

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – September 6, 2009

**Sunday, September 6**  
7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP Meeting (2)

**Monday, September 7 (Labor Day – All offices Closed)**  
6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Women's CRHP Mtg. (2)

**Tuesday, September 8**  
10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group  
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)  
7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Min. Book Club

**Wednesday, September 9**  
7:00 p.m. Women's Club (1, 3)  
7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

**Thursday, September 10**  
10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)  
3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)  
6-8:00 p.m. High School Night (3)  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (1)  
8:00 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

**Friday, September 11**  
7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer  
10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)  
3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)  
Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy  
6-8:00 p.m. Back to School Bash (field)

**Saturday, September 12**  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Catechist Meeting  
all masses BP Screening (1)  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

**LOCATION:**

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



We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during August, 2009

Alexander Stanley Bielanos	Henri Edward Quirk
Leah Josephine Botta	Evan O'Sullivan Rivera
Aiden Marcus Patsy Jennings	Samantha Grace Silbergleit
Ty Joseph Jorgenson	William Francis Speiser
Nina Bella Morgan	Caleigh Lyn Ward
Matthew Patrick Nespoli	Chloe Skye Zappoli

**Wedding Banns**

**Banns:** III Ashley M. Pratt & Justin Neumann  
III Meghan Hamilton & Kevin Garvey  
I Maureen Flanagan & William Pendergast  
I Kathleen Mooney & Philip Cardillo

**PROJECT 2009**

Thanks to the following parishioners for their support!

John & Karen Blawie	John & Marie Morgera
The Bobkowski Family	Laura Mulligan
Patrick & Janet Burke	Dr. & Mrs. John Murphy
The D'Alessandro Family	Mafalda Pompa
Frank & Miriam DeLucia	David & Joan Rogers
Daniel Doherty	Kenneth & Lori Stewart
Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Drabik	Albert & Janet Stockalis
Daniel & Colleen Honan	Laura & Chuck Taylor
Evelyn Kuhn	Dorothy Trudeau
Natalie & Michael Mazuroski	Gerry & Harry Waterbury
Frank & Rosa Middleton	Kim Zemo

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)**  
8:00 Neil Craig Mary & Bernie Curran

**Tuesday, September 8**  
6:45 Joseph Murphy Ellen & Tom Curran  
9:00 Francis P. Petrone Fred Pendergast Sr. & Family

**Wednesday, September 9**  
6:45 Luigia & Joseph Montagnese Marie Esposito  
9:00 Dorothy & Bill Jones Mulrane Family

**Thursday, September 10**  
6:45 Joseph Murphy Jim & Jeanne Walker  
9:00 Jeff White The Sharnick Family

**Friday, September 11**  
6:45 Helen Howryletz Tom & Ellen Curran  
9:00 Victims of 9/11/2001 Parish

**Saturday, September 12**  
8:00 Deceased Members of K of C Council #185  
4:00 Terence Clark Pat & Ed Matthews  
5:30 William Bower Family

**Sunday, September 13**  
7:30 Dennis Rielly Kevin & Mary Maloney  
9:00 Joseph Sideleau Renzi Family  
10:30 A. Bob Conrod The Piscitelli Family  
12:00 Marie Krompinger The McCarthy Family

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Jacques Maye as requested by his wife.

<b>Thank you for your support!</b>	
Collection for August 30, 2009	\$17,460.00
Children's Collection	\$ 19.80
Collection August 31, 2008	\$16,209.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE <a href="http://strosechurch.com">strosechurch.com</a> FOR YOUR REVIEW.	

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

The **Saint 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 Helen Szigeti in memory of Beatrice Kocet**  
**Gift of Stella Sirois in memory of Beatrice Kocet**

**LECTORS** The new lector schedule has been e-mailed to all lectors and copies are also available in the lector room. Please let Peggy Baiad know if you did not receive it. There will be a meeting for lectors on Tues., Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Thank you.

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

HAPPY LABOR DAY! This weekend we gather as a nation to celebrate and thank God for the ability we have to be productive members of our society because of the gifts created in us by God and passed on to us by our families. We can never take these gifts for granted, but rather continue to grow and nurture them. For those who are gainfully employed, this needs to be a weekend of gratitude; for those who are out of work, we offer our prayers and support. The stresses of these days in our country add to the stress many experience in their workplace which can lead to many unhealthy actions and attitudes. Because we have become so materialistically oriented, it is easy to fall into jealousy, gossip, unfair competition and mean spirited behavior toward those in authority or those with whom we work. We need to bring Christian attitudes to the workplace by our patience, understanding, right judgment and openness to others. This is a good weekend to reflect on our attitude toward work, and it is an important time for us to challenge ourselves to reflect Christ in all places and in all we do. Enjoy this weekend with family and friends!

