

THIS WEEK AT ST. ROSE – Sunday, March 14, 2010

Sunday, March 14 (Daylight Savings Time)

All masses Holy Water Bottles Distributed
 3:00 p.m. CT Master Chorale Concert 1
 6:30 p.m. Candlelight Mass (1)
 7-10 p.m. Men's CRHP (2)

Monday, March 15

7-8:30 p.m. Prayer Service-Det. McDonald

Tuesday, March 16

9:30 a.m. WEBS (2)
 10:00 a.m. Job Network Support Group 2
 7 p.m. Elizabeth Ministry Book Club
 7-8 & 8-9:30 p.m. Al-Anon (2)
 7:15 p.m. Lay Missionaries of Charity 7

Wednesday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)

9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 3:30 - 5 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle (7)
 7:00 p.m. Folk Choir (1)
 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Book Group (2)
 7 p.m. Folk Choir (1)

Thursday, March 18

10:15 a.m. Spiritual Journey (2)
 3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
 7 p.m. Adult Choir (3)
 7 p.m. Rel. Ed. Catechist Meeting (3)
 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (5)
 7:30 p.m. RCIA (2)
 8 p.m. Prayer Group (2)

Friday, March 19 (St. Joseph's Day)

7:15 a.m. Men's CRHP Prayer (2)
 9-11:30 a.m. Teach Me to Pray...Play (2)
 10:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study (2)
 12 noon Stations of the Cross (1)
 3-4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (7)
 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (1)

Saturday, March 20

All Masses Lenten Food Drive
 6-8 p.m. Blue & Gold Dinner (3)
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting (2)

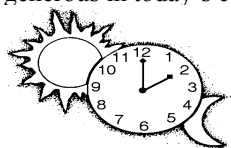
LOCATION:

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

EASTER PLANT SALE: Easter is just around the corner! Bring a touch of Spring to your home. Pre-order tulips, hyacinths, lilies and daffodils to get the best selection. Pick-up will be on Palm Sunday weekend. Order forms available in the church vestibule.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. You are invited to give hope to Jesus in disguise. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to a crop disease. Give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Through humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts, The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope. Please be generous in today's collection.



Daylight Savings Time begins. Move the clock ahead 1 hour on Saturday, March 13.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 15

6:45 Elizabeth Poggenburg Clare Gentile
 9:00 William Kelly Darlene Donohue
 4:15 Religious Ed. Stations
 7-8:30 Respect Life Prayer Service/Detective McDonald talk

Tuesday, March 16

6:45 Monika Hamilton Gene & Joy Previdi
 9:00 Lucie Dattila The Moulder Family
 4:15 Religious Ed. Stations

7-9 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)

6:45 Eileen & Kevin Comerford Family
 9:00 Joseph Cavanaugh Family
 4:15 Religious Ed. Stations

Thursday, March 18

6:45 Grace Dennen The Dennen Family
 9:00 Catherine McGuire The Moulder Family

Friday, March 19 (St. Joseph's Day)

6:45 Barbara Gosselin Josh Reynolds
 9:00 Rosalie Palomba The Vicale Family

12 Noon & 7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross

3:30 Altar Server Training

Saturday, March 20

8:00 Frank Calvo Wife, Nancy
 4:00 Orazio & Marcia Poidomani Poidomani Family
 5:30 Thomas Connell Joseph & Margaret Mintern

Sunday, March 21

7:30 Mary Konopski Fiordelisi Family
 9:00 Patrick Noone The DeLuca Family
 10:30 Anthony Juliano Dolores & Rodman Pruefer
 12:00 Michael DeVietro- 5th anniversary Gloria DeVietro
 4:00 Catholic Forum Mass



IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Alice Stubbs as requested by Sue Adams.

Thank you for your support!	
Collection for February 28, 2010	\$17,844.04
Capital Improvement	7,462.52
Children's Collection	13.29
Collection for March 7, 2009	\$20,981.00
QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE strosechurch.com FOR YOUR REVIEW.	

WEDDING BANNS:

BANNS II Jacqueline Marie DeLeo & Andrew Garthwait

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) CORNER

MEN: A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT

We invite you to a special Lenten Men's Retreat on March 20-21. This is a unique opportunity to reflect on your faith, reconnect with your family and become refreshed during this time of Lent. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Sign up now by contacting Richard @richardallaire@sbcglobal.net or John @ john.oleary@gartner.com for any questions and information.

