

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, November 1, 2009

Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

10-6 Cash for Gold (Rector)
 5-6:30 p.m. Instructional Mass/Prep Day 1
 7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP Meeting (2)

Monday, November 2 (All Souls Day)

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cash for Gold (Rector)
 6:30 p.m. Women's CRHP Meeting (2)
 7:00 p.m. All Souls Prayer Service (1)
 7:30 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting (rectory)

Tuesday, November 3

9:30 a.m. WEBS (2)
 10 a.m. Job Network Support Group 2
 7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)

Wednesday, November 4

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 10 a.m.-12 noon Matt Kelly Program (2)
 3:30 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 p.m. Folk Choir (1)
 7:30 p.m. "Do-Gooders" meeting (5)

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6 (First Friday)

7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
 10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
 10-5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
 5 p.m. Benediction

Saturday, November 7

This weekend Baby Shower for Birthright (1)
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)
 6:30 p.m. K of C Wine Tasting (3)

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 |

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:

11/12/09 at 7 p.m. St. Edward the Confessor (New Fairfield)
 Register online at www.virtus.org – click on the registration tab, select Bridgeport, CT and follow the prompts. There are other classes scheduled & the info can be found online at www.virtus.org.



We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of October, 2009

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| Antonio Jose Arguello | Tucker Ross Magnotta |
| Aiden Robert Bailey | Madison Catherine Mallico |
| Alia Lee D'Amico | Easton James Nankervis |
| Jaden Carl D'Amico | Massimo Glynn Rivera |
| Brooke Elaine Kirkham | Aron Michael Roman |
| Alexander Zigmund Kugler | Joseph Thomas Rossomando |
| Charlotte Grace Magnotta | Andrew Edward Smiley |
| | Drew Lewis Traverso |

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 2 (All Souls Day)

6:45 Jeffrey Carlisle Rod Hamar, Lil Gustilo & family
 9:00 Rita Sweeney Tim & Meaghan Berry
 12:00 Mass at St. Rose Cemetery
 7:00 All Souls Service

Tuesday, November 3

6:45 Herman Rosa Liz and Paul Arneth
 9:00 Jeff White Tim & Debbie Reilly

Wednesday, November 4

6:45 Joseph P. Murphy Jim & Ann Marie Mitchell
 9:00 Luisa Dimic Rosary Group

Thursday, November 5

6:45 Walter Hentschel Mona Lauricella
 9:00 Edmond Farrell Tim & Meaghan Berry

Friday, November 6 (First Friday)

6:45 Thomas Esposito Marie Esposito
 9:00 George DeAngeles Pascual Family
 5:00 Benediction

Saturday, November 7

8:00 Herman Rosa Maureen Rohmer
 4:00 Martha & Joseph Piroh Rosemarie Abric
 5:30 Anthony Melita Robert Baiad

Sunday, November 8

7:30 Bobby Marino & Kevin Pendergast John & Anna Pendergast
 9:00 Brennan Merrick The Sgobbo Family
 10:30 John Friar & Bruce Wilkins Friar & Wilkins Family
 12:00 Cecilia Colombatto Joe & Roberta Jacovino

IN REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Peter Campbell as requested by Grandma & Matt.

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Juan Carlos Rojas Achoa as requested by his sister, Bibiana Dedios.

Thank you for your support!

Collection for October 25, 2009	\$17,097.00
Children's Collection	\$ 15.50
Collection October 26, 2008	\$17,647.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE strosechurch.com FOR YOUR REVIEW.	

PROJECT 2009

Thanks to the following parishioners for their support!

- Cathy D'Aquila
 Pauline Denning



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – NOV. 6

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 5p.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."

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

ALL SAINTS DAY is one of the greatest feasts of our Church, for not only does it celebrate those who have gone before us in faith to live forever with the Lord, but it also celebrates the greatest stories of faith lived by men and women throughout history. We are all familiar with the lives of the more “popular” saints, but we can never forget those who lived ordinary lives rooted in a consistent and deep faith in God. All of us are called to holiness, which in this world is a great challenge, but with God’s grace it is possible and it is achievable. We are constantly barraged by messages that can easily take us away from the truth of the Gospel and sanction just about any behavior of which a human being is capable. It is so easy for us to find a way around what we know is right and good and justify our decisions to do as we please regardless of the effects it may have on another. How many people are broken, hurt and angry because of those decisions? We can always choose the right way, God’s way, which is the path of holiness. This feast is a reminder to all of us that heaven is not ours by living the life we want to live apart from the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We shall all stand before God in judgment and be accountable for our lives and our life’s decisions and choices. Pray God that when we do, we will be welcomed into that great company of holy men and women who stand waiting for us to share the Beatific Vision with us.

