

This Week at St. Rose – Sunday, September 27, 2009

Sunday, September 27 (Scout Patch Mass at 9 a.m.)
 all Masses K of C Tootsie Roll Drive 1
 7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, September 28 No School – Development Day
 6:30-9:30 p.m. Women's CRHP (2)
 7:00 p.m. Rel. Ed. New Parent Mtg. 3

Tuesday, September 29
 9:30-11 a.m. WEBS (2)
 10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group
 7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)

Wednesday, September 30
 9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 7:30 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

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

Friday, October 2 (First Friday)
 7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
 10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
 5 p.m. Benediction (7)

Saturday, October 3
 9:00 a.m. Blessing of Animals (stable)
 5:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy (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



FIRST FRIDAY – October 2, 2009

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

Come and Adore Jesus, here in St. Rose of Lima Church
 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 will 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 Paula Accomando & Andrew Szemiot**
III Christina Salas & Eric Tanski
II Elizabeth Kavanagh & Paul Mariconda

Dear Members of the St. Rose Parish Community,
 Peace and Goodness!

With hearts filled with gratitude, the Newman Community at WestConn would like to extend to all of you our thanks. Your prayers and financial support of our ministry was overwhelming! With your help we will be able to do the work God intends for us throughout the coming academic year. Be assured that we hold your prayer intentions in our hearts.
 Blessings,
 Fr. Mike Lasky, OFM Conv. and Newman Club

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 28
 6:45 Joseph Murphy The McEmber Family
 9:00 John Honan Religious Ed.

Tuesday, September 29
 6:45 Berdie & Al Lanza Lanza Family
 9:00 Catherine McGuire Moulder Family

Wednesday, September 30
 6:45 Catherine Sutter Mary Linke
 9:00 Lillian & Josefina Pascual Family

Thursday, October 1
 6:45 Helen Howryletz Jeanne & Jim Walker
 9:00 Luisa Dimic Religious Ed.

Friday, October 2 (First Friday)
 6:45 Sharon Barrows Robert Baiad
 9:00 Jane Dorry Ed & Barbara Dorry
 5:00 Benediction

Saturday, October 3
 8:00 Jerry & Gloria Manard Lanza Family
 4:00 Ann Hyland Hyland & Zaccaro Families
 5:30 Joseph Sideleau The Perpignand Family

Sunday, October 4
 7:30 Sr. Ethel MacIlvain (L) Kevin & Mary Maloney
 9:00 Jack Lamb Larry & Marilyn Slowik
 10:30 Marie Benicewicz Mulvihill Family
 12:00 Ernest Oswald Agnes & Bob Reilly
 5:00 Grade 8 Commitment Mass

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week in memory of Herman Rosa as requested by Pat Llodra.

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the Intentions of Tammy Card as requested by Melanie Bodetti.

Thank you for your support!	
Collection for September 20, 2009	\$17,602.88
Children's Collection	\$14.50
Collection September 21, 2008	\$16,490.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE strosechurch.com FOR YOUR REVIEW.	

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 Taunton Press Promo Dept. & Janine & Sandy in memory of Herman Rosa
Gift of The Dunseith Family in memory of William Honan, Jr.

PROJECT 2009
 Thanks to the following parishioners for their support.

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 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ryan
 Louis & Claire Holzner

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

The messages in this weekend's scriptures are very sobering especially in light of the current economic situation in our country. Saint James goes right to the heart of the matter for those who allowed themselves to be caught up in greed, seeking the luxuries and pleasures of this life. It is all in vain as wealth vanishes and God's justice prevails! The admonition by Jesus in the Gospel to avoid scandal so as not to lead anyone away from the truth of Jesus is equally sobering. We do not realize how significant our actions may be in influencing another's behavior, which can be both positive and negative. The direction to cut off our hand or foot or take out our eye rather than scandalize another is again right to the heart of the matter. How easily we can cause scandal by our lack of good judgment or decision to live a less than virtuous life. Our society is able to justify almost any behavior we may choose for ourselves, regardless of the Gospel. We are able to do the same in the decisions we make for our lives...are we building up God's kingdom on this earth or our own? It is amazing to me at times how we can get so caught up in our lives that the ways of the Lord slip away from us. While God gave us free will to choose as we will, God also gave those of us who are baptized the responsibility of living His will. I sit and listen to some conversations by Catholics and Christians and wonder if those who are speaking are listening to themselves and what they are saying! Take to heart the words of this weekend's liturgy, do a quick examination of yourself and ask if you are leading yourself and others to Christ or leading yourself and them away from Him.