LECTORS: The new schedule has been emailed. Please let me know if you did not receive it. Also, please sign up for Palm Sunday and Holy Week Masses if you are able to help out. Thank you. Peggy

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. BOB

We are at the midpoint of Lent, and what better reflection than the Gospel for this weekend, the story of the Prodigal Son. Every one of us can relate to each of the characters in this parable. We begin with the father whose love for his sons is unparalleled. He opens his heart in forgiveness and demonstrates the unconditional love that a parent has for a child. We continue with the son who goes his own way and violates everything that is sacred and good in order to satisfy his wants. He finds his way home because he knows that his father will receive him with forgiveness and understanding. And then we hear from the "good" son who stayed at his father's side but grew envious because of his father's love for his brother. We live each of these characters in our everyday dealings with others. The important realization is that in spite of the negative feelings we may have for another and the resentment and jealousy we might feel as a result, there is always room for forgiveness and understanding. We also know that no matter how far away we may choose to wander from God by our choices in life, He is always there to receive us back in compassion and love. This is a powerful source of reflection for each of us this Lent. Take some time this week and meditate on not only our need for forgiveness but also how forgiving and gentle our God is with us.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We know that St. Patrick, in addition to being the patron saint of the Irish (and those who want to be Irish!), he is also a wonderful example of fidelity to the Lord's ways. His faith gathered many to the heart of Christ. There are many prayers seeking the intercession of St. Patrick, but I think the following is very timely for the world in which we are living today:

- May there be work for your hands to do.
- May your purse always hold a coin or two.
- May the sun always shine on your windowpane.
- May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
- May the hand of a friend always be near you.
- May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

We also celebrate the feast of the great St. Joseph this week. Joseph is the patron saint of so many of our needs in life, especially as the patron saint of workers. His role in the life of Christ demonstrates his commitment to the Lord. We can never underplay Joseph's place in salvation history. As Christ's foster father, guide, encourager and teacher, he gave to Jesus a life that was reflective of the need we all have to be responsible members of the society in which we live. We turn in a special way to St. Joseph this year to pray for all who are out of work or facing unemployment, for those not happy with the work they are doing and for those who are actively seeking a job. May Joseph be a source of hope for all of us. As he guided and protected Jesus and Mary, may he be a powerful intercessor for us in our time of need.

Lent invites us to be aware of how alienated and sinful humankind can be, but return is always possible through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Looking to Christ means looking with faith and repentance. Our Holy Father has said: "The grace of the sacrament of Penance supports and nourishes the commitment to be faithful disciples of the Lord." The theme for the diocesan Lenten Confession Campaign comes from the Scriptures that tell us over and over again to be reconciled to God. Whether you have received the Sacrament of Penance a few months ago or 25 or more years ago, you are invited to come and be reconciled! Confession is available in every parish in the Diocese of Bridgeport on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for grace and forgiveness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYNDA AND JIM HEALEY! Each year at the Diocesan White Mass for those committed to the healing of the sick, five individuals are honored who

demonstrate their willingness to extend Christ's grace to those who are ill. This couple is no stranger to that call from Jesus as they travel regularly to the nursing home to bring the Eucharist, prayers, and happiness to the residents and patients. They spend almost their entire Sunday afternoon visiting and lifting the spirits of those they visit. We are truly blessed by their ministry and the example they give to all of us to live out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. I will be attending the White Mass this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Saint Augustine Cathedral where Bishop Lori will honor the recipients of the 2010 Fr. Rufin Compassionate Care Award.

Thanks to all who attended our PARISH MISSION, and special thanks to Fr. Kenan Peters who guided us through the days of prayer. Thanks also to the many who helped coordinate the mission for the parish. It was a wonderful opportunity for grace for our parish community.

NEXT WEEKEND our spring FOOD DRIVE will be conducted. The need to be generous in our response to this year's drive is great. Please help us help so many who are in great need of food and assistance.

CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS TO THIS SUNDAY EVENING'S CANDLELIGHT MASS AT 6:30 P.M. This is one of the final gatherings we will have prior to the Confirmation celebrations in April. We look forward to sharing this time with these wonderful young men and women of the parish.