School seems to have gotten off to a great start! I am very pleased with all that is happening in our school this year. Our enrollment is very strong, there are waiting lists for many of our grades, our staff has been expanded in order to provide Spanish, art and music for our 3 year old program all the way through to the eighth grade, and our faculty and administration are representing the best of our Catholic Christian traditions and teachings. I want to thank everyone who helps support our school providing an option for those parents who choose a faith based education for their child/ren. If you have never visited our school, I invite you to do so and see for yourself the new face of Catholic education as you walk through our building and view our computer, science and math labs, our library and resource room and classrooms filled with an enthusiasm for learning. Special thanks to our principal, Mary Maloney, for her incredible commitment of time and energy. You will be hearing a lot more about our school this year which I hope makes all of you very proud!

Very soon, our Religious Education program will begin. I thank our staff for their incredible commitment, especially Pam Arsenault, Meg Arena, Janice Lindsay, Joanne Marcinek and Kate Kunze and all the grade level coordinators who are working with them. This program is one of the largest of the Diocese, serving hundreds of families and their children. I am very grateful to the corps of parishioners who have stepped forward to serve as catechists, aides, hall monitors, substitute teachers, office volunteers and tutors. We are always in need of volunteers for our program, so if you are willing to give one hour a week to bring a child's heart closer to Christ's, please give the Religious Education staff a call. We cannot do it without you and your support! This year, we have had more families than in the past request scholarship and tuition assistance. If you are not able to give time, perhaps you could provide a scholarship for one of these students. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated!

Our ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC was a great success and enjoyed by the many parishioners who attended. Thanks to Brian Liotta, Frank Middleton and the Knights of Columbus for their management of the food and beverage, the members of the Women's Club for assisting with the dessert table, and Rodd Blessey and the Senior Youth Group for supervising the inflatable games. I want to say how impressed I was with all the children who enjoyed these games; they were patient waiting for their turn and very respectful of one another. The only tears I saw were on the faces of the children whose parents told them it was time to leave! Thanks to all of you who joined us this year! I must say

that the Lord truly loves this parish, especially as I watched a very overcast morning turn into an incredibly beautiful afternoon!

Our WOMEN'S CLUB begins their year with a Mass at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday followed by a meeting when this year's schedule of activities will be presented. I am very appreciative of the efforts of the officers and board of this club in providing our women a wonderful opportunity to come together monthly. Please consider joining our women.

If you have a student in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you are welcome to join us for HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT on Thursday and begin to learn the wonderful options there are for your student. Representatives from all the area private schools (Chase, Westover, etc), the area Catholic High Schools (Immaculate, St. Joseph's, Fairfield Prep, Lauralton Hall, etc), Henry Abbot Tech and Newtown High School will be on hand to provide information and answer your questions. Please take advantage of this opportunity as you are deciding on your student's high school program. For more information, please call the school office at 426-5102.

**BETHANY MASS**

Our parish family will always remember in our hearts and minds those parishioners who have gone on to the heavenly banquet. This Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at the 7:30 AM Mass, we celebrate in a special way, Alojzija Dimic, Helen Howryletz, John Honan, Edmond Farrell, Sharon Barrows, Richard Nasse, George Meyers, and Robert McGuire, who have died since our last Bethany Mass. Although we miss their physical presence among us, we rejoice that they are with the Lord. We also want their families and friends to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all our deceased parishioners, their families, and their friends.

Deacon Don and Stephania Naiman Coordinators (748-7976)

**JOIN CUB SCOUTS**

St. Rose Cub Scouts are holding their fall recruitment. We welcome boys in grades 1-5 to join us in our nationally recognized, award-winning Cub Scout program. Our first pack meeting is on September 30. Parents will meet on Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Conroy Room at St. Rose School. We welcome any boy who attends St. Rose of Lima church to join. For more information, call Donna Locke 426-9604, or e-mail [d.locke@snet.net](mailto:d.locke@snet.net).