ALL SOULS DAY is also a great feast for us as Catholics. We have a holy reverence for those who have gone before us in death. This day is set aside for us to remember in a special way our faithful departed and to pray in a particular way for the souls in purgatory. As the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH tells us:

All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

The Church gives the name “purgatory” to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

This teaching is based on the practice of prayers for the dead... from the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.

That is why we offer Mass intentions for the dead as well as the tradition of the All Souls envelopes, where the names of our faithful departed are written and placed near the tabernacle or on the altar for the month of November. Let us remember with our prayers those who are at rest and pray their eternal peace with God.

This week, our school principal, Mrs. Mary Maloney, and I are off to Washington, D.C. to receive the Blue Ribbon for Excellence in Education from the United States Department of Education. The award will be presented at a luncheon on Tuesday. We will gather with over 300 schools of excellence from across the United States. One note of importance: **FIVE OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT!** This is an incredible honor for us and one that truly recognizes the significant role that Catholic schools play not only by providing a strong Christian foundation for our students but one of academic excellence. I am grateful to the many who have helped us achieve this recognition through all 51 years of Saint Rose School: former pastors and parochial vicars, religious communities of sisters, talented principals and dedicated faculty and staff, our parents who have given so much of their time and commitment through the years and our greatest blessing, our students. It is an honor we share with all those who have believed in us and supported us through the years!

Thanks to everyone who has been part of our many activities these past days. Our parish calendar is a very full one, and I am grateful to all those who are coordinating these many programs and events for us as well as to all those who have been attending them. We are truly blessed to be able to do so much for so many. Please be sure to take a bulletin home with you and join us as your schedules allow. You will not be disappointed!

We are hosting a Cash For Gold event this Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. Be assured you will receive the full value of any items you bring to redeem for cash. The parish is given a gratuity for the use of the facility by the sponsoring organization and not a share of what you receive. In speaking with other pastors who have been participating, this has been a help to many especially with the holidays just around the corner.

Meanwhile, for all of us at Saint Rose, it is all about BLUE these days...just take a look at our building!!!!!!!

ALL SOULS' DAY EVENING SERVICE -- On Monday, Nov. 2nd, the Bereavement Ministry will hold a prayer service at 7:00PM in the St. Rose of Lima Church. At this service we will remember our parishioners who have died this past year. Please plan on joining us as we celebrate their life amongst us and their share in the eternal banquet with Christ in heaven. Although we miss their physical presence, they will always be present in our hearts and minds. **Deacon Don and Stephanian Naiman**, Bereavement Ministry Coordinators

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE DECEMBER 4th, 5th, 6th

It is hard to believe that the Christmas Boutique is just around the corner. The sign-up board will be in the vestibule of the church beginning the week-end of November 7/8. Please consider signing up to set up, work at the boutique, or pack up. We can use a lot of help, and it is a good way to get to know other parishioners. The slots are kept short because it is a busy time of year for everyone. Please jot down the time you sign up to work, because we will probably not get a chance to call to remind you. Please note that pack-up on Sunday is the only time suitable for Confirmation hours. Thank you for your support.

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. at 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.



The Holy Cloud of Witnesses
The Communion of Saints

What makes a saint? First and foremost – someone who depends on God for everything and struggles with his or her imperfections. The beatitudes in the Gospel remind us of our neediness. We can only be satisfied if we have experienced a sense of need. And we can only appreciate the neediness of others when we acknowledge our own needs. This is vulnerability – this is humility. Today Jesus assures us that we are blessed through our needs and we are given His grace to have complete trust in Him. In our weakness, allow God to transform us to be the people He created us to be. We are all potential saints – it all comes down to more dependence on God and vulnerability with others.