ATTENTION ST ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL GRADUATES! St. Rose School now has a Facebook page for all graduates of St. Rose School to join. Simply visit the site and click on "Become a Fan" <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Newtown-CT/St-Rose-of-Lima-School/229298151889?ref=mf>

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY – March 16 @ 7:15 p.m. We are lay Roman Catholics – a movement of consecrated persons with a specific vocation and mission: Missionaries of Charity following the charisma of Mother Teresa; missionaries of love, doing small things with a great Love – with Jesus' love. We meet every third Tuesday of the month in the chapel. We pray Night Prayer and the Rosary in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We conclude our Holy Hour with a reflection on Mother Teresa's words. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 16.

HELLO SPECIAL MOMS OF PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

The next three months are all about you!! I am inviting all of you to come and explore this new book "Who Switched Off My Brain?" with each other for the months of March, April and May. I am very excited about this book and hope that many of you will take advantage of an opportunity to renew your minds, improve your health, and give yourself some YOU TIME. Even if you have not been to a meeting for a while or you have always wanted to come but have not...pray on whether this could be a new beginning for you.

New time for our meetings: 7:30 – 9 p.m.
Next meeting is March 24th.

St. Rose Campus, 38 Church Hill Road (white building, front door, upstairs room)

Special Moms prayer group is an ecumenical prayer group for women of Newtown who have a special needs child of any age in their life. We meet to read scripture, pray for our families and encourage each other.



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS

Children of Light

This is what we are called – Children of Light – what an incredible description of us. We may not think in those terms; rather we may think about ourselves – Children of Semi-Darkness – Children Striving to be Light – and even: Children in the Dark. Yet, in today’s second reading, St. Paul reminds us that yes, we were once in darkness; however now we “are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” We are warned to avoid the things done in secret – because it will all be brought to light. This is why Lent is such a powerful spiritual time of growth for us. It calls us beyond limited humanity and into the light of Christ. Light produces “every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

Reflection Question: Ask God to reveal to you the things that you do in “secret” – things that you are not proud of -- that you do not want brought to light. Clear out the cluttered dark corners of your life by asking Him to help you live in truth and goodness as we draw ever closer to His heart this Lent. Pray: “Lord, My Father, I want to come home to you, and I want to live totally in and with you because I am a child of the light. Amen.”

Reflection Activity: If possible, attend Spiritual Journey on Thursday, March 18 from 10:15-11:15, to reflect on your spiritual journey this Lent. (See details below)

What’s Your Catholic IQ?: The prayer that many Catholics pray to start their day, giving to God all that they may encounter in the coming day, is known as the (a) Morning Offering; (b) *Angelus*; (c) *Te Deum*; (d) Sunrise Special.

Candlelight Mass

On Sunday evening, March 14 at 6:30, all eighth graders and their parents (and available sponsors) will gather in the Church to celebrate a Mass honoring the students’ decision to confirm their faith. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation; please sit with your class.

Make-Up Date:

Respect All Life Prayer Service for Seventh Graders and Their Parents On Monday, March 15 from 7:00-8:30 n.m. we will meet in the Church where we will hear from three guest speakers about the value of our lives and those around us. NYC Detective McDonald is one of the speakers - his life was drastically changed as the result of a gunshot wound: he sneaks about how God has continually been present to him and helped him through his life. A father and son will also give a witness story about how life can be affected by addiction, and how wholeness is made possible through God. The evening concludes with a prayer service for all life issues. Detective McDonald does not accept an honorarium; however we take a free-will collection for his charity of choice: American Special Children's Pilgrimage Group.

Catechist Meeting

It is hard to give to others if we are running on empty. On **March 18 at 7:00**, all catechists are asked to attend a general catechist meeting in the gathering hall. As teachers of the faith, we must be filled in order to give to the children we serve. Come and be filled – reflect on the gifts that God has given to you so that you may serve the children of St. Rose.

Sixth Grade Seder Celebrations

Sixth graders will celebrate a hands-on instructional Seder during this week. During sixth grade, students learn about Hebrew Scripture and our covenant with God as His people – these are our roots in faith. We thank Mandy Monaco for planning the Seders, Frank Middleton, sixth grade coordinator, and Meg Arena for facilitating the process.

First Communion Preparation Session

During March 21-24, all children celebrating their First Communion this year will meet in the parish hall with their parents. This will take place during class time, and St. Rose School students will meet on Wednesday, March 24 from 4:15-5:15. This is part of what the diocese refers to as “Immediate Parish Preparation” for Celebration of the Sacrament. If you are unable to attend on the day and time scheduled, kindly call Janice Lindsay to arrange to attend on one of the other days (426-2333).