St. Rose Cub Scouts are quite active, with monthly meetings, regular den meetings and many special functions. We participate in camp-outs, Limerock racing and camp out, overnight museum trips (New England Air museum, Boston Science Museum, Mystic Aquarium, Battleship Cove, etc.) rocket launches, Pinewood Derby, Ashlar Christmas caroling, Halloween parties and Fright Night, hikes and much more. We have an active program in Catholic religious awards, Rosary patches, and have won the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Golden Medallion for the last two years.

**TEACH ME TO PRAY – TEACH ME TO PLAY**

Come Pray and Play with us! This program is designed to meet the spiritual and social needs of two-year-old children. Sessions meet on Mondays or Wednesdays from 9 to 11:30am. Children must be 2 by October 2009. Please call Dot Perpignand at 270-7828 to receive more information and to sign up your child. The first session will be held on Monday, September 21.

**SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:** Msgr. Bob will speak on Thurs., Sept. 10 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Rd., the Religious Ed. office. The theme is 2009-2010 Year of the Priest – Blessings & Challenges.

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### Hearing and Being Connected

During our vacation in PEI last week, a few cousins came to visit us and we spent a few hours talking and listening to what has happened in each others' lives this past year. As they all went to leave, one rather quiet cousin apologized for not adding much to the conversation. He told us that he did not hear a word that anyone said because his hearing aid was not working properly. We were all so sorry that he was disconnected from the conversation. In today's Gospel we witness the restoration of sight and hearing – which was a sign of the coming of the messianic age prophesied by Isaiah in the first reading: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared." There is a deeper significance to these readings – one that goes beyond the physical senses. God wants to be fully connected to us so that we can live our lives to the fullest extent possible. Let us examine our own hearing – are we listening to God – are we connected in constant prayer? And let us turn our eyes to those who may not feel "connected" (or may need to turn up the volume in their "hearing aids"), so that they may see and hear the presence of God's Kingdom in this world!

**Reflection Question:** Who has been the voice of Jesus in your life?

**Reflection Activity:** God "speaks" to us in all of creation – in all the little everyday miracles of life. This week practice an attitude of "God awareness" to His presence within all.

**Enriching My Catholic IQ:** The Year for Priest is celebrated:  
a) Jan. 1 2009 – Dec. 31, 2009; b) Sept. 1, 2009 – Aug. 31, 2010,  
(c) July 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010.

#### Spiritual Journey

The Pope has dedicated this year as the Year of the Priest – a year to celebrate our priests. **Msgr. Bob will be the guest speaker at the first session of Spiritual Journey** this coming Thursday, September 10, from 10:15-11:15 in the upstairs room at 38 Church Hill Road. Come and hear about the blessings and the challenges of Msgr. Bob's priesthood!

**Catechists:** If you did not receive a letter and a calendar in the mail, 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 Ed. Office at 426-2333.

#### General Catechist Meeting

On **Saturday, September 12**, all catechists will meet at 8:00 a.m. for Mass, followed by a continental breakfast, general meeting and grade level meeting. You will receive your books and list of children who will be in your class. It is very important that you attend the meeting and call all "your children" so that they know which classroom to report to on the **first week of class, which is September 20-23**.

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

#### Needs for Catechists

If you believe that the Lord may be calling you to share your faith with children, you still have the opportunity to say "YES!" to Him. Thank you to the many catechists who signed up to bring the joy of Christ to the children of St. Rose each week. We still have a few needs (14) 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 2 – (2)  
Grade 3 – (1) Co-Catechist  
Grade 4 – (1)  
Grade 6 – (1)

#### Tuesday 4:15

Grade 2 – (1)  
Grade 6 – (1)

#### Monday 7PM

Grade 7 – (2)  
(1) Co-catechist

#### 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 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!

#### 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

#### Confirmation Service Hours

If you enjoy being outdoors working with nature, the Garden Angels need help either after school or on Saturday mornings during the fall – planting mums, raking flower beds, trimming bushes, and spreading mulch. Call Eileen Gallo at 426-8223, Garden Angel Coordinator.

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** (c) Pope Benedict declared the Year of the Priest, and the recent encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth) places the challenge to all priests to awaken in the faithful a renewed appreciation for the union of heaven and earth – a pilgrimage in which we support one another in our journey of faith. This encyclical can be read on-line at <http://www.papalencyclicals.net/>. The Bishop will be speaking at St. Rose on this encyclical on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. Join us on Thursday, September 10 at 10:15 at the Religious Education conference room as Msgr. Bob gives his personal witness to the blessings and challenges in the priesthood.