On Saturday, October 3, over 125 seminarians from the Legionaries of Christ will be visiting the families of our religious education students in order to update our parish census as well as talk about the parish and our response to these families and their needs. A packet of information has been prepared for each family as well as an updated census form for our new parish computer program. The Legionaries will be traveling in teams of two; one will be wearing a Roman collar and the other a white shirt and black tie. This is a major undertaking, and I am grateful to our parish coordinator, Patrick Shevlin, and to the Legionaries for their willingness to assist us. PLEASE TRY TO HAVE SOMEONE HOME BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. We hope to visit over 900 homes, and your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Our sympathy to the family of Monsignor Edward Karl, the retired pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Bethel. As you may remember, Msgr. Karl became quite ill prior to his 75th birthday and retirement. He was hospitalized and has been in a nursing home for the past few years. Msgr. Karl served St. Mary's with great commitment, and we pray for his happy rest with the Lord.

Please keep the men of our parish who are on a CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH retreat this weekend in your prayers. I am very grateful to the team who have spent the past six months preparing for the weekend, and I am especially grateful to the men who said YES to this time away. May God's Spirit move in and through the hearts of each of these men.

This weekend, we are happy to welcome our Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to our 9:00 a.m. Mass. We are recognizing those scouts who earned religious awards this past year and acknowledge many other accomplishments by our Scouts. We can be very proud of this program and the good work it does for our youth and children.

We are also happy to welcome students from Immaculate High School who are visiting us this weekend. Immaculate High School is a diocesan high school located in Danbury. It has been a center of learning for many years and is now going through a real transformation in order to meet the contemporary needs of high school students. A dynamic new leadership team is in place along with an accomplished faculty and dedicated staff to provide a solid and faith-based education. If you have an 8th grader, please take some time to visit Immaculate...you will be surprised at what you find if you do!

The BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will take place on Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring your pets and ask St. Francis to keep a special watch over them. The blessing will take place on the lawn behind the Religious Education Office.

There is a lot of activity going on in the parish, so please be sure to take a bulletin and read through it. We are doing the best we can in providing as many opportunities for growth in faith as we are able. Come and join us...you are always welcome!

SCHOOL NEWS:

Blue Ribbon Award: St. Rose of Lima School has been awarded the 2009 U.S. Department of Education's prestigious national Blue Ribbon Award which honors America's most successful schools. Academically, St. Rose of Lima School ranks in the Top 10 percent of all schools in the U.S., based on the 2008 and past years of student performance on the IOWA test scores. We are extremely proud to be recognized for the commitment of service by our teachers, the excellent academic performance of our students, and the community spirit that fills the halls of our school. We acknowledge that the support of our parish, our Pastor and school families are the basis of our continued growth and ability to provide an excellent education to the children. This award serves as a symbol of your support and the commitment of our staff to make a significant, positive impact on children as they grow in age, wisdom, and grace.

Walk-A-Thon: T-Shirt Sponsors (\$50). Hurry! Deadline for submission is extended to September 27! Retail stores, banks, doctors, alumni, families, companies, etc. can become a T-shirt sponsor. T-shirt sponsors will be listed on the Walk-A-Thon T-shirt and will be published in the Church bulletin. Businesses will be thanked in the local newspapers. Visit our website to print and complete a T-shirt sponsor donation form! All donations are tax-deductible.

