR ALL OF US AND OUR WORLD.
IN ALL THINGS, LET ME GIVE THANKS TO YOU FOR
ALL THE BLESSINGS THIS SCHOOL YEAR WILL
BRING ME THOROUGH YOUR LOVE AND GOODNESS.
AMEN.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC THIS SUNDAY FROM 1:00 UNTIL 3:00 ON THE PARISH GROUNDS! IT IS A FREE PICNIC, BUT WE ASK THAT YOU BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS. THERE WILL BE GREAT FUN FOR THE CHILDREN, SO PLEASE STOP BY AND MEET A NEW PARISHIONER OR RE-ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH SOMEONE YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IN A WHILE. IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT TIME!

A special word of thanks to DANIEL CRAGIN, a Newtown High School Senior and active member of our Senior Youth Group. Daniel has been volunteering through most of July and August to assist our parish staff in a variety of ways. The amount of things that he has done would be impossible to list, but let me give a few examples: he painted all the signposts, lampposts, and benches; trimmed trees and shrubs; cleaned out the garages; repaired anything broken that he could find; installed safety lighting in dark areas of the property; filled in some of the cracks in the parking lot; planted grass; painted the St. Rose statue in front of church. The list is endless! Dan is an incredible young man, and my thanks to him for his efforts on behalf of the parish. Thanks also to his parents for "loaning" him to us all summer.

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 – 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.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS AND PICNIC – Aug. 30

Celebrate with us The Feast of our Patroness "St. Rose of Lima" at our annual outdoor mass and picnic. The Third Anniversary of the St. Joseph Project. The Saint Joseph Project exists to support the parish's ministry to those in need with respect to housing issues. St. Joseph Project will work continuously to raise funds in support of its mission. Please bring a chair or blanket for the outdoor mass at Noon. Food, beverages and dessert will be served at **NO COST!** Your **FREE WILL OFFERING** will help the St. Joseph Project. Receive a pink rose in gratitude for your kindness.

GARDEN ANGELS will be trimming azalea bushes, planting mums, and doing fall clean-up soon. Please clear some time on your schedule to help out, for an hour or two, or for any time you can give. The work will take place on a Saturday morning. Look for more information on dates. We work for the glory of God. May He bless us with an abundance of volunteers!

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 26th & 27th 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 or any of the retreat coordinators: Chris Fish, Markus Balas, Kevin Barrett, Doug Olah, Jack Hickey-Williams, Brian Liotta, Mike Pindell.

The **Women's CRHP retreat** will be **November 21-22**. **Note date change.** Please call Sue Rocca if you wish to attend 270-1497 or Bev Tevnan 270-8787.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Jesus' Sense of Morality

There are reasons and intent behind rules, and it is our obligation to follow the rules; understanding the reasons and intent help us to put our heart into following them. Jesus challenges the Pharisees to take a look at what is authentic in a covenant relationship with God. The commandments were rooted in this relationship and continue to nurture our relationship with God. Sometimes, there is a distortion, however, and we need to get back to the intent – and this is what Jesus offers us today. He reminds us that clean hearts are more important than clean hands. Making sure that the externals are in conformity with the law is simply not enough if the heart is lacking what is essential to a covenant relationship with Him. It is time to put away the “check off list” of external signs of piety and ask God to help us take a closer look within.

Reflection Activity: Spend 10 minutes a day in silent contemplation asking God's help with searching your heart and purifying what needs to be cleaned.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Which statements about St. Gregory the Great are true: (a) He gladly accepted consecration to be Pope; (b) He was attentive to the minutiae of Church estate management; (c) He was the first monk to become a Pope (d) He spent much time meditating on Scripture.

Catechists: If you did not receive a letter and a calendar in the mail about 4 weeks ago, please call the Religious Education Office at 426-2333.

Parents: If you did not receive a letter confirming your child's class placement, 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 Sept. 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:

Sunday 10:45

Grade 3 (1) + (1) co-catechist

Monday 4:15

Grade 1 – (1)
Grade 1 – (1) Co-Catechist
Grade 2 – (2)
Grade 3 – (1) Co-Catechist
Grade 6 – (1)

Monday 7PM

Grade 7–(2) + 1 co-catechist

Tuesday 4:15

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

Wednesday 4:15

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

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 7th, 8th 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 8th grade
Commitment Mass

10/22, 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Help label, sort, and stuff folder packets for 2nd 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 7th grade
Instructional/Enrollment Mass

This week we celebrate the life of Pope Gregory the Great

Answer to Catholic IQ: The only statement that is false is (a). Gregory the Great shrank from being in a role of dignity and elevation; he loved cloistered life. In fact, when he was the unanimous choice to be Pope, he almost fled before he was consecrated to be Pope. He lived with simplicity and clarity during a difficult time in Church history.

