

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – NOVEMBER 22, 2009

**Sunday, November 22**

All masses  
4 p.m. Mass & talk  
7-10 p.m.

**Monday, November 23**

9-11:30 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 24**

9:30-11  
10:00 a.m.  
7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 25** No School – Thanksgiving Recess

No Mathew Kelly Program today

**7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Thanksgiving I**

**Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)-8 a.m. Mass**

All offices closed

**Friday, November 27**

7:15 a.m. CRHP Men's Prayer (2)

**Saturday, November 28**

10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting (2)  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

**LOCATION:**

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

Wedding  Banns

**Banns: II Kirsten Pratt & Dominic Marino**

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION**

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's Collection. Thank you for your generosity.



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE**

Christmas is just around the corner! Holiday poinsettias in red, white, pink and marble will be for sale in the Church vestibule following the Vigil Masses on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and after all Masses on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Pre-order to get the best selection! See the flyer in the church vestibule for details.

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday, November 23**

6:45 Kathleen Hartl Anna McMahon  
9:00 Thomas McCaffrey Pat Armstrong

**Tuesday, November 24**

6:45 Richard Mitarotonda Bob & Agnes Reilly  
9:00 Sharon Llodra Barrows The Kearney Family

**Wednesday, November 25**

6:45 Phoebe Previdi Family  
9:00 Peter Murphy The Moritz Family  
7:00 Vigil Frances Van Zanten Kevin & Mary Maloney

**Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)**

8:00 Patrick Noone Bob & Sandy Black & family

**Friday, November 27**

6:45 Werner Hartl Anna McMahon  
9:00 Patsy Villano Wife, Marie

**Saturday, November 28**

8:00 John Murphy Ramsey Family  
4:00 Jacques Maye Wife  
5:30 Richard Manna Robert & Linda Manna

**Sunday, November 29**

7:30 Alan Roos Norm & Mary Roos  
9:00 Patricia Moran & Walter Mead Dennen Family  
10:30 Brenda Schlesinger Bible Study Class  
12:00 Michael E. Taweh Joanne & John Logan

<b>Thank you for your support!</b>	
Collection for November 15, 2009	\$17,270.00
Children's Collection	\$ 18.50
Collection November 16, 2008	\$19,902.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE <a href="http://strosechurch.com">strosechurch.com</a> FOR YOUR REVIEW.	

**IN REMEMBRANCE**



The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Lois Furlong as requested by Susan Adams.

The Pro-Life Candle will be lit this week for the intentions of Joe Potter as requested by Jennifer Malta.

**Scout Rosary Patch - 12/12/09 - The Sorrowful Mysteries**

All scouts (girls and boys, grade 1 up to adult) are invited to attend a Rosary discussion with Monsignor Weiss on Saturday, 12/12 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Rose Church (please arrive in uniform, 15 minutes early). This year we will be discussing the Sorrowful Mysteries. Each scout under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or an adult. 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.

**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS**

Please sign up for the Christmas Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the sacristy. Also, please pick up your schedule in the sacristy.

**LECTORS**

The sign-up sheet for Christmas is in the lector room. Please sign up if you are able to read at one of the Masses. Thank you.

**THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE:** Vigil Mass Wed. Nov. 25 @7:00 pm. Thursday, Nov. 26 @ 8:00 a.m.

**A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB**

We gather this weekend to celebrate the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING. This marks the end of our Church liturgical year. We give our thanks to God for not only a year of grace and blessings but also for giving us His Son to be our Savior. Christ is not a king in the earthly sense, nor did He ever aspire to present Himself as such. Christ made Himself vulnerable and accepted a suffering that reminds us of His incredible and unconditional love. As He walked this earth, He did so with humility and a desire to serve His Father in bringing us together as a people of faith, hope and peace. His example of service is truly what we celebrate on this feast. It is service to others to which each of us is called as followers and members of His kingdom. The Gospel this weekend clarifies for us the kingship of Christ as he is questioned by Pilate. It is a kingship anchored in truth. The truth is what guides us and encourages us in our fidelity to Christ. In these times when so much challenges us, let us never lose sight of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and let us pledge our fidelity to Him. Living in the truth is the source of all that is right and good in life, and we can never forget this most important reality as we go through each day.

This weekend is a perfect time to say THANK YOU to all our liturgical ministers who have served us so faithfully throughout this past liturgical year. We are grateful to...