SCOUTS NEWS

Cub Scout Religious Awards: Cub scouts in grades 1 through 5 are eligible to work on their religious emblems granted under the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Boy Scouts of America. Boys in grades 1 and 2 may work on their Light of Christ emblem, and boys in grades 3-5 may work on their Parvuli Dei emblem. Award books are available from council or from scoutstuff.org. Completed booklets are due to Donna Locke by April 1, 2010. Boys who have completed all the requirements will receive their religious medals from Bishop Lori at an Awards Ceremony at Saint Theresa's in Trumbull on Friday, 6/4/10. Please contact Donna Locke at 426-9604 or at d.locke@snet.net if you have any questions.

Girl Scout Religious Awards: Girl scouts in grade 2 through grade 12 are eligible to work on the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) Girl Scout Religious workbooks and Bridgeport Diocese Girl Scout Madonna Award workbooks. Completed workbooks are due in to Michelle DePinto by 3/1/10. Girls who have completed all of the requirements will receive their religious medals from Bishop Lori at an Awards Ceremony at Saint Theresa's in Trumbull on Friday, 6/4/10. Please contact Michelle DePinto at 364-1229 or at depinto4@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

Scout Rosary Patch - 12/12/09: Scouts (girls and boys, grade 1 and up) are invited to attend a Rosary discussion with Monsignor Weiss on Saturday, 12/12 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at St. Rose Church (please arrive in uniform, 15 minutes early). Each scout must be accompanied by a parent. Patches earned may be worn on the back of the girl scout uniform or on a patch vest for boys. Cub Scout Pack 570 will provide the patches for their members. All others, bring \$4 cash and sign in upon arriving at 9:45. A patch will be ordered for you.

Scout Sunday - 3/13/10: Scouts (girls and boys) of all ages are invited to attend St. Rose Church's Scout Mass on Saturday, 3/13 at 5:30 pm. All scouts should be in their scout uniform. Girl scouts may like to wear pearls in honor of Juliette Low.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Pam Arsenault, DRE – 426-2333

Family Night

Last week all parents of children in the Religious Education program gathered and together we explored the theme of this year “Proclamation of the Word.” We discussed what our deepest desire is for the spirituality of our children and what we can do as parents to facilitate that in the Religious Education Program and in the home. In scripture, Jesus continually invites us to get our spiritual house in order. Certainly family prayer and celebrating our sacramental lives is most important; however let us be open to the spiritual creativity within us – that creative spirit of Christ – to explore what else we can do. The possibility of “Finding God” in all that we do is infinite. How about a family game night each week that is planned by a different family member – and maybe includes prizes for the winners? Maybe just taking out photo albums and movies and sharing stories of those memories? During these cool winter evenings, light a camp fire in your own backyard and roast marshmallows. Let’s simplify and create memories of a home life that relies on togetherness, rather than money, to bring joy to each member.

Reflection Question: What habit, which distracts you from following the Gospel, needs to be cut out of your life?

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Yom Kippur is celebrated (a) by Jews; (b) in the fall; (c) as a Day of Atonement; (d) all of these.

Please note that there are no Religious Education classes on Monday, September 28, because the public schools are closed.

New Parent Meeting

All parents who are new to the Religious Education Program are asked to attend an orientation session on Monday evening, **Sept. 28 at 7:00** in the parish hall. Come and enjoy a time to gather information, tell us your expectations, and explore the many facets of Religious Education at St. Rose parish and in the home.

Children’s Liturgy

Once a month, the readings, singing, greeting, and gift bearing at the Saturday 5:30 Mass will be led by children. Christ desires that the children participate in Mass, and what a wonderful opportunity to do so. An informational letter and sign-up form has been sent home with all the children (it is also available to download on the parish website). Please sign up as soon as possible. The first Children’s Liturgy will take place on **Saturday, October 3.**

Bible Blessing and Distribution for all Sixth Grade Students

During sixth grade, students begin a study of the Old Testament (7th grade focuses on New Testament). During all Masses next weekend, sixth graders will receive a Bible to help them with their study. Please encourage your sixth graders to read and mark up this Bible! We have a book available in the Religious Education Office that helps to understand the Bible and interpretation of the books of the Bible. It is called *The Bible Blueprint* and costs \$5.00.

Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, **October 3 at 9:00 a.m.**, in honor of the intercession of St. Francis, you are invited to bring your pets to the stable behind the Religious Education Office, where they will be blessed. We will thank God for the joy that they bring to our lives.