Reflection Question and Activity: Have you ever allowed yourself to admit your vulnerability to another person? Instead of being “right” all the time, practice admitting your weakness to others and watch the blessings that flow from that response.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Dia de los Muertos is celebrated by Hispanic Catholics on the solemnity of (a) All Souls; (b) All Saints; (c) Pentecost; (d) Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Special Collection for Religious Education

This weekend, the monthly collection is designated for those in need of scholarships for Religious Education and for books for the new children’s library upstairs at 38 Church Hill Road. This year there was a three-fold increase in scholarship requests for Religious Education – primarily due to lack of employment or underemployment. As a community of faith, we are grateful to those who are compassionate to those in need. If you are not prepared to give during today’s collection and would like to do so, you are welcome to either drop it in the mail or at St. Rose.

7th Grade All Saints Day Instructional Mass and Confirmation Preparation Enrollment

This Sunday, Nov. 1, all 7th grade students and their parents will gather at 5:00 in the Church as we formally begin our journey of faith toward Confirmation. Packets of information will be distributed at this time – attendance is essential.

Children’s Liturgy

Once a month, the readings, singing, greeting, and gift bearing at the Saturday 5:30 Mass is 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 web site (strosechurch.com)). Please sign up as soon as possible. **The next Children’s Liturgy will be held on November 14.**

Adult Formation

Bishop Lori at St. Rose

On **Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:00**, Bishop Lori will speak on *Charity and Truth: Catholic Social Teaching*. This promises to be an enlightening talk about how our Catholic teachings offer hope to the world.

Change Your Life Forever

On Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – noon for six weeks, there is a study group based on Matthew Kelly’s book: “Living Every Day With Passion and Purpose” at the Religious Education Office. Please call Joanne Marcinek at the Religious Education Office to register 426-2333. This series was held this past summer, and the reviews were superb!

Field Trip to Wisdom House!

On **Saturday, November 7**, join fellow parishioners as you car-pool to Wisdom Retreat House in Litchfield to experience “Holy Spirit and Ecology” led by Dr. Elizabeth Dreyer. You will leave St. Rose at 8:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. Please call Jean Conover for additional information 426-6146.

Spiritual Journey

Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 10:15-11:15 in the upstairs room at 38 Church Hill Road as Jackie Musante leads a teaching about “The First Eucharistic Prayer.” You will experience these words in a new way at Mass as together we explore their meaning. Jackie is part of the adult formation team at St. Augustine Cathedral. Your life will be enriched and blessed by this “spiritual journey.” All welcome--refreshments are served.

Listening to the Small Still Voice
From Computer Guru to Catholic Priest

On **Nov. 15 at 4:00** in the parish hall, Fr. Reggie Norman will speak about his personal journey in faith to the priesthood. Come & join us as St. Rose Catholic Forum sponsors this inspiring story.

St. Augustine Lecture

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the Diocese of Bridgeport invites you to attend a lecture at St. Stephen Parish, 6948 Main Street, Trumbull. They will begin with Adoration and Confession at 6:30 followed by the lecture at 7:30. Fr. Bill Petrie, SSCC, will speak about the life of **St. Damien of Molokai** who was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. St. Damien is the 9th saint to have lived and died in the United States.

Come to this presentation and learn about a humble priest who ministered to leprosy patients on the island of Molokai in Hawaii in the late 1800s. **Invite your friends! The book, Father Damien: A bit of Taro, A bit of Fish, and A Glass of Water**, will be on sale after the lecture.

For more information contact the Office for Pastoral Services at (203) 416-1440.

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 All Saints Day (Nov. 1), All Souls Day (Nov. 2), St. Martin de Porres (Nov. 3), and St. Charles Borromeo (Nov. 4).

Answer to Catholic IQ: (a) *Dia de los Muertos* – The Day of the Dead – is celebrated mainly in Mexico and coincides with All Souls Day, November 2.

Reminder: There are no classes on Tuesday, Nov. 3 because of Election Day.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Social Concerns Committee Meeting on Wed. Nov. 4 @ 7:30 p.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. New members are always welcome

To See Pictures of our wonderful volunteers working on the clothing drive, go to <http://www.strosechurch.com/> (click on) Photos and Slideshows (click on) St. Rose Clothing Drive 2009 – Slideshow. You'll see St. Rose parishioners, your friends and neighbors, working with mountains of donated clothing. Don't miss the 2-1/2 year old working along with the rest of us.

Parishioner to Parishioner: (*"Available" items are offered without charge; just make arrangements to pick them up*)

Available: Microwave oven.

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

Bereavement Ministry

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, November 15, 2009 from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room on the main floor of 38 Church Hill Rd. 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.

