

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, November 8, 2009

Sunday, November 8

This weekend
7-10 p.m.

Baby Shower for Birthright (1)
Men's CRHP Meeting (2)

Monday, November 9

Tuesday, November 10

9:30 a.m.

WEBS (2)

10:00 a.m.

Job Network Support Group 2

7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m.

Al-Anon (2)

Wednesday, November 11-Veterans' Day-St. Rose School open

9-11:30 a.m.

Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)

10:00 a.m.

Matthew Kelly Program (2)

7:00 p.m.

Women's Club Meeting (2)

7:30 p.m.

Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, November 12

10:15 a.m.

Spiritual Journey (2)

3-4 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration (7)

7:00 p.m.

Bishop Lori Talk (3)

7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir (1)

7:30 p.m.

RCIA (2)

8:00 p.m.

Prayer Group (2)

Friday, November 13

7:15 a.m.

Men's CRHP Prayer (2)

10:30 a.m.

Friday Bible Study (2)

3-4 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration (7)

Anonymous Apostles of Divine Mercy

Saturday, November 14

3:00 p.m.

Advent Food Drive Begins

All masses

Blood pressure screening (1)

5:30 p.m.

Children's Liturgy (1)

7:00 p.m.

Blue Ribbon Celebration (2)

6:30 p.m.

AA Meeting (2)

LOCATION:

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 9

6:45 Luisa Dimic

Kevin & Mary Maloney

9:00 Carol Gross (L)

Carol & Philip Gross

Tuesday, November 10

6:45 Patricia O'Neil

Anna McMahon

9:00 Susan Kimball

The Calderara Family

Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans' Day)

6:45 Fr. Jude Fay

Fred Pendergast, Sr. & family

9:00 Jack Honan

Terri-Ann & John Martocci

Thursday, November 12

6:45 Herman Rosa

Arlene & Ted Kreinik

9:00 Mary DeLeva

Jeff Wurtz

Friday, November 13

6:45 Peggy Schreiber

The Studley Family

9:00 Helen Mok

Mary & Kevin Maloney

Saturday, November 14

8:00 Deceased Members of K of C Council #185

4:00 Douglas Ruffles, Sr.

Mary Ruffles

5:30 Jack Manna

Robert & Linda Manna

Sunday, November 15

7:30 Elaine A. Griebel

Grandson, Jack Griebel

9:00 Elizabeth Heinrich

Mr. & Mrs. Pat Barone

10:30 Bethany Mass

12:00 Margaret Craven

Family

IN REMEMBRANCE



The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Elias Azzi as requested by Tony & Peggy Baiad.

The Chapel Candle will be lit this week in memory of Brennan Merrick as requested by Ann & Dan McCarthy and family.

Thank you for your support!

Collection for November 1, 2009 \$16,439.00

All Saints Day 3,648.00

Capital Improvement 8,479.00

Children's Collection \$ 10.93

Collection November 2, 2008 \$19,892.00

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

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE DECEMBER 4th, 5th, 6th

It is hard to believe that the Christmas Boutique is just around the corner. The sign-up boards are in the vestibule of the church. 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.

ALTAR ANGELS NEEDED!

If you would like to become an altar angel and help with the cleaning of the church, sacristy, chapel, and bride's room, please call the parish office at 426-1014. Duties include dusting, sweeping the vestibule floor, putting missalettes away in the pews, and notifying custodial staff of needed repairs.

2009 – 20th NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Tuesday December 8 at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at St. Rose. uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of St. Juan Diego.

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life. During the HOUR OF UNITY, 12 a.m. – 1 a.m. EST., we will be united in churches across the country in prayer to end abortion and in reparation for sins against the Gospel of Life. The National Night of prayer for Life is a pro-life prayer service consisting of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 20 decades of the Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