Animals in the Kingdom of God

In honor of the feast of St. Francis on October 4, all children will participate in a talk and demonstration with live animals in the parish hall at 9:15 and at 10:45 (during Religious Education

sessions). Parents are encouraged to attend. We are grateful to Jim and Bruce Knox for sharing their knowledge about animals in this interactive presentation.

Next Sunday is Respect Life Sunday. What ways can you show your respect for life on this day?

Confirmation Commitment Mass

On **Sunday, October 4 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**, all eighth grade students and their parents will gather in the Church for a Mass, during which time they will commit to a year of preparation for Confirmation, which will be celebrated on April 16 and April 17, 2010. Please note that students will also attend their regularly scheduled classes this week. The Mass on October 4 will fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation.

God’s Plan for Human Sexuality

On Monday, **October 5 from 4:15-5:15**, there is a special class for **fifth grade students** on God’s Plan for Human Sexuality. Human sexuality is covered in fifth grade in the schools. A child’s lasting impression of a topic is developed by the first way that they hear it; therefore parents have requested that their children hear about sexuality from their Creator’s perspective. Boys and girls are separated during the session, which is presented by people who have medical knowledge as well as a spiritual attitude. There is a **parent meeting on Thursday October 1 at 7:00 at the Religious Education Office** so that parents are given the opportunity to hear what the children will hear on October 5 – and we value your suggestions at this time. Children will need a signed permission slip to attend on October 5.

Adult Formation

Spiritual Journey: Please join us on Thursday, October 1 at 10:15-11:15 in the upstairs room at 38 Church Hill Road as Dea Herring leads a discussion. Your life will be enriched and blessed by the “spiritual journey.”

Mass for People with Special Needs

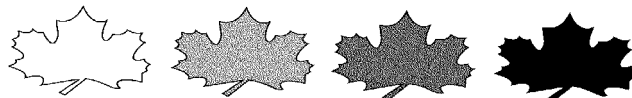
On Sunday, Sept. 27 at 4:00 at St. Cecilia Parish in Stamford, Bishop Lori will celebrate a Mass for People with Special Needs. All are welcome to attend, and an educational fair will follow Mass. For more information, contact Michelle Grieco, Diocesan Director of Ministry for People with Disabilities at 416-1502 or e-mail her at mgrieco@diobpt.org.

Education Parish Service (EPS)

Are you ready to take the next step in your spiritual development? Do you have questions and not enough answers? Enroll in EPS by calling 847-2363 or contact Priscilla Toumey at EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu and find out the many classes that you are encouraged and invited to attend at St. Philip Parish in Norwalk from 7:15-9:20. We also have a list of classes in the Religious Education Office at 38 Church Hill Road.

This week we celebrate the lives of Sts. Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz & Companions (Sept. 28), Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (Sept. 29), St. Jerome (Sept. 30), St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Oct. 1), Guardian Angels (Oct. 2), and St. Theodore (Oct. 3).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (d) This high holy day for Jews, which is observed on Sept. 28, is marked by fasting and prayer. God’s nature is always inclusive, and this point is accentuated in today’s readings.



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: Electric clothes dryer.

Available: Two guard rails for a twin bed; one twin stroller (front/back); one Smart Cycle (Stationary bike, learning center, & arcade game system—all in one!).

Available: Three cushion Sofa, blue & green

Available in a month: Lovely canopy bed and dresser.

Needed: Dresser.

Needed: One twin size bed frame.

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

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, October 18, 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 info, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 203-364-9796.

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.



RCIA IS A JOURNEY OF FAITH

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into believing with the Church community, living with the Church community, praying with the Church community and serving with the Church community.

Are you, or is someone you know, considering beginning a journey of faith toward membership in this Catholic Christian community? If the answer is yes, please contact Deacon Tom at 426-0861 or the parish office at 426-1014 for more information. An introductory and welcoming meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 in the 38 Church Hill Religious Ed. Building.

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

Our next parish nurse meeting will be Oct. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish nurse office. New members are always welcome!