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

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

The deadline for submitting bulletin information for the September 12/13 weekend is Friday, September 4. Please be prompt since the publisher needs to receive the completed bulletin one day in advance of our usual transmission. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

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.

Social Concerns Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 2, 7:30 p.m., in 38 Church Hill Rd. New members are always welcome.

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.

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** 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 3rd Sunday. For more information, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 203-364-9796.

ST. ROSE WOMEN’S CLUB All women of the Parish are invited to join the St. Rose Women’s Club. Our year will begin with Mass celebrated by Msgr. Weiss on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in the Church. A short business meeting and a social will follow Mass in the Gathering Hall. Please come and bring a friend. For more information, call Cathy Hickey-Williams at 203-426-4502.

WEBS – (Women’s Enrichment Book Study) – will meet on Tuesday mornings beginning September 15 at 38 Church Hill Road from 9:30-11 a.m. Please call Kristen Renzi at 270-6915 if you are interested in joining.

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 12th. See you then!

Health Tip

Have a little fat you’d like to lose? Maybe now is a good time to turn on the kettle and pour yourself a cup of this: white tea. Made from the buds and early leaves of the same plants used to make green and black teas, white tea may have special fat-thwarting powers, a new study suggests.

Fat-Blasting Brew Fat cells increase or decrease in size, according to your weight. And in a lab study, human fat cells treated with white tea extract accumulated significantly less fat. In fact, the white tea extract reduced the incorporation of fat by as much as 70 percent! The tea also seemed to stimulate the breakdown of fat from mature cells.

Why White Whittles Because white tea is less processed than green or black tea, it has more of certain active compounds, like epigallocatechin-3-gallate (an antioxidant) and methylxanthines (theobromine and caffeine). And researchers suspect that these compounds influence fat-cell metabolism by acting on the expression of certain genes.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

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

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

Available: Large 2nd floor 1 BR apartment—utilities incl.

Available: 1 bedroom apartment in Danbury

Available: Efficiency apartment

Available: House-share with separate entrance

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

TWENTY-SECOND 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!

To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others. This is the death of true freedom: "Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin" (Jn 8:34). — Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, par. 20.

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

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

When two men are fighting in a forest, and they are attacked by a wild beast, they quickly become a unified force against a common danger. So it should be today with Jews, Protestants, and Catholics; there is a common enemy, the 'culture of death'. Now, more than ever, let there be a common front against a common affront.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Family Rosary Night – Thursday, September 3rd at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Contact Pete & Celeste Vodola at 426-4638.

The first monthly meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 3rd 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

SECOND ANNUAL CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE - It will change your life!

The second annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference is on Saturday, October 3, 2009, at the Chevrolet Theatre, (the former Oakdale Theatre) Wallingford, CT. Fun, exciting, and informative. Connecticut Bishops will be in attendance. Enjoy dynamic speakers including Father Larry Richards, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Michael Cumbie.

Come and join us for some male bonding. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ctcatholicmen.org or by calling 203-710-0440. For additional information, locally, please contact Jim Tevnan at 240-7055 or ctcatholicmen@yahoo.com.

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, DO.
SSG. Anthony T. D'Aquila
Capt. Kathryn Devonshire
Sgt. Daniel Dobbs
SSG. Michael Dobbs
2nd Lt. Thomas K. Dyer
Major William Gottmeier
Cpl. Marc Hellig
1st 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
2nd Lt. Jessica 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
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



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.