Come to Pray for Priests on Priestly Thursday – Devotion in the Chapel, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany for all priests, and silence. Thursdays from 3-4 p.m.

Both the Eucharist and the priesthood "have their roots in" the Last Supper. We thank Jesus for giving us the Eucharist and the priesthood. St. Thomas shows that devotion is not just an emotion ("feeling devotion") but that it is a virtue and act of the will whereby we readily dedicate ourselves to those things that have to do with the service of God...According to the traditions of the Catholic Church each day of the week is associated with a particular devotion.

Priestly Thursday Devotion has its roots in the Thursday devotion to the Holy Spirit whose power explains the strength shown by martyrs in their glorious suffering and death as witnesses to Christ, remembrance of the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist.

Let us pray for the Holy Father, Fill him with your graces, Lord Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops, Give them Your gifts, Lord

Diocesan priests, Never leave them, Lord

Priests in seminary work, Give them Your wisdom, Lord

Priests in hospital work, Give them constancy, Lord.

NAZARETH SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PROGRAM

1428 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, CT.

Sunday, November 15 from 1-4 p.m. Fee: \$20 per person.

"Mary, Mother of All Nations" Presenter: Theresa Romano

Call for reservations 203-993-9316.

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

Help us help you! Please fill out the Parish Nursing Survey in the vestibule and return it to the box near each entrance at the church. This survey is also available at strosechurch.com. Your opinion is VERY important to us! Thanks.

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network will be holding a WALK/RUN awareness event this Sunday, November 1, 2009 at the Danbury Fair Mall. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. for the 2.5 mile walk/run, beginning promptly at 9 a.m. To register or learn more go to www.Pancan.org/purplestridedanbury. Ellen Klaus, a parish nurse, has been instrumental in developing this event, which is raising money to try to get a screening tool for pancreatic cancer.

HEALTH TIP

Have you ever driven to the store, only to forget to buy one or more of the items you needed? You could make a list ahead of time, or you could use a handy mnemonic technique to sharpen your memory and remember everything in one stop. The mnemonic technique relies on the fact that your brain uses information from all your senses—touch, sight, smell, hearing, and taste—to form your memories. For example, have you ever noticed how a certain smell can remind you of someone or something from your past? Information from your nose is processed partly by the limbic system, a part of the brain involved in memory and emotion that stores memories. The more senses engaged while experiencing an event, the more likely you'll be to remember it. Use your imagination to create associations based on your five senses to help you remember something practical, such as that list of grocery items. Memory-Making Mnemonic: Suppose you are preparing for a picnic and you want to remember a list of items to take: napkins, plastic cups, paper plates, chairs, soda, and a potato salad. First, choose a favorite and familiar place, such as a bedroom, backyard, or neighborhood park, and create a mental map of that place. Imagine the surroundings in as much detail as you can, noticing colors, sounds, smells, and feelings associated with the setting. Can you visualize 5-10 objects in this space? These objects are the foundation for you mnemonic—your memory device. Once you fix them in your mind, you can use them to help you remember almost anything. Let's say your favorite place is your backyard and you easily visualize a rose bush, a tree, a cobblestone path, a doghouse, a garden hose, and a patio table. Create an association between each item on your picnic list and one of the objects in the yard.

The crazier and sillier your associations, the better the memory device will work. When it's time to get your picnic items together, close your eyes and take a mental walk around your decorated backyard. You'll be sure to remember everything!

Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

BABY SHOWER FOR BIRTHRIGHT OF GREATER DANBURY - The Pro-Life/Pro-Family and Social Concerns Committees are co-sponsoring a BABY SHOWER FOR BIRTHRIGHT OF GREATER DANBURY, Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8. Birthright is a pregnancy resource center which helps women not to feel pressured into an abortion. Their efforts continue after the birth of children. They are in need of: crib sheets, undershirts, diapers, towels, baby clothing to 24 months, etc. Birthright cannot accept baby equipment such as carriages or high chairs. More items are listed on the flyer in the bulletin and on the St. Rose web site under Pro-Life/Pro-Family. There will be a van at the entrance to the church during that weekend to receive donations.

WE NEED YOUR BABY BOTTLES! IF YOU HAVE A BABY BOTTLE AT HOME, PLEASE REMEMBER TO DROP IT IN THE BOTTLE DROP UNDER THE PRO-LIFE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE VESTIBULE! THANK YOU!