Why are we so quick to blame God when things start going wrong or we are not able to resolve some of the issues in our lives? The answer is obvious: it is always easier to blame someone else than take responsibility for our own actions! I remember my third grade religion teacher, a Sister of Saint Joseph, tell us that when we point our finger at someone else to blame them, three fingers are pointing back at ourselves! I believe that is why Jesus told us to remove the plank from our own eyes before we try to remove the splinter from someone else's. Lately, I have sensed so much stress in so many people and so many relationships. Even though I am not married, I do have eyes and ears and a few years of experience to know when one spouse is really ganging up on the other and acting mercilessly in criticism and unkind (unfair?) comments. Even though I do not have children, I can readily see when a child is being absolutely disrespectful toward a parent. It makes me wonder where all the anger is coming from and why we have such a difficult time dealing with that anger in positive ways. I witness unjust remarks being made about others for no reason other than to make ourselves look good or make our opinion count. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus reflects on the simplicity of the widow who is willing to give of what little she has to help another. Perhaps we need to learn another lesson beyond that of sharing our material goods by sharing our patience, our tolerance, our kindness (as little as it may be in the middle of a personal crisis or a stress-filled life) to help another and to avoid needlessly blaming God or anyone else. I often tell myself that God did not force me to make any decision in or for my life; I made that all on my own. When it goes wrong why look beyond myself to God or any other person for blame? Let's be honest first and foremost with ourselves; it makes all the difference in our relationship with God and others. God had nothing to do with the economic situation with which we are dealing in this country. This situation is the result of our actions and choices; rather than blame, let us turn to God for help and grace to see us through these times and be the better for it.

This week, we honor the men and women who have faithfully served our country in the military. It is a blessing for us to have these patriots be willing to step forward and defend our rights and privileges, even to the point of putting their own lives on the line. We are grateful to every person who has served or is presently serving in the armed forces. We especially pray for those who are on the front lines of this war. May God protect them and keep careful watch over their families. May those who have sacrificed their lives for good and noble purpose find rest and peace in Christ. **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERANS...WE ARE A GRATEFUL NATION!**

Next weekend, the eighth grade class of Saint Rose School will be at all the doors of the church to support a special program that honors the veterans of World War II. "American Warrior: Connecticut Honor Flight" is designed to raise funds in order to enable veterans of the Second World War to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit the new WWII Monument as well as all the other monuments dedicated to our veterans. There is no cost to the veteran as all is provided as a tribute to them for their service to our country and to pay honor to their fallen comrades. Whatever you are able to do will be a help in providing this gift to one who served so generously.

Bishop Lori will be with us this Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation on Pope Benedict's new encyclical, "CARITAS IN VERITATE" (CHARITY IN TRUTH). This is a powerful message to the world which deals with the role of technology, global relations between countries, the mismanagement of financial markets, the large migration of peoples in search of jobs, the lack of respect for human life and the exploitation of the earth's resources. Our Holy Father reminds us that all of these challenges are cause for the world to "rediscover fundamental values on which to build a better future." This encyclical on social and economic justice calls us to a new vision for our world that is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the social teachings of our Church. Please feel free to join us for this wonderful and inspiring lecture on one of the most important documents of the new millennium.



Evening janitorial and maintenance personnel positions available. Qualified individuals need only apply. Please send your letter of interest, resume and reference list to lamannaandsons@att.net

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.

ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB will meet Wednesday, November 11th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Join us for our meeting, refreshments and presentation by Kerri Cartelli. Kerri will share her expertise on the art of selling and buying Online. For more information, contact Cathy Hickey-Williams at 426-4502.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2008, Catholic hospitals handled
 More than 16.9 million emergency room visits
 More than 92.7 million outpatient visits
 More than 5.5 million admissions
 Support health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all people from conception to natural death. Get the long-standing teachings of the church and the latest updates on health care reform. Visit www.usccb.org/healthcare.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**

Addictions to Power

The message of today's readings is not just about money – although they certainly address the fact that money should not be first in our lives. However the underlying message is the attitude of the people about power. Jesus teaches us time and time again that true humility puts God in charge of every part of our lives – including finances. Trust in God does not always come easy because it means letting go of the need to control and the need to exert power – which is the dilemma that the scribes have. They are not evil people, rather they are addicted to power – and even the smallest amount of power can lead to moral corruption – and the sad part is that they did not see it happening in their lives. They were too close to the situation to see the insidious growth. We too can fall into this – and we need to take the long view. Good friends, relatives, and primarily God can open our eyes to the ways that we are misusing power, and true humility is the virtue that will lead to forgiveness.

Reflection Question and Activity: Pray to God that He will illuminate your need for letting go of power and replacing it with humility. Then make a concrete decision on practical ways that you can change this attitude.

Enriching My Catholic IQ: Which statements about St. Frances Xavier Cabrini are true: (a) her vocation was marked with joy and fulfillment; (b) she was the first US citizen to be canonized; (c) she is the patron saint of hospital administrators, immigrants, and impossible causes; (d) she founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick; (e) she had a fear of drowning.