- Our ALTAR SERVERS, coordinated by Fr. Ignacio Ortigas
- Our EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, coordinated by Kim Braun
- Our LECTORS, coordinated by Peggy Baiad
- Our MUSIC MINISTRY: Joe Jacovino, Music Director
  - 10:30 a.m. Adult Choir
  - 9:00 a.m. Folk Choir
  - 5:30 p.m. Folk Trio
  - Children's Choir
  - Senior Youth Group Band

All those who serve us in these ministries do so with generous hearts for which we are all most appreciative.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** What a wonderful holiday for us to celebrate. Even though this is a national holiday, it has deep religious significance as we gather with family and friends in a spirit of gratitude for our blessings. This has been a very difficult year for many, which is why it is even more important to come together in a spirit of thankfulness for the blessings that sustain us. Just recognizing the simple, everyday, ordinary blessings of our lives helps us realize how graced we are as believers in God's love and providence. Perhaps a good way to celebrate this day is to reflect on the incredible Prayer of Saint Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 Where there is injury, pardon;  
 Where there is doubt, faith;  
 Where there is despair, hope;  
 Where there is darkness, light;  
 And where there is sadness, joy.  
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
 To be consoled, as to console,  
 To be understood, as to understand,  
 To be loved, as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Try reading this prayer as a family and pause after each line. You will find that it holds great meaning for every person gathered at your table of plenty! For all those traveling this holiday weekend, our prayers are with you for a safe journey!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Thanksgiving food drive. It was an incredible gesture of generosity on the part of so many who donated food items to be distributed to those in need. Thanks to the Social Concerns Committee, the Senior Youth Group and the Knights of Columbus for their efforts on behalf of so many in sorting and distributing the donations.

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE, 2009!** Next week, we will once again transform our gathering hall into a Christmas wonderland. We have a great variety of items to help you have a happy and blessed Christmas season. As you know, this is a major fundraiser for the parish. Our pricing is very affordable for the quality of goods that are available. We hope that each of you will take time to stop by and visit us. Thanks to all those who have already signed up to help us...there is still room on the volunteer boards if you have not yet committed yourself to help us. Please pray for our success and for good weather!!!!

**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. **No meeting on Friday, Nov. 27.**

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 SAINT ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Cathy Hickey-Williams at (203) 426-4502.

**CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Calling all angels, shepherds, wise men, etc. Children in Kindergarten - 2nd grade are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve at Newtown High School. Please register with Donna Locke, 203-426-9604 or [d.locke@snet.net](mailto:d.locke@snet.net). Roles of Mary, Joseph and the Magi will be selected by drawing at the rehearsal, which is on Dec. 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 at the St. Rose Hall. Adult assistance is welcome, and parents must remain with their children at rehearsal. We hope you can be part of this special event.

**ST. ROSE CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE DECEMBER 4-6**  
 The annual Christmas Boutique will be held on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10 PM; Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM-7 PM and Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM-2 PM. Friday evening is the gala opening with a \$5 admission charge that includes live entertainment, wine and cheese, and dessert. Admission the remainder of the weekend is free. As usual, Men's Night will be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. The boutique features Santas, wreaths, nativity sets, gifts for teachers and friends as well as a large variety of ornaments and an Irish booth. The Candy Cane Café will be open on Saturday from 11:30 AM-2:30 PM and Sunday after all Masses.



### Whose Kingdom are We Living In?

Most often we are very absorbed in what is going on in our lives at the present moment – with very little time left for reflection. However, when we take a moment to take a step back and reflect on the way that our Creator must view our lives, we have glimpses of what the true Kingdom is all about. While I was traveling last month I met a few young people who live in a country dominated by oppressive leadership; they commented that their hope for freedom from oppression lies in the president of the U.S. Shortly after visiting a few museums, they commented on their need to know more about Jesus Christ – i.e., how is He God and yet Christians only believe in one God? After reflecting on these conversations, I am so grateful for the faith that my parents shared with me – one that does not pin all its hopes on a human being; rather one that looks beyond this world to a transcendental Kingdom (on earth) in which Christ is the King and He lives in our midst. With this religious formation comes a responsibility to share the Good News that *we are* the Kingdom, as the reading from Revelation states “To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made *us* into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.” As a community of faith at St. Rose, let us rise above the world’s understanding of kingship and power, and receive in Eucharist our true calling – our true Kingdom -- one in which Christ rules our lives.

**Reflection Question and Activity:** What material things get in the way of living a kingdom life? Ask Christ for His help in taking off the “crown” that we have put on some people and things, and relying more on the Divine power and strength from Christ, the King.

**Enriching My Catholic IQ:** In case of an emergency, anyone may administer the following sacrament: (a) confirmation; (b) baptism; (c) matrimony; (d) First Communion.