First Communion Preparation Parent Meeting

On **March 25, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Fr. Jim Sabak will be back with us – this time to talk to us about “The Meaning Behind our Catholic Rituals, Symbols, and Customs.” We will meet in the gathering hall. Even if your child is not celebrating First Communion, you are welcome to attend as well. Again, this is part of our diocesan immediate preparation guidelines for parents of children celebrating the Sacraments.

Religious Education Lenten Activities

This Lent, the children are collecting money for Catholic Charities “Morning Glory Breakfast Wagon for the Homeless” and for Catholic Relief Services. The students learned about the need for irrigation systems for Ethiopia – helping people to help themselves in their farming. The worldwide statistic is that 1.8 million children die each year because of lack of clean water (and many more live with health problems). Be mindful of water – remind your children to thank God for this valuable resource each time they turn on the faucet. The students also learned about Catholic Social Teaching: that all people have the four basic rights to: life, water, food, and shelter, and we are called to share with those who are lacking these basic rights. Each week during Lent, the catechists will be collecting the students’ donations. Thank you for your generosity.

CHANGE IN DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please note for your summer vacation plans
And tell your friends as well!

VBS WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 19-23 (one week earlier than what was on original calendar date)

Spiritual Journey: On March 18 at 10:15, Jackie Musante will lead Spiritual Journey Adult Formation group discussing “Have I Used Lent Prudently? How Am I Doing?” All are welcome to this lecture at 38 Church Hill Rd. - consider opening yourself to new spiritual insights this Lent.

During this Fourth Week of Lent we celebrate St. Patrick of Ireland (March 17), St. Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18), and St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19).

Catholic IQ Answer: (a) A popular form of the Morning Offering is: “O my Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for your greater honor and glory, the salvation of my soul, for the intentions of our Holy Father, and for the poor souls in purgatory. Amen.” If you do not remember this prayer, you may simply make a sign of the cross and give your day to Jesus, so that He may use you in good ways this day!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A time for spring cleaning...we take care of the house and our yards, why not our relationships? A great way to renew your marital love and communication is to treat yourselves to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available one is April 23-25th. For information please call Joe & Jane at 860-644-7260 or our parish representatives for Marriage Encounter—John & Bev at 203-364-0836 (call us by April 1, and receive a gift certificate for your registration!).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE- March 27 from 8-12:45 at the Reed School, sponsored by Quota International of Candlewood Valley. Call Cathy Donnelly 426-7707 or Ginny Chion 426-0851 to set up an appointment.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NOTES

Next weekend: After each Mass, religious articles will be available for purchase in the vestibule, and the St. Rose Cares box will be in the front of the church, near the St. Rose statue. Your contributions go directly to our neighbors in need. Thank you

Also Next Weekend, March 20 & 21 will be our annual Lenten food drive weekend. We're all feeling the pinch of higher fuel and food prices and these factors impact the most upon the least fortunate among us. Please find a way to continue the tradition of care and generosity which you have built. Plan ahead for this drive. Take advantage of your super market's "buy one, get one free" offers and put the "free" one aside for our brothers and sisters in need. Please help *"Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."* (Mathew 25:40)

During next week, March 22-24, Monday through Wednesday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will need your help to sort and repackage the foods according to the needs of the organizations to which it will be distributed. Come join us for an hour or two.

The Following Saturday, March 27, at 9:00 a.m., help will be needed to load the food into vehicles and also to deliver it. Many hands do make light work. If you have a van or pickup truck bring that as well, but we need your help with or without a delivery vehicle. If enough hands show up, we'll finish in less than an hour. This is a great opportunity for young people in need of community service hours

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

Available: Solid oak pedestal table with 4 chairs.

Available: Bureau with changing table on top

Available: Blue denim sofa.

Needed: Queen size mattress

Needed: For the WIN Easter basket project: Baskets and small very-gently-used stuffed animals.

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

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 would like to join us.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY BOOK CLUB

The Elizabeth Ministry Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Ordinary Heroes written by Scott Turrow. New members are always welcome. Please call Anne Annesley at 203-364-0676 for information.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is a meeting for those who wish to find support through prayer, scripture and sharing of personal experience while grieving a loss. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 21, 2010 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.

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

When preparing medication for yourself, a child or a loved one, keep in mind the 5 Rights to assure the medication is taken safely.

THE 5 RIGHTS

1. Right Drug: carefully check the name.
2. Right Dose: check the amount
3. Right Time: check a clock
4. Right Frequency: is it to be taken once a day, twice a day, etc.
5. Right Route: is it to be swallowed like a pill, applied to the skin, is it eye drops?