Join the Do-Gooders! God's Do-Gooders is a group of High School students committed to service of others. Our 1st meeting of the school year will be Wednesday, September 2nd from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Safe Place. We will have pictures from our Albany trip and give out calendars for upcoming service projects. Check us out on our website: www.saintrosedogooders.weebly.com

ALTAR ANGELS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to clean the church. This is a very valuable ministry in light of the very busy use of our church throughout the week. Duties basically include dusting, sweeping the vestibule floor, washing the windows on both the interior and exterior doors, checking the pews and missalettes to be sure they are in good order and to notify the custodial staff of any repairs. This includes the sacristy, bride room and daily chapel as well as the church. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 426-1014.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASTORAL PLAN

This Sunday turns its focus primarily to the Word of God. We have seen in the first reading that the Word of God has been exposed through the Ten Commandments given to Moses for all people to follow. Not only do we learn that the Ten Commandments are actual guidelines to follow, but something even non-religious can follow to live a superior and healthy way of life. Acting on God's Word is what truly makes us inseparable from Him and the Father.

The Second reading closely ties to the first, showing us that the Word of God has always been present in us. We as a community of believers are the children of God. Proclaiming His mystery is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." We are asked to serve by preaching and announcing to all the Good News.

In the Gospel this is where Jesus' words become as convicting in our day as they were to the Pharisees, for the struggle of Mark is a struggle inside every human being who inquires to take faith seriously. Ironically, the one man who was perfectly free from self-righteousness is the only one who was completely righteous. Through the intercession of Our Lady, let us ask Her to obtain for us the graces to become more humble and to fully accept and live out our vocation to holiness.

RISE AND WALK FOUNDATION, a locally based charity that was founded by Fr. Hernán Bohórquez of our Diocese, is having its third annual gala. The gala will benefit needy children and their families in Bogotá, Colombia. It will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Trumbull on September 19, 2009 from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. There will be a dinner, music and dancing, as well as a silent auction. Tickets are \$75.00 a person. Tables of eight can also be purchased for \$500. For tickets and any questions please call Ellen Nardelli at (203) 372-7478 evenings or (203) 521-0570 daytime.

10-DAY AFFORDABLE BUDAPEST, VIENNA, MUNICH & PASSION PLAY 2010

Departing United States on July 1, 2010 with Gate 1 Travel
With air from New York: \$2,899. pp, double occupancy
Tour Host: Rev. Marcel Saint-Jean
Includes: Flights from New York City-Budapest, Munich-New York City; airline fuel surcharges; eight-nights accommodations; all transfers: 10 meals (8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner); sightseeing per itinerary in modern, air-conditioned motor coach; services of an English-speaking tour manager throughout; services of local guides as per itinerary. Not included: airport taxes and fees, optional tours and gratuities.

\$500 deposit made to Rev. Marcel St-Jean, 50 Fairmont Place, Shelton, CT 06484; 203-685-2710; 924-8611.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

ADORATION

There are 10,080 minutes in one week. Can you commit just 60 minutes a week to thank Jesus for the thousands of minutes He has given to you? St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church has Perpetual Adoration in their Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield. Vacations, illness or work emergencies are covered by substitutes. You are guaranteed a closer relationship with your Savior. To commit to a Holy Hour or if you have any questions, please call 203-775-6968. Hours most needed are: Sunday, 4 a.m.; Monday, 3 a.m.; Tuesday, 2 a.m.; Wednesday, 3 a.m.; Saturday, 12 noon.

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

We must unite as the body of Christ to fight the greatest evil of our day, abortion. To build a culture of life, we must start with prayer. Please join the worldwide "Pray to End Abortion" cause on facebook. www.ProLifePrayers.org. Be part of the largest prayer group in history!

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.

MOZART, MERLOT, AND MUMS

On September 12th, 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.

LAY FRATERNITY OF ST. DOMINIC

Interested in deepening your prayer life and relationship with God? The members of the **Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic**, St. Mary's Chapter, invite all who are interested in learning about Dominican Spirituality to an inquiry meeting on September 13, 2009 at the Priory of St. Mary's Church, located at 5 Hillhouse Ave., New Haven, CT 06505 at 1:15 p.m. For info call Karolyn Smith (203) 795-3386 or Linda Kelly (203) 389-8447 after 9 a.m.

Club NewFit

On behalf of the Tavar family, parishioners of St. Rose, we invite you to Club New Fit for your physical well being and healing.

Club NewFit wishes to offer St. Rose Parishoners a Grand Re-Opening discounted rate and Club New Fit will donate 20% of the registration fee to St. Rose of Lima.

We look forward to serving you at our Newly Renovated Fitness Club and helping us contribute to our parish.

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