### Advent Confessions

During class time Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2, children in Religious Education and at St. Rose School will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please prepare your child to celebrate the peace that comes from sorrow and forgiveness. Encourage them to practice asking for forgiveness and forgiving others within their life in the family.

### Catechist Gathering

On Thursday, December 3, all catechists are invited to gather together in the Church at 7:00 to celebrate Mass, and will then enjoy refreshments and shopping in the hall at the boutique.

### Living Nativity

On Saturday, Nov. 12 after the 5:30 Mass, the “stable” behind the Religious Education Office will be transformed into a re-creation of the birth of Christ. Join us in this celebration.

### Children’s Liturgy

The next Children’s Liturgy will be on December 12 at the 5:30 Mass. If your child would like to read, bring up the gifts, or greet people, please e-mail Eileen Vitarbo at [eileenvitarbo@charter.net](mailto:eileenvitarbo@charter.net) or Helen Fitzgerald at [hdfitz@gmail.com](mailto:hdfitz@gmail.com). If your child likes to sing and would like to

join the children’s choir, please contact Helen Malyszka at 426-3939 or e-mail her at [ronnellm@hotmail.com](mailto:ronnellm@hotmail.com)

### Adult Formation

#### **Attention: Parents of Children Who Attend Classes Tuesday or Wednesday Change Your Life Forever**

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:15-5:15 during class time, 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 Pam Arsenault for details at the Religious Education Office to register 426-2333. The book cost is \$10. This series was held this past summer, and it changes the way that we live our lives!

### Spiritual Journey

Please join us on December 3 from 10:15-11:15 in the upstairs room at 38 Church Hill Road as Adrienne Keogler leads a Meditation on Advent. You may know Adrienne and her husband Al, who are a part of our parish family. They are raising seven sons, and they welcomed a daughter-in-law to their family this year. Adrienne coordinates religious home schooling at St. Rose, and you will be blessed by her peaceful presence and meditation with the Lord. Come and see what God has in store for you this Advent – a mind-broadening and inspirational experience as well as a wonderful group of friends. All are welcome and refreshments are served.

### Advent Retreat Day

Advent is a wondrous time of watching, waiting and desiring the “birth” of Christ in our own hearts. With Mary of Nazareth, we await the birth of Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom. On **Saturday, Dec. 5**, St. Rose will take part in a one-day retreat at Wisdom House in Litchfield. Fr. William Considine will lead this retreat, which begins at 9:00. We will leave from St. Rose Parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. Call Jean Conover to be a part of the “car pool” – 426-6146.

### 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](mailto: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. Coming up: “Living the Scriptures and Sacraments on Wednesday evenings - Jan. 6 - Feb. 10 from 7:15-9:20 p.m. Dr. Joan Kelly is the instructor.

**This week we celebrate Pope Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro (Nov. 23), St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (Nov. 24), St. Catherine of Alexandria (Nov. 25) and Thanksgiving Day!**

**Answer to Catholic IQ:** (b) The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 1284) tells us that “in case of necessity, any person can baptize “as long as the person has the intention of the Church, pours water, and uses the formula “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

### **Happy Thanksgiving – May All Our Hearts Burst With Gratitude To the Lord for His Many Blessings in Our Lives!**

The Word “Eucharist” means “Thanksgiving,” so please join our parish community in a Mass of Thanksgiving either Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

**Religious Articles Sale** this weekend after all masses  
**Also this weekend** St. Rose Cares Box in front of the St. Rose statue

**Thank you:** Sometimes it seems rather repetitious thanking you, this parish, for your wonderful generosity to, and Christian concern for, our neighbors in need. You give generously of your goods and your time, even now when most of us are feeling the effects of a down economy. So, although it seems so little recompense for all you do “thank you” and God bless you all for the donations and efforts which have made our Thanksgiving food drive so successful. We of your Social Concerns Committee would also like to give special recognition to the Knights of Columbus, the Do-Gooders and to a number of young parishioners preparing for Confirmation, for their outstanding help...

**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. In a week or so, maybe you can see similar pictures of your friends, family and neighbors working on this food drive.

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

**Available:** Youth twin bed, 8 lamps, 3 end tables, 6-sided picnic table.

**Available:** Electric hospital bed

**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, December 20, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. For more info, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 203-364-9796.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The **Prayer Shawl ministry** is going strong. Requests for shawls have increased and everyone is busy. We WILL meet the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We’ll discuss The Prayer Shawl Companion, with new patterns and prayers by the women who started the ministry. Need to get out of the house after Thanksgiving? Stop by 38 Church Hill, 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room, at 10 a.m. We would love to see you. To request a Prayer Shawl call Kathleen Chrusciel-Desrosiers at 203-426-9922 or Sister Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572 ext. 11.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 1 BR apartment—utilities included

### 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**

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Our Parish Nurse Assessment is online at [www.strosechurch.com](http://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 (203) 426-2573 ext. 13.