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 2 at 7:30 in the rectory

ROSARY FOR LIFE: Saturday, November 28 after the 8 A.M. mass and on the last Saturday of each month

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.

The Catholic Forum presents: Father Reggie Norman - From Computer Guru to Priest: One Man's Tale of Listening to the Still, Small Voice Sunday, November 22, 2009 - Father Reggie will celebrate the 4 p.m. Mass followed by a 5 p.m. talk in the hall Father Reginald D. Norman, 42, was born in Durham, NC, and grew up in Norwalk and Stratford. He was raised a Baptist, and entered the Catholic church through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) He worked as a sales manager, volunteered for 17 years in Stratford Emergency Medical Services, and was treasurer of the Stratford South End Community Center for 12 years. Recognizing a call to serve the Church, Father Norman became a permanent deacon for the diocese in 2006, where he determined to pursue a path to the priesthood. He completed his theological studies at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell this year. He was recently named diocesan director of the Apostolate for African American Catholics. Please join us as this dynamic speaker shares his path to the faith and priesthood.

It is easier to scrape the baby out of the mother's womb than to scrape the memory of the baby out of her mind. Abortion destroys two lives, the life of the baby and the conscience of the mother. We must help all who have had an abortion realize that God's forgiveness is infinite so they can be at peace and be healed.



COMBINE SERVICE & FUN: Join the "Do-Gooders" at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Safeplace. Our group does a service project once a month and spends a week in Albany, NY in the summer. Check out our website: www.saintrosedogooders.weebly.com

MEMBERS OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL (Bridgeport, CT) class of 1974 are planning a reunion for the summer 2010. We are trying to locate our classmates and lay teachers. Any information is welcome. Contact Edmund Leahy at edmundk82@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) 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
2nd Lt. Jessica Zencey
2nd Lt. Phillip Zencey

United States Navy
Aman Michael Carter
RPSN Philip DeMayo
CEI Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.
MIDN Allison Kirk
ENS Daniel Kirk
Lt. Cmdr Timothy Krippendorf
Lt. Commander John Porado
PO Christopher Szabo
Army National Guard
CSM Al Almeida
Spc. Carl Bergquist
Pfc. Matthew Bergquist
Major Todd Bookless
United States Marines
Gy. Sgt. James A. Allen
WO Michael Costello
1st Lt. Christopher J. DiNoto
Cpl. Robert W. Hoyt, Jr.
Major David G. Irving
Major Benjamin Krippendorf
Lance Cpl. Rylan McCollum
Pfc Luke T. Miller
PFC Ian Montgomery
Col. Will F. L. Rodgers
Lance Cpl. John Tamborino



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS www.kofc185.com
Join us on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Gathering Hall for a Holiday Wine Tasting. There will be live jazz music and wonderful food. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

Family Rosary Night will be Nov. 5 at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel.

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m., social at 7 p.m. in the Msgr. Conroy Room.

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.

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



www.stroseyouthgroup.com
5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: Saturday, November 21 - Leaf raking for community service. This is just for 7th, 8th and high schoolers. We travel around Newtown by bus to clean up yards for the winter. This is a Saturday that runs from 9-3:00, and there are community hours available. Bring your own bag lunch, warm clothes and a rake. This is a great day because we are doing God's work.

Senior Youth Group: The Sr. Youth Group will be meeting Sunday, November 1 at 6 p.m. in the Safeplace.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A Memorial Mass for the Deceased Women of the Diocese will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Stamford followed by a reception. This is sponsored by the Bridgeport Diocese Council of Catholic Women. If someone cannot attend but would like to have their loved ones included in the memorial, please contact Marie Walsh at 203-569-2559 or email @ marietwalsh@optonline.net.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CELEBRITY BREAKFAST

Catholic Charities of Danbury invites you to be a part of something great! Please join us on Nov. 3 at 7:30 a.m. at the Amber Room in Danbury for our 6th annual celebrity breakfast. This breakfast supports the family loan program of Catholic Charities, an essential program serving needy families throughout the greater Danbury area. This year's speaker is Ira Joe Fisher, noted weatherman, TV personality and poet. Join us for a good breakfast while doing a good deed. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Call Catholic Charities of Danbury (203) 743-4412.