#### Prayer for Priests

Father, You have appointed Your Son Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. Guide those He has chosen to be ministers of word and sacrament and help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**This week we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sept. 8), St. Peter Claver (Sept. 9), and the Most Holy Name of the Virgin Mary (Sept. 12).**

#### Happy Grandparents Day!

**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.

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

**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.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 next weekend after all masses! See you then!

**Health Tip**

A legitimate Pill That Makes You Skinny? You don’t have to be a celebrity with three chefs, two nannies, and a big-name personal trainer to emerge from pregnancy even more svelte and glamorous than you started. A little pill that boosts your health may help prevent pregnancy weight gain from hanging around. The little pill is a probiotic supplement. Technically, probiotics are bacteria, but they are a good type of microbe that we recommend taking daily to keep your digestive system running smoothly, beef up your immune system, and reduce damaging inflammation. You have 10 trillion bacteria in and on you, so you might as well choose to have the good bacteria that help keep bad microbes in check. A new study from Finland found that pregnant women who started taking probiotic supplements during the first trimester—and kept up the regimen throughout the term of their pregnancies—had a lower percentage of body fat after delivery than women who ate the same diet but didn’t take the supplements. Probiotic takers were also less likely to have dangerous fat around their waists than the pill-free women were. (And researchers saw no harm to the supplement takers’ babies; in fact, other studies show that women on these pills had infants with less diarrheal and other early-childhood diseases). What’s the magic? It’s possible that good bacteria control inflammation, which somehow also helps control obesity. Or it’s possible that there’s something about balancing the bacteria that keeps fat in control (though it’s not clear how). Either way, the probiotics that kept new moms svelte were the easy-to-find ones called *Lactobacillus GG*, and *Bifidobacterium*. Of course, you can still hire the nanny and the trainer, but we’d try these little bacteria first—they can cost about \$14-\$20 a month and might slim your waist without liposuctioning your wallet.

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

"And God loved the world so much that He gave His son — it was a giving. God gave His son to the Virgin Mary, and what did she do with Him? As soon as Jesus came into Mary's life, immediately she went in haste to give that good news. And as she came into the house of her cousin, Elizabeth, Scripture tells us that the unborn child — the child in the womb of Elizabeth — leapt with joy. While still in the womb of Mary — Jesus brought peace to John the Baptist who leapt for joy in the womb of Elizabeth." - Blessed Mother Teresa

**ROSARY FOR LIFE:** Saturday, September 26 after the 8 A.M. mass and on the last Saturday of each month

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 6 at 7:30 in the rectory

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

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

A community would mourn for months if a school bus packed with 48 children crashed and burned, killing everyone inside. However, on average in America 166 lives are lost to abortion every hour. This is equal to having a school bus full of children crash every 20 minutes. Why are we not mourning this horrific loss of human life?

### 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 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

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

Blessings and thank you to all who contribute to the St. Joseph Project. Your donations have helped many with housing needs. We keep you in our prayers and thoughts as do those who benefit from your generosity and kindness.

Committee of St. Joseph Project

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 interested in meeting fellow parishioners, please consider attending. For more information, contact Mike Ronan at 203-733-9186 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.

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

### 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Thomas K. Dyer  
Major William Gottmeier  
Cpl. Marc Hellig  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rachel (Askue) Hoffinan  
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



[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 you friends and have some fun.

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



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mass for the deceased members of K of C Council #185 is Saturday, Sept. 12 at 8 a.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)

The **ELIZABETH MINISTRY BOOK CLUB** will be meeting on Tuesday September 8th at 7:00 to discuss the **Book A Friend Like Henry** written by Nuala Gardner. New members are always welcome. Please call Anne Annesley at 364-0676 for information.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**PASTORAL PLAN:** The readings this Sunday bring us to the healing activity of the Lord. The first reading speaks of the return from exile as seen as God's redemptive act and accompanied by miraculous healings as a sign of God's redemptive presence. "Here is your God...He comes to save you." This Gospel reading shows Jesus, Lord of all, has the power to heal anyone and everyone. This Gospel reading recalls a moment in Jesus' life when He cured a person in despair. The deaf man was free from all anxieties and was able to hear all of God's wonderful creation after Jesus had touched him. Trust in the Lord and you shall have peace.

**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.

**MARRIED COUPLES** – Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Upcoming weekends will be September 18-20, 2009 and November 6-8, 2009. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Joe and Jane Staszowski at (860) 644-7260 or [meweekend@gmail.com](mailto:meweekend@gmail.com) or visit [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org).