Special Collection for Religious Education

Thank you for your generosity for this collection last week, which will be used to defray the cost of religious education for those families who are in need at this time. There is certainly a spiritual reward for enabling children to learn about Jesus each week! We are also setting up a few shelves for children's books in the library at 38 Church Hill. If you wish to donate money to be used to buy books that are appropriate for the library, please call us at 426-2333. We also have "name plates" to put in the book in honor of your child or someone else you wish to acknowledge.

Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy will be held next Saturday, November 14 at the 5:30 Mass.

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*. Crisis (and we are definitely experiencing one at this time) is a defining moment that leads to change – especially when decisions are made in truth and charity. I have already heard this talk by the Bishop, and I learned so much about the role of the Catholic Church and how God illuminates the human condition by going beyond justice to the point of charity, which renews everything. He emphasized that human development is not just a matter of finance and productivity, rather the whole human condition must be addressed: morally, ethically, and spiritually. This seminar will be enlightening – learning about how our Catholic teachings offer hope to the world and what is our role as members of this church. Please join us on the 12th.

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 it changed the way that we live our lives!

Spiritual Journey

Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 10:15-11:15 in the upstairs room at 38 Church Hill Road as Jack Hickey Williams leads a teaching on "The Church Triumphant". Your life will be enriched and blessed by this "spiritual journey." On November 19, Dick and Dorothy Lambert will speak about new possibilities in our "Lived" experience. Breakthrough of self realization, fulfillment, achievement, illumination, peace and joy. Celebrate becoming "the best version of oneself!" Come and see what God has in store for you – a mind-broadening and inspirational experience as well as a wonderful group of friends. All are welcome and 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 and join us as St. Rose Catholic Forum sponsors this inspiring story.

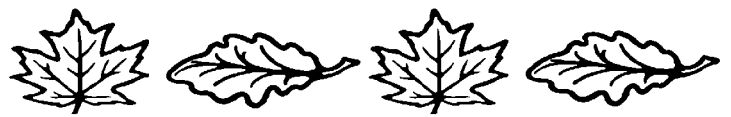
Education Parish Service (EPS)

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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome (Nov. 9), Pope Leo the Great (Nov. 10), Veterans Day and St. Martin of Tours (Nov. 11), St. Josaphat (Nov. 12), and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Nov. 13).

Answer to Catholic IO: All of the statements are true except for (a). St. Frances found disappointment and difficulties with every step of her life. She was refused admission to the religious order to become a teacher; she had wanted to be a missionary in China, but instead was sent to NYC to work with Italian immigrants. The house that she was supposed to set up as an orphanage was not available and she was advised to go back to Italy. And, despite her fear of drowning, she made 30 trips across the Atlantic Ocean. She was a determined, humble, and compassionate woman. What does her life teach us? We can accomplish all things through dependence on God for everything!

If you would like to support Father Amal's mission in India, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to Pax in Terra, Inc., a 501c3 charitable organization established by St. Rose parishioners to support Father Amal and other sustainable efforts around the world. You can send a check to Pax in Terra Inc., P.O. Box 13, Newtown, CT 06470 or donate through the website at www.paxinterra.org.



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Next Weekend we kick off our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. From 3:00 p.m. Saturday until after the 12:00 o'clock Sunday Mass, a truck or trailer will be parked in front of St. Rose. Please place your donations of non-perishable foods, toiletries, and cleaning products into it. To withstand a lot of handling it's best to have your donations double bagged, paper inside of plastic. Following Sunday's 12:00 o'clock Mass the donations will be unloaded for sorting. Stop by if you can; many hands make light work. With a good crowd we can unload all the donations in 15 minutes or less.

Please know that St Rose parishioners benefit from these contributions. We also support the F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry, Newtown Social Services, and social services organizations around the county. This year the list is growing. We know that it's more difficult to give in a down economy, but it's at such times that those in need, need it the most. Please do all you can.

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.

PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE: There have been several recent incidents reported at parishes involving theft of wallets, pocketbooks, and other personal belongings from people attending church services. Cars in parking lots have also been targeted by thieves.