The NYBA (NEWTOWN YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION) will be running clinics for Referees the first 4 Mondays in November (2, 9, 16 & 23) from 7-9 p.m. at Newtown High School. Anyone in grades 9-12 who is interested in Referring must attend minimum of two clinics—current refs and new refs (4th year refs must attend 1 clinic). Please contact Mrs. Runkle at mjpecorarunkle@charter.net for further questions.

DANBURY EMMAUS

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.

HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, SHELTON will hold its annual Holiday Gift Boutique November 12th through November 15th in the Church Hall on Coram Avenue, Shelton. Special Preview night with Wine & Cheese is on Thursday, November 12th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00. The Boutique continues with free admission Friday, November 13th, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Saturday, November 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 15th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

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, November 14 at the Heritage Hotel in Southbury. The program is open to anyone who is caring for a parent, spouse, child, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild 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.

MASONICARE OF NEWTOWN free lunch at 12 noon and presentation at 12:15, Tues. Nov. 17, 139 Toddy Hill Rd. Lodge Room. Topic: Preventing Falls Presenter: Pam Caron, Physical Therapist. RSVP by Nov. 13 Helpline Center 888-679-9997.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF NEWTOWN is celebrating WORLD COMMUNITY DAY on Friday, November 6 and all are welcome to attend. WCD focuses on justice and peace in the global society. This year the theme is "Piecing Earth Together" focusing on the environment and how we are called to work together to be good stewards of the gifts of the earth. There will be a speaker on the topic. The celebration will be held at the Newtown Congregational Church at 6:00 pm. A pizza dinner including salad, dessert, and drinks will be served for \$5.00 a person. This is a great opportunity to meet with people of faith from the other Newtown Churches as we praise God for the gifts of the earth he has given us. Contact Jean Conover at 426-6146 for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In this busy world, married couples often don't take time for themselves. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a perfect opportunity for a couple to dedicate a weekend just to themselves—a time to concentrate on deepening their marital relationship in an atmosphere of privacy and trust. Whether you have been married 3 years or 33 years, make your good marriage even better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming weekends are November 6-8, 2009 and January 29-31, 2010.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADE BOYS: Registrations for the Fairfield Prep entrance examination are now being accepted. Please contact the Office of Enrollment and Marketing by e-mail admissions@fairfieldprep.org for further information. The next exam date is November 14, 2009. For further admissions information and to create your online Prep Admissions Account, visit the Prep website at www.fairfieldprep.org.

IMMACULATE'S ENTRANCE EXAM

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL'S ENTRANCE EXAM will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Call (203) 744-1510 ext. 132 to register, and visit the IHS website www.immaculatehs.org. This is the final exam for which student results can qualify for merit-based scholarships like the Marian Scholarships to Immaculate. All parents of incoming freshmen are reminded that the deadline to apply for financial aid consideration is November 14th—visit our website to find out how to apply.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART/Greenwich: All School Open House for preschool through grade 12, will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The program for preschool through grade 4 will be from 12-2 p.m. The program for grades 5 through 12 will be from 2-4 p.m. Please RSVP to the Admission Office at 203-532-3534 or admission@cshgreenwich.org.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH DANCE

Come join us in a night of dancing at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Shelton Rd., Trumbull, Saturday, November 14th from 7:30-11:30. Live Music provided by Craig Calistro. BYOB, \$15.pp. set-ups, refreshments and door prizes provided. All are welcome. Reservations requested otherwise open seating where available. Please Call Pat for more information & reservations. (203) 881-1478.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE NEEDED

Parishioner needs someone to care for her two children (ages 6 & 8) after school from 3-6 p.m. Need to help with homework and do light meal prep. If interested, call 203-613-6677.

B a b y S h o w e r

Saturday, Nov. 7, and Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009

The Pro-Life/Family and Social Concerns Committees of St. Rose are sponsoring a baby shower to support:

Birthright

in Danbury.

Tel. no. 203-744-373

Birthright needs:

- Crib sheets
- Undershirts
- Receiving blankets
- Diapers sizes 1 - 4
- Layette for newborn
- Cash donation toward crib fund.
- Walmart gift cards for cribs
- Onesies
- Towels
- Socks
- Bibs
- Sweaters
- Play clothes
- Maternity clothes
- Baby items 0 – 24 months



Birthright is a pregnancy resource center in Danbury with the focus on the distressed mother and her baby. Birthright helps women not to feel pressured into an abortion. They provide whatever help she needs to bring her baby to birth.

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