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**  
**CAREGIVER RESPITE PROGRAM**

Are you or someone you know caring for a person with dementia, Alzheimer's, a physical handicap, a serious or chronic illness, or a debilitating injury? Do you find the task daunting and overwhelming at times? Are you seeking advice on coping techniques as well as answers to questions related to your loved one's situation?

Golden Opportunities of Sandy Hook is offering a respite program that will address the special needs of caregivers on Saturday, October 3 at the Heritage Hotel in Southbury. The program is open to anyone who is caring for a parent, spouse, child, or grandparent with special needs. The program is free of charge but registration is required. For further information and/or to register call Knettie Archard @ Golden Opportunities @ 426-3301.

**ADULT EDUCATION** Fall 2009

St. Joseph Church – Danbury  
Signs, Words and Gestures: Why Catholics Worship as They Do! A course offered by: Dr. Joan M. Kelly  
Beginning Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
From 1:00-2:15 p.m. At St. Joseph Parish Center  
376 Main Street, Danbury, CT  
Everyone is Welcome!  
For further information please call Dr. Kelly at 203-778-1920. No advance registration is necessary.

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**NEWTOWN/SANDY HOOK CROP WALK – 2009**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 P.M. ON THE GROUNDS OF FAIRFIELD HILLS**

Meeting Place: Cochran House on Mile Hill Road  
The CROP WALK for Hunger is an annual cooperative event of the churches of Newtown. Through our 27 years of walking together, we have raised thousands of dollars for international hunger-fighting projects and also have supplied resources to our local food pantries. Funds raised by CROP walkers have made and continue to make a difference. For example: every \$150. raised by walkers can buy a hundred chicks and two wire chicken coops, providing two families with a reliable source of eggs, protein and income.  
Any questions, call Pastor Greg Wismar, 426-6300.

**DANBURY EMMAUS** is planning a retreat for November 13-15, 2009 for high school aged students (ages 14-18) at the Seton-Neumann Center in Danbury, CT. Here, you receive an opportunity to meet and become friends with Catholics, create relationships based on Christ's love, and share time in reflection and fellowship with Jesus Christ while having fun! For more information, please do not hesitate to call Patrick Corbett @ (203) 286-8581 or Erica Venezia @ (203) 791-2330.

**NEW HAVEN GUADALUPE CELEBRATION WITH TILMA RELIC**

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, the Knights of Colubus Supreme Council will host a festive Guadalupe Celebration and procession in New Haven, CT featuring a rare relic of St. Juan Diego—a small piece of his miraculous tilma, nearly 500 years old. A special Mass will be offered by Archbishop Henry Mansell at 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, with a homily by Bishop William Lori. At 6 p.m., Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, the world's foremost expert on Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak about the apparitions. At 6:30 p.m., a procession with the relic will begin from St. Mary's Church, leading through the streets of New Haven to the K of C Museum for a fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Festivities will include a chance to individually venerate the relic, as well as Mexican food, performances, artworks and much more. All are invited. Please see [kof.org/guadalupe](http://kof.org/guadalupe) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The **Second Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** is on Saturday, **Oct. 3, 2009** at the Chevrolet Theatre (formerly Oakdale Theatre) Wallingford, CT. Fun, exciting, and informative. CT Bishops will be in attendance. Speakers include **Father Larry Richards, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Michael Cumbie.** Tickets are available online at [www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org) or contact Jim Tevnan at 240-7055.

**BALLROOM DANCE** with us at the McClinch Center of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-11:30 p.m. \$15. pp, BYOB. All are welcome (singles please contact Pat) Set-ups, refreshments and door prizes provided. Reservations are requested, or open seating where available. Dress to impress (jackets required). For more information or reservations, please call (203) 881-1478.  
**Any new parishioners attending the dance and presenting this bulletin notice will receive a \$2. discount.**

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**ATTENTION GRADE 7 and GRADE 8 STUDENTS!!!  
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL  
ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT**

**Where: ST. ROSE OF LIMA GATHERING HALL  
40 CHURCH HILL ROAD  
NEWTOWN, CONNNECTICUT 06470**

**When: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009  
6:00 PM -8:00 PM**

Admissions Directors and Student Ambassadors from the following schools will provide you with information about their school and will answer questions you may have regarding admissions policies, academic and sports programs as well as how to plan a visit to their school. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Samantha Kohler, [kohler@stroseschool.com](mailto:kohler@stroseschool.com) or the school Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Kim Braun, [admin@stroseschool.com](mailto:admin@stroseschool.com)

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