GET YOUR FLU SHOT! Flu clinic at St. Rose on Sunday, October 25, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Must be 18 years or older. This vaccine is ONLY for the seasonal flu. If you are interested in the H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine, you should contact your primary care physician.

VNS will accept Blue Cross/Blue Shield of CT, Health Net (Commercial & Smart Choice) as well as Medicare (Part B). Parishioners covered under these insurance plans do not need to pay for flu vaccines. Bring your insurance membership card. The fee for the vaccine is \$30 payable to VNS if you are not covered under any of these insurance plans. Receipts will be available.

Please call 426-2573 ext. 13 and leave a message with your name and time that you will be there. Walk-ins accepted.

HEALTH TIP: The perfect Post Workout Treat! For a post-workout drink that helps you trim, tone, and rehydrate, look to this childhood fave: milk. In a 12-week study, male weightlifters who drank a 500-milliliter glass of milk right after a workout, and another glass 1 hour later, gained more lean body mass and lost more fat than those who drank a soy or carbohydrate sports drink instead.

ST. ROSE FAMILY LIFE THEATRE – On Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Rose Gathering Hall, we will be screening the movie **Bella**, starring Eduardo Verastegui. **Bella** was the #1 Top Rated film by the New York Times Reader’s Poll, Yahoo and Fandango. Winner of the Toronto Film Festival 2007 People’s Choice Award. **“An unforgettable experience. A celebration of family, food, music and life-affirming values.” Michael Medved. “Powerful and moving...a true inspiration.” CNN, Anna Maria Montero. “Warm, sweet and funny.” Roger Ebert – RogerEbert.com. “Best movie of the year!” Tony Bennett–Grammy and Emmy award winning singer/songwriter. “A bear-hugging embrace of sweetness and light.” Stephen Holden, The New York Times. PG-13 91 minutes. \$2.**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

October is Pro-Life month! Additional Pro-Life/Pro-Family materials will be available during October. Look for them at all of the weekend masses!

Family Movie Night! – look for details in this bulletin

Life Chain in Danbury! – look for details in this bulletin

NEXT MEETING: Tues., October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory

ROSARY FOR LIFE: Saturday, October 31 after the 8 a.m. mass and on the last Saturday of each month

SIDEWALK PRAYER: every Tuesday and Saturday fro 9 to 11 a.m. at 27 Hospital Ave. in Danbury

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

THIS MONTH'S NEW CD – FOCUS ON PARENTING: Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime – Dr. Ray Guarendi (*You Are a Better Parent Than You Think*). Dr Ray is a psychologist, radio talk show host, husband and a father to 10 adopted children. He explains that what is needed to raise well-adjusted children who are prepared to succeed in life in today's challenging environment is uncommonly good parenting. He draws from his wealth of knowledge and experience to discuss, with wisdom and humor, practical ways to succeed in this God-given calling. **"Fantastic insight into better parenting attitudes and guidelines! It is great to listen to over and over again."** Cecilia – Merrick, NY. **"Very useful ideas that can help a family to reduce conflict, raise responsible children, and maintain a Catholic home environment."** John – Augusta, MI. Check church foyer display. \$3/CD suggested donation.

The battle for life is not between pro-lifers and pro-abortion supporters, traditionalists and feminists, but rather between justice and injustice. Either life is for everyone or the right to life will be doled out at the whims of the powerful. Pray that this does not come to pass.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS www.kofc185.com

Rosary Night – Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 1 in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Social starts at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 pm.

The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive will take place at all the masses at St. Rose the weekend of September 26-27. Proceeds go to St. Catherine Academy.

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 Markus Balas at 449-7190 or email markus@designsbymarkus.com.

Tickets to the CT Catholic Men's Conference on Sat. Oct. 3 at the Chevrolet Theatre in Wallingford are available at the St. Rose Rectory.

Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information, contact Kirk Babyak by phone at 270-6265 or by email at kirk.babyak@charter.net

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SERVING US

May God keep special watch over these men and women serving in the United States Military

United States Army

Capt. Andra Allison
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



www.stroseyouthgroup.com

5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: October 2, 2009 – Miniature golf at Golf Quest from 3:30-5:30. Cost: \$10.00.