### Health Tip

Creamy, luscious, buttery-smooth—and it may be good for your pancreas, too. We’re talking about the avocado. Why? Because It’s got plant fats. And recent research shows that getting more of your dietary fat from plants instead of animals could offer a protective edge against pancreatic cancer. **Don’t Give Up the Fat** in a 6-year study of more than half a million people, those with the highest intake of saturated fat—particularly if it was from red meat and dairy sources—had the greatest risk of pancreatic cancer. But here’s the good news: People who got most of their fats from plant sources had no increased risk. **Fabulous Fat Substitutes:** So how can avocados help you cut back on animal fat? Try a few slices on your bagel—instead of cream cheese—when you crave something fatty. Or make guacamole instead of ranch dip for your baked chips. Or, instead of cubes of cheese, fold chunks of avocado into pasta salad.

**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.**



Pro-Life/Pro-Family Corner

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

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 healthcare reform. Visit www.usccb.org/healthcare.

20th National Night of Prayer for Life: Tuesday, December 8 at 9 p.m. to 1 A.M. Wed., Dec. 9 in the church. All are welcome.

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!

from the pamphlet Contraception: The Fine Print, distributed by the USCCB and available on the Pro-Life/Pro-Family shelves in the vestibule: "The teaching of the Catholic Church on human sexuality is profound and uplifting. Married love is meant to mirror the love within the Trinity - to be faithful, selfless, permanent and life-giving. (because of) contraceptives, many people engage in sexual relationships that are unfaithful, selfish, short-term, and altered to be sterile, not life-giving. Such uncommitted relationships can (both) damage our ability to love as we're meant to love and lead to other problems, including abortions and STDs."

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 7 at 7:30 in the rectory (this is a change from what was printed in last week's bulletin)

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.

Pro-lifers offer thousands of care centers for pregnant women. All that pro-abortion forces offer a pregnant woman is a wounded soul and a dead baby. You can make a difference—join pro-life today.

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 preachers, Enlighten them, Lord
Priests who direct souls, Instruct them, Lord
Parish Priests, Make them perfect, Lord
Priests and religious who have died, Bring them to glory, Lord
On all the Church, militant and suffering, Lord, have mercy

2009—20th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE
Tuesday December 8 at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at St. Rose.
"and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" – John 1:14
As soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the womb of the Virgin Mother, God immediately became one of the human family. In like manner, when a child is conceived in his mother's womb, he becomes one of us. This little human being now dwells among us. So that the world may understand this truth, COME PRAY WITH US! Prayerfully join us in UNITY OF PRAYER across the country in our cathedrals, churches, and chapels, highlighting Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary. National Hour of Unity is 12 a.m. to 1 a.m. (EST)



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
SMS Thomas Daniels
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
Seaman Elizabeth Daniels
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
Family rosary night will be on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:45 p.m. in the chapel.

The next general meeting is Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Msgr. Conroy Room. Doors open at 7 p.m. for social; meeting starts at 7:30,

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: Check calendar for the next event.

Senior Youth Group: The Sr. Youth Group will be meeting Sunday, November 22 at 4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church for Ecumenical Youth Coffee House from 4-6 p.m. Pick-up is at St. Rose at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided at no charge. Permission slips are in the back of the church. Bring the permission slip with you to the event.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**PASTORAL PLAN: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. In the Gospel we read Christ is stating he is King, "For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth." The Church, God's people, is like yeast in the dough, which should have a constant uplifting impact in the community in which it is situated and testify to the truth. We should be uplifting Christians, who testify to the truth by word and example. By doing this we are establishing the Kingdom, of which Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the anointed King.

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**"NOEL – A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS"**

Soprano Christina Holms, premier classical concert artist, and Roberto Iarussi, operatic tenor, will present a program of traditional and sacred Christmas music. The singers will be accompanied by award winning pianist Douglas Dickson. The concert to be held at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1950 Barnum Ave., Stratford, CT on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. will benefit St. James School in Stratford. Tickets are \$30 and are available through St. James School website, [www.stjamesstratford.org](http://www.stjamesstratford.org) or by calling 203-375-5994 weekdays from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**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.