Following the 5 Rights helps avoid dangerous medication mistakes.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE: St. Rose School 5th Grade Troop 50477 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses on 3/20 and 3/21. Stock up on your favorite treats before the cookie season ends. Parishioners may also purchase Girl Scout Cookies from Troop 50477 as part of the Cookies for Heroes program. Cookies purchased through the Cookies for Heroes program will be shipped to Service Men and Women at home and overseas. All the Girl Scout cookie favorites will be available for purchase along with a new cookie called Thank U Berry Munch.

ST. ROSE FESTIVAL CHOIR CONCERT

On Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., the St. Rose Festival Choir, under the direction of Joseph J. Jacovino, Jr. will present a Lenten Concert to mark the beginning of Holy Week. The program, which will be approximately one hour, will be presented without intermission, in the style of a prayer service, and will feature the 50-voice SATB choir, soloists, and readers, who will offer Lenten readings and reflections interspersed with the music. The program will be free, although free-will donations to the church music program will be accepted. We invite you all to mark your calendars and consider starting off your Holy Week with beautiful music and inspirational reflection upon this most religious and solemn event.

"Shouts of Hosanna" (Purifoy)

"Adoramus Te Christe/O Bone Jesu" (Palestrina)

"God So Loved the World" (Stainer)

"Into Your Hands" (Berry)

"Song of the Shadows" (A Cantata for Choir, Soloists, and Narrator, by Joseph Martin)

"Lacrymosa" (From the "Requiem Mass" by W. A. Mozart)

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

Can you help, or are you in need of help? Do you know of any affordable rentals? If so, please call 426-2153. God bless you.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Abortion is not healthcare! Call or e-mail your senators and congressmen now and tell them to keep abortion funding out of healthcare reform!

<http://stoptheabortionmandate.com/representatives>

Get the long-standing teachings of the church and the latest updates on healthcare reform. Visit www.usccb.org/healthcare.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR MOMS IN CRISIS continues: baby bottles are still available in the vestibule. Take the bottle home, and fill it with spare change. The bottles will be collected the weekend after Easter, **April 10 & 11**. Bottles also can be dropped at **any time** in the secure bottle drop below the Pro-Life/Pro-Family bulletin board in the vestibule. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to the center of your choice: **EMC Frontline Pregnancy Centers** or **Carolyn's Place**. Thank you!

The **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE** benefits **Expectant Mother Care (EMC)**, which has 12 fixed locations and 2 mobile clinics in New York City. They serve 8,000 girls and women a year and save over 200 babies from abortion each month. EMC provides prenatal care, sonograms, counseling, housing, adoption referrals, and free mother and baby supplies.

and
Carolyn's Place is a pregnancy resource center in Waterbury. They have assisted young mothers with the births of over 1,000 babies, and conducted nearly 700 hundred educational presentations in schools and clubs, including a presentation to parents of 7th and 8th grade religious education students here at St. Rose. They have logged over 140,000 hours on the 24hr/7days a week hot line. They spent hundreds of hours in their "Earn while you learn" program, an eight week program for young mothers and fathers on birthing and parenting skills.

CAROLYN'S PLACE is also in need of car seats and cribs for infants and toddlers. Please contact Helga at 203-426-6030 if you have something to donate.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory

ROSARY FOR LIFE: Saturday, March 27 after the 8 A.M. mass and on the last Saturday of each month

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

Does your Lenten faith journey need a boost? New INSPIRATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL CDs are available in the vestibule. Suggested donation: \$3.

"My mother did not want a seventh child, so she decided to get rid of me before I was born. Then a marvelous thing happened. My aunt dissuaded her, and so I was permitted to be born. Think of it, I was a miracle." Arthur Rubenstein

CENACLE OF THE DIVINE MERCY **@ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet originated from a vision Saint Faustina had of an angel, the executer of divine wrath (Diary, 474-476). Her plea for the angel not to punish mankind was nothing in the face of Divine anger.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Eucharistic prayer, as in it we join Jesus in offering Himself to the Father, in atonement for our sins, in imploring mercy for the whole world. As the Church teaches that Jesus is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in The Blessed Sacrament, we are offering to the Father, His only Son, a gift He cannot refuse. We unite with the sacrifice of Jesus offered up on the cross for the salvation of the world.