Senior Youth Group: The next meeting is Sunday, September 27 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the church.

For all High School students: Please join the **"Do-Gooders"** at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Safeplace. We do community service throughout the year and spend a week in Albany in the summer. Come see the fun projects we have planned and help us to serve God in our community. For info call Eileen Dunseith 270-1419 or Joe DeMaida 270-9133.

MEETINGS

The **FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP** We meet 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.

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries

Bishop William Edward Lori, STD, will celebrate a Mass, in which the commemoration of significant marriage anniversaries will occur, at **Saint Theresa Church**, Trumbull, on **Sunday, October 25, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.** Bishop Lori will be the homilist and will administer both the renewal of marriage vows and the presentation of commemorative certificates. Couples who have or will be celebrating (during the months of July-December) one of the following wedding anniversaries—**15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th**, and **50 plus years**—are invited to participate with family and friends. **Interested couples should register with one's own parish office as soon as possible.** The deadline for registration is **Tuesday, October 13, 2009.**

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

NEWTOWN/SANDY HOOK CROP WALK – 2009

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH 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 & income. Questions, call Pastor Greg Wismar, 426-6300.

ADULT FORMATION

A field trip to The Wisdom House Retreat Center in Litchfield, CT is planned for Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The program: **WISDOM, SPIRITUALITY and CREATION**, will be led by Patricia Torre, DW, retreat and spiritual director, currently serving as Pastoral Associate at Sacred Heart Church in Southbury. Program description: Contemplating the Wisdom Scriptures we see One who is with God from the beginning and who continues to delight in and dwell with all the created world. We will discover ways to live and honor this truth in our daily lives. There will be time for presentation, quiet, sharing, labyrinth walking, and ritual. Fee: \$35 (includes lunch). Call Jean Conover if you plan to attend and for more details. We will meet in the St. Rose Parking lot and car pool. 426-6146
jconover6146@sbcglobal.net.

NAZARETH SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PROGRAMS

1428 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, CT. 203-268-7119

Sunday, **October 4, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

“**Angels in our Midst**”. Presenter: Dr. Thomas Hicks

Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Introduction to: “**Journaling with the Lord**”

Please register in advance. **Fee: \$20.** per person.

IMMACULATE CORNER

Immaculate High School will hold its fall Open House on Sunday, October 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – all are welcome! Immaculate's entrance exams will be held on Saturday, October 24 and Saturday, November 14, both from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Call (203) 744-1510 to register, and visit the IHS website www.immaculatehs.org.

LAURALTON HALL

The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, LAURALTON HALL, an all-Girls Catholic college preparatory school in Milford, invites all 8th Grade Girls to spend a day as a shadow student October 8 through November 20, 2009. For further information, call Mrs. Kathleen Shine at (203) 877-2786 extension 144.

OPEN HOUSE AT FAIRFIELD PREP: Fairfield Prep invites all 7th and 8th grade boys and their families to an OPEN HOUSE Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 2-4 p.m. Meet faculty, administrators, and students to learn more about Fairfield Prep's many offerings. For directions to Prep and to create your online rep Admissions Account, visit the Fairfield Prep website at www.fairfieldprep.org and click on the Admissions page.

Danbury Life Chain

(A Prayerful Witness against Abortion)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

2:30-3:30 p.m.