**Members of the St. Augustine School (Bridgeport, CT) class of 1974 are planning a reunion for the summer of 2010. We are trying to locate our classmates and lay teachers. Any information is welcome. Please contact Edmund Leahy at [edmundk82@yahoo.com](mailto:edmundk82@yahoo.com).**

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL–St. Joseph School–Brookfield CT**

Save the date: Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 6, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
A great family event. Over 35 vendors...plus Saint Nick's Bakery, Saint Joe's Café, Kids' Games, 50/50 raffle, Santa and Mrs. Claus  
Free admission

**NAZARETH SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PROGRAM**

1428 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, CT

**Saturday, December 12, 2009**

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

**A Gospel Christmas Spirit**

**Concert Experience: Come Worship the Living God**

Presented by: Adrienne Reedy & Friends

Fee: \$20.00 per person

**Sunday, December 13, 2009**

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**"Our Lady of Guadalupe" Hope of the Americas**

Presenter: Theresa Romano

Fee: \$20.00 per person

Call for reservations: 1-203-993-9316

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS.**

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! Upcoming weekends are **January 29-31, and April 23-25, 2010.**

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend please contact Joe and Jane Staszowski at (860) 644-7260 or [mweekend@gmail.com](mailto:mweekend@gmail.com).

**ADVENT DAY AND EVENING RETREAT**

**A Revolution of Joy in a World of Chaos: The Radical Vision of St. Francis of Assisi** Tuesday, December 8 Day 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or Evening 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Brandon Nappi

Francis of Assisi lived in a world of crisis and chaos, yet found a gentle way of living in simplicity, joy, and peace that has made him beloved to Christians and people of all religions. The day will include presentation, dialogue, Reconciliation, lunch and Liturgy. The evening will include dinner, presentation, dialogue, and Liturgy. Program Offering: \$30

Register online at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or send name, address and offering to:

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center  
303 Tunxis Road  
West Hartford, CT 06107  
(860) 521-0440

**MESSIAH SING-ALONG** – Part I and "Hallelujah" Chorus

Saturday, December 12, 8:00 p.m. St. Stephen Church, 6948 Main Street, Trumbull, CT

YOU are the chorus, with professional soloists, including Claudia Rosenthal, soprano; Nadine Kulberg, mezzo-soprano; Dr. Robyn Gangi, Director of Choral Activities at Masuk High School in Monroe, tenor/conductor; Jason Steigerwalt, baritone. Fanfare Consort, Connecticut's own critically acclaimed Early Music Ensemble, will accompany Handel's masterpiece on historically accurate instruments. Bring your own score or "borrow" one of ours. \$15 for adults; \$10 for students/seniors; \$30 for families. For more information, visit [www.FanfareConsort.com](http://www.FanfareConsort.com) or call 203-258-9103.

**COME LORD JESUS! – An Advent Mission**

St. Patrick Parish, Bridgeport

**Meet Jesus This Christmas Spiritually Prepared!**

Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Father Ian Jeremiah, Guest Speaker**

Fr. Ian will lead us through prayer and preparation in a comprehensive Examination of Conscience. What better way to prepare for the birth of Christ than to be fully reconciled with God?

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Mrs. Carole Pinard, Guest Speaker**

Mrs. Pinard, from the Diocese of Bridgeport Office of Christian Formation, will speak about the incredible lives of the martyrs. Her stories are fascinating. Relics and other articles from antiquity will be available for you to view.

Best for adults and children 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Fr. Terry Walsh, Parochial Vicar, St. John Basilica, Stamford**  
Father Walsh will help us to better understand the Mass. A very dynamic speaker, he uses vivid imagery to make the Scriptural background of our worship come alive.

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Holy Hour** with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Benediction followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m. Free will offering taken up. Light refreshments will follow

**IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**A Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance will be held on**

**Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Immaculate High**

**School gymnasium.** The school community, along with alumni,

family and friends, are invited to remember deceased members of the Immaculate Family. Please call the school office at (203) 744-1510 extension 132 to reserve seating.

# *National Night of Prayer for Life Feast of The Immaculate Conception*

Dec. 8/9 from Tuesday 9:00 pm to Wednesday 1:00 a.m.  
**CONFESSIONS will be available at 9 p.m.**



Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee invites you to this National Night of Prayer for Life in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Pro-Life movement, and the Feast of Juan Diego. The entire nation will be united in prayer spanning the four time zones. The “Hour of Unity” is from 12:00 Midnight to 1 am EST.

Please join us in prayer for your intentions & the Cause of Life sign in on the poster in the vestibule

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