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

102nd Infantry
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

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

Airman 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
Pfc. Louis Enriquez
Sgt. Thomas Monckton
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



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A reminder to all parishioners that the K of C toy closet remains open through the year. If you need to pick up a gift for your child's birthday, a gift for someone else, or to make a donation of any new unwrapped toys or gift certificates, please contact Markus Balas at markus@yankeeaautographs.com or 203-449-7190.

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.

ST. ROSE YOUTH GROUP www.stroseyouthgroup.com **5/6 & 7/8 Youth Group: Check calendar for next event.**

Senior Youth Group: The Senior Youth Group has begun registering for our annual trip to join 2,500 other Catholic teens and chaperones at the Steubenville East Youth Conference July 23-25, 2010. This trip is open to all currently in grades 8 - 12. All registration information can be found on our website www.stroseyouthgroup.com. The 2010 Conference will be hosted by Life Teen and they have information available on their website at www.catholicyouthministry.com. Any further questions can be sent to Rodd Blessey at blessman@charter.net.

METRO-NORTH SERVICE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On Wednesday, March 17, 2010 MTA Metro-North Railroad offers frequent service into and out of Grand Central Terminal for New York City's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade up 5th Avenue. Watch for advertisements in local newspapers or call 800-METRO-INFO (800-638-7646); in NYC, call 212-532-4900 for schedule and fare information. And, if you're traveling in a group of 10 or more, Metro-North offers great discounted group travel rates. For group rate information, call 212-499-4398.



PRESENTS

***THE ROLE OF THE LAITY
IN THE 21ST CENTURY***
WITH ROGER DUNCAN, PH.D

Sunday, March 21, 2010

St. Rose of Lima Church, Mass at 4pm

Presentation at 5:15pm in the Gathering Hall



Roger Duncan, PhD, professor of theology and expert on Vatican II, will discuss the radical role laymen are envisioned to play in society in the 21st century.

This will be an interactive forum so come prepared for a lively discussion!

Please visit the Catholic Forum Website to read the article, "What Should the Laity Be Doing?", before the event.

**For more information visit www.catholicforum.us
or contact the St. Rose Catholic Forum at
Email: strosecatholicforum@gmail.com**



**FOOD DRIVE FOR THE NEEDY
MARCH 20th AND MARCH 21st**



***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, St. Peter's, Dorothy Day House, Thomas Merton House, Spooner House, Daughter's of Charity, Shelter of the Cross, Inc., Interfaith A.I.D.S. Ministry are in immediate need of certain food items to feed the needy and homeless in our area. Hygiene items, cleaning supplies, Big Y coins, grocery store and pharmacy gift certificates are also needed.

Urgent Food Items:

- Cereal (Hot & Cold - All Kinds), Baby food & Baby formula, Baby Juices
- Canned Vegetables - peas, carrots, green beans, mixed vegetables, tomatoes, pork & beans, canned & instant potatoes, sweet potatoes, sauerkraut, beets
- Canned Foods – spam, stew, pork & beans, ravioli, fruit, spaghetti's, tuna, chicken, ham, cranberry sauce, gravy, hash
- Soups – Hearty or Ready to Feed, or Cream Soups, Broths, Dry Soups
- Powdered Milk, evaporated milk, powdered chocolate milk, Splenda
- Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, Hunts tomato sauce, pasta, rice, Mac & Cheese
- Mayo, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, relish, oil, bread crumbs, stuffing
- Coffee, tea, lemonade, drink boxes, ice tea mix, soda, bottled water, juice
- Luxury items -Boxed cookies, crackers, cake mix, frosting, pancake mix and syrup, snacks, Jell-O, pudding, quick bread, brownie & cookie mix, sugar, peanut butter & jelly, hamburger helper, Shake & Bake, pie filling & crust

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrushes, toothpaste (small), shaving cream, disposable razors, soap (bar & pump), aspirin, deodorant spray, cold & cough medicine, tylenol, advil, shampoo, band-aids. **Children's multi-vitamins & Tylenol, diapers.** **OTHER NEEDS:** Kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels, dish & laundry detergent, garbage bags, hot & cold paper cups & plates, napkins & cleaning supplies, bleach, foil, Saran wrap, Ziplock gallon bags, Lysol.

Please bring items (double bag with plastic bag on outside) to the St. Rose of Lima Church, 46 Church Hill Road Newtown, Ct. the weekend of March 20th & 21st. Items are to be placed in trailer parked in front of church.

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