Please take precautions to safeguard your personal property. Some tips to keep in mind are:

- Do not leave pocketbooks or other valuables unattended in the pews.
- Avoid keeping objects in plain view inside cars, especially anything of value, such as cell phones or GPS devices.
- Use the same precautions that you would take for other day to day activities, such as shopping or going to the bank, to protect personal belongings. Typically, thieves rely on the victim who is off guard.
- Alert ushers at Masses and other parish staff to be on the lookout for unusual activities by people loitering around parish property. Notify police of suspicious activity. Don't be confrontational or risk personal safety.

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

Blood pressure screenings will take place next weekend after all masses. Parish nurses will be in the reconciliation room, near the organ to take your blood pressure for FREE! Please stop by and see us!

Our Parish Nurse Assessment is online at www.strosechurch.com. If you have not filled out our assessment, please do so. Your opinion is VERY important to us!

Parish Nurses always welcome new members. Please contact us at 426-2573 ext. 13.

Health Tip

H1N1 flu (Swine Flu) statistics as of 10/18/2009. The rate of infection in the United States has been highest among individuals ≤ 24 years of age. In the US between April 15 and July 24, 2009, 43,771 probable and confirmed cases of pandemic H1N1 influenza were reported to the CDC. The rate of reported cases was highest among individuals aged 5 to 24 years followed by individuals aged 0 to 4 years. The rates of reported cases **per 100,000** population in various age groups were: 0 to 4 years — 22.9; 5 to 24 years — 26.7; 25 to 49 years — 6.97; 50 to 64 years — 3.9; ≥ 65 years — 1.3. **This means that out of 100,000 people there were only a total of 62 (61.77) cases reported.** During the same time period, 4738 hospitalizations due to H1N1 were reported in the US. The hospitalization rate was highest among individuals aged 0 to 4 years. Hospitalization rates **per 100,000** population in various age groups were: 0 to 4 years — 4.5; 5 to 24 years — 2.1; 25 to 49 years — 1.1; 50 to 64 years — 1.2; ≥ 65 years — 1.7. The number of deaths among 302 patients hospitalized for pandemic H1N1 in the USA was highest among individuals aged 25 to 49 years, followed by individuals aged 50 to 64 years. The number of deaths according to age group were: 0 to 4 years — 7; 5 to 24 years — 48; 25 to 49 years — 124; 50 to 64 years — 71; ≥ 65 years — 26; Not reported — 26. **Pandemic alert level** — On June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization raised its pandemic alert level to the highest level, phase 6, indicating widespread community transmission on at least two continents. This information was last updated 10/29/2009. (Thorne, et al., 2009). This is being provided to you, to educate you on the current number of people affected by the H1N1 virus, with the hope of alleviating fear. You still must take precautions, such as frequent hand washing, "hands-off your face", boost your immunity with foods rich in Vitamin C, drink as many warm liquids as you can (this washes the virus down into your stomach, where it cannot survive!)

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, this 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 poster in the vestibule and on the St. Rose web site under Pro-Life/Pro-Family. There will be a van at the entrance to the church until 1 p.m. on Sunday this 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! THANKS!

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 14 at 7:30 in the rectory (this is a change from the regular meeting day)

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 reason we have abortion on demand in this land is simple: Our self-centered, materialistic society has a wrong attitude towards children. It should be that our children are our most precious natural resource; they are our future.

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.

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 to 4 p.m. Priests who are ill, Heal them, Lord Priests in danger, Deliver them, Lord Priests who are weak, Strengthen them, Lord Priests who are poor, Relieve them, Lord Priests who are zealous, Help them, Lord Priests want to love you, Enkindle their hearts, Lord

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 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

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS www.kofc185.com

The Knights want to remind everybody that the second Saturday morning's Mass of every month is for the deceased members of our council #185.

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 203-449-7190 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. Permission slips are in the back of the church.

Senior Youth Group: The Sr. Youth Group will be meeting in the church on Sunday, November 8 at 6 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

Can you help? Do you know of any affordable rentals? If so, please call 426-2153. God bless you. Available: 2 rooms with utilities, refrigerator & microwave Female only and no pets Available: Large 2nd floor 1 BR apartment—utilities incl.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PASTORAL PLAN

The first reading and the Gospel deal with giving. What is important is not what you give, but why you give. All giving should symbolize self-giving. In the two stories we hear today, “poor widows” are giving little, but it is precious in God’s eyes, because it stands for a generous giving of self. We have the opportunity to give when we make the Eucharistic celebration an act of self-giving to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

MASS FOR DECEASED WOMEN OF 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.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

FAIRFIELD PREP

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.