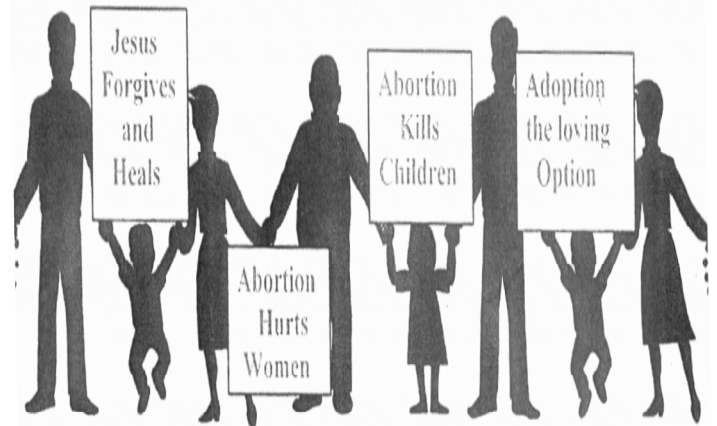
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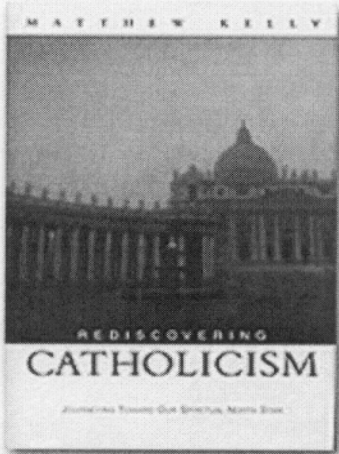
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for the Rosary of Reparation

Information: 438-6123 or 748-2938



What Are You Going To Do This Fall That Will Change Your Life Forever?

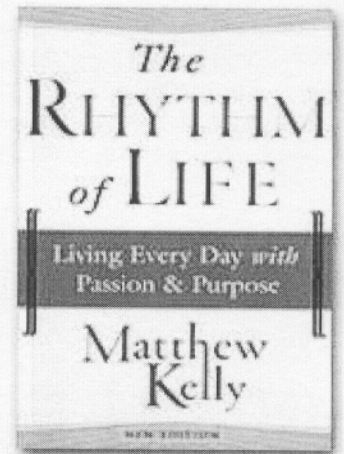
Matthew Kelly was born in Sydney, Australia. Over the past ten years more than two million people in fifty countries have attended his talks, seminars, and retreats. He is the author of ten books including the *New York Times* bestseller *The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose*. If you have heard Matthew speak or read his writings, you know already that he possesses a rare gift to convey life-changing insights in a powerful and inspiring way.



What is Catholicism? What does it mean to be Catholic? Is Catholicism relevant today in our modern world? The essence of Catholicism is transformation – a dynamic way of life that encourages and empowers each individual to become the-best-version-of-themselves. To be Catholic means to be striving to live the Gospel, to be striving to become more like Jesus Christ. It is this dynamic approach to transformation that animates the human person – physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually – and allows us to experience “life to the fullest” (John 10:10).

Matthew Kelly's *Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose* is a series of 6 DVD presentations that perfectly identify our common search and struggle for happiness and is filled with powerful stories and practical examples that redefine the way we think about ourselves, our Catholic faith,

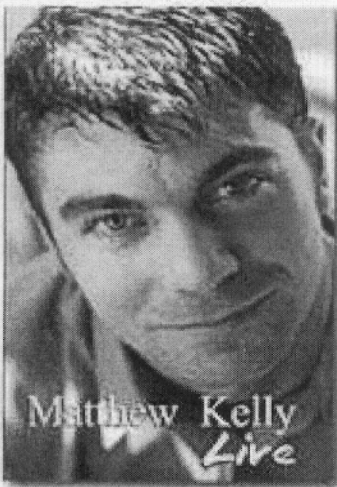
and the way we live our lives. We all need to step back from time to time to get another look at who we are and where we are going. Come and join us for this DVD series and rediscover God's dream for you – to become thebest-version-of-yourself!



Facilitators – Justine Kohlsaar and Joanne Marcinek

Justine is an eleven year member of St. Rose and actively volunteers to support the religious education department. She recently participated in the Christ Renews

His Parish Retreat. Joanne is a five year member of St. Rose and is actively involved in the Christ Renews His Parish ministry. She is also a part time administrative assistant at the St. Rose Religious Ed department. Both Justine and Joanne wholeheartedly believe that Matthew's dynamic message on the Catholic faith is powerfully relevant and applicable to our everyday lives.



When: 6 Wednesday mornings

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Dates: Oct 28th – Dec 9

Where: St. Rose of Lima, Newtown CT

Upper Room at 38 Church Hill Road

Cost of Workbook: \$10

To learn more about this study group and to sign up by Oct. 14, please email (askjoanne@gmail.com) Joanne Marcinek.

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