THE ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY,

LAURALTON HALL will be offering another Entrance Exam on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. to accommodate those girls who were unable to take the exam given on October 24. Applicants must call our office at (203) 877-2786 ext. 144 to register for this exam.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL SECOND ENTRANCE EXAM:

On Sat. Nov. 14 at 8:30 a.m. Any 8th grade students who are interested in applying for admission must take this exam if they haven’t already done so. Visit website, www.notredame.org.

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. Among the presenters are Father Dominic Roscioli of Kenosha, Wisconsin and world-famous laughter consultant Joyce Saltman. The program, which includes lunch and a closing reception, is open to anyone who is caring for a parent, spouse, child, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild with special needs and is **free of charge**. (Registration is required, however). For further information and/or to register call Knettie Archard @ Golden Opportunities @ 426-3301.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

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.

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 Refreeing 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.

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.

MASONICARE OF NEWTOWN

is hosting a free information seminar for the community on Wednesday, November 18 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The seminar will be held on the Masonicare at Newtown campus, 139 Toddy Hill Road, in the Lodge Room of Lockwood Lodge Assisted Living. A complimentary dinner will be served before the presentation. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lee Rubin, orthopaedic surgeon with Middlebury-based Orthopaedics New England. There is no fee for the program but seating is limited. If you would like to attend please call the Masonicare HelpLine at 1-888-679-9997 to make your reservation.

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.

CRAFT FAIR AND BAZAAR

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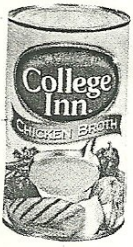
Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Start your holiday shopping with us. Many new vendors, raffle, bake sale, refreshments, homemade chili.

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.

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC SINGLES CHRISTMAS

DINNER DANCE at Hilton Garden Inn, 291 Old Gate Lane, Milford. Saturday, December 5 at 7 p.m. \$30. For reservations call (203) 261-2414.



FOOD DRIVE FOR THE NEEDY
NOVEMBER 14TH AND NOVEMBER 15TH
St. Rose of Lima Social Concerns Committee
Needs your help in helping our community.



F.A.I.T.H FOOD Pantry, Social Services of Newtown, St. Charles Outreach Program, Dorothy Day House, Thomas Merton House, Spooner House, Daughter's of Charity, Inter-faith AIDS Ministry, St. Peter's, Shelter of the Cross, Inc are in immediate need of certain food items to feed the needy and homeless. Hygiene items, cleaning supplies, gift certificates for grocery stores & CVS, Big Y Coins are also needed.

Urgent Food Items:

- Cereal (Hot & Cold - All Kinds), Baby Food & Cereal
- Vegetables - peas, carrots, green beans, mixed vegetables, tomatoes, pork & beans, mushrooms, kidney beans, yams, sweet & white potatoes
- Canned Foods – spam, stew, pork & beans, ravioli, fruit, spaghetti's, tuna, chicken, corned beef hash, cranberry sauce, gravy, chili, canned ham
- Soups – Hearty or Ready to Feed, or Cream Soups, Broths, Dry Soups
- Powdered Milk and Evaporated Milk, Powdered Chocolate Milk
- Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, Hunt's tomato sauce, pasta, rice, Mac & Cheese
- Mayo, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, relish, vegetable oil, salt, hot sauce
- Coffee (reg. & decaf), tea, lemon/orange powder mix, drink boxes, ice tea mix, soda, juice, bottled water, sugar, Splenda, cranberry juice
- Luxury items – cookies, crackers, cake mix, frosting, pancake mix and syrup, snacks, Jell-O, pudding, quick bread, brownie & cookie mix, sugar, peanut butter (Brand)& jelly, hamburger helper, instant potatoes, stuffing

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrushes, toothpaste (small), combs, shaving cream, lotion, disposable razors, soap (bar & pump), aspirin, deodorant spray, cold & cough medicine, tylenol, advil, shampoo, band-aids. **OTHER NEEDS:** Kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, dish & laundry detergent, garbage bags, paper cups & plates, & cleaning supplies (all kinds), plastic spoons & forks

Please bring items (double bag with plastic bag on outside) to the St. Rose of Lima Church, 46 Church Hill Road Newtown, Ct., after 3 PM on Nov. 14th & until 1 PM on Nov. 15th. Items are to be placed in the black trailer parked in front of church.YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE BY HELPING !!

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46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470
Website: WWW.STROSECHURCH.COM

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