

The Good News

of St. Rose of Lima Church

950 W. Market St., York, PA 17401

Winter 2010

News and notes

The 300 Club

There are a few tickets left for the 300 Club. Call the parish office at 846-4935 to get yours. St. Rose will raise \$10,000 if all 300 tickets are sold.

Are you connected?

At www.saintroseoflimayork.org you can get the latest parish information. Click on the Calendar to see coming events, check the Directory to see the many offerings and organizations at St. Rose, and review back issues of our bulletin and newsletter.

Scrip benefits the church

Remember that Scrip is available after each Sunday Mass and weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish office. For large quantities, please pre-order. The proceeds help to balance the budget and move St. Rose forward.

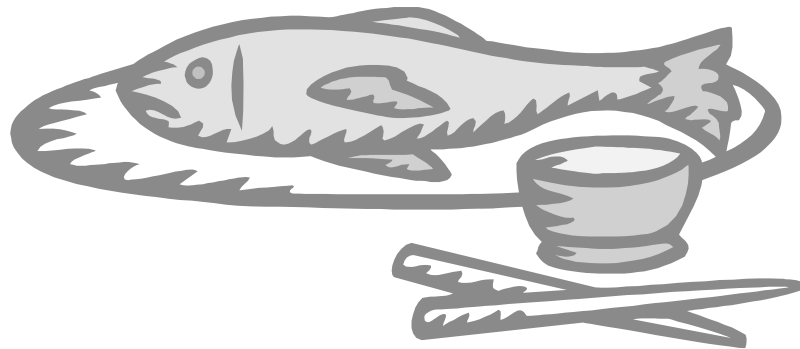
Thank you!

St. Rose School sign-ups

St. Rose School in Thomasville is accepting new students for the 2010-2011 school year. Full-day pre-kindergarten classes are offered. After-school care is available to all students, and busing is offered to most school districts. For more information, visit www.stroseschoolpa.org or call Principal Peg Rizzuto at 792-0889.

Get ready to feast

Lenten Seafood Dinners begin on Feb. 19



On Wednesday, Feb. 17, foreheads will be marked with ash crosses, a sign of penance and the start of Lent.

During the 40 days leading up to Easter, Catholics and others will also fast and abstain from eating meat on Fridays. St. Rose will hold its seven-week Lenten Seafood Dinners on all Fridays during Lent, starting on Feb. 19 and ending April 2.

Father Thomas Hoke and his crew will prepare and serve our fantastic entrees and side dishes to the delight of hundreds of hungry patrons.

It's exciting to reach this crossroads again in our liturgical year.

Each year during this time, the parish center dining room is packed with parishioners and loyal diners, and a line out the door signals good food followed by fellowship.

Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., eat-in or take-out. Call ahead so your order can be filled as you arrive. For take-out, please call 854-1371.

The dinner menu is available from 4 to 8

p.m. Entrees include crab cakes, shrimp, baked and fried fish, crab imperial, tilapia, fried clams, scallops and more. Lighter fare and a children's menu are also available.

The entrees are served with beverage, potatoes, vegetable of the day, cole slaw, and roll and butter. Homemade macaroni and cheese, soups and desserts are available.

Dinners are available eat-in or take-out. For take-out service, please place orders by phone. Check our Web site for weekly coupon specials: www.saintroseoflima.org.

Volunteers will be present at each dinner to sell Scrip and small games of chance. To help at the dinners, please call the parish office at 846-4935. State clearances are necessary to be a volunteer.

Come and enjoy the best Lenten dinner this side of the Susquehanna River, and enjoy the community spirit as you support the parish.

Anita Webb

A YEAR FOR PRIESTS - JUNE 19, 2009 - JUNE 19, 2010

Pray for those who pray for us

The Year For Priests began with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. And in June 2010, priests from around the world will gather with Pope Benedict XVI. St. John Vianney was declared the priest of the world by our Holy Father.

According to Carol Glatz from Catholic News Service, our Holy Father tells us that a priest's ministry totally supports the traditions initiated by Jesus and his disciples. The pope hopes to encourage the priests' compassion "for spiritual perfection, upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends."

Priests must let all generations know the church doctrine as presented in the Second Vatican Council. Pope Benedict tells us that priests have to be "present, identifiable and recognizable for their judgment of faith, their personal virtues and their attire in the fields of culture and charity, which has always been at the heart of the church's mission." He adds that without priests, "we wouldn't have a mission or a Eucharist, nor a church."

St. Rose has been blessed with wonderful priests who have a passion to serve their parishioners. Father Hoke and Father Letteer bring Christ into our lives every day. Not only do they offer the sacraments; they are administrators, they are there for the sick and dying and to bring comfort to the families. They instruct our children in Catholic schools. They pray for us every day.

We need to pray for all priests. To help the St. Rose community celebrate the Year For Priests, we will provide fliers to

Who is that new face at St. Rose?

The new person we see around St. Rose Parish and School is none other than the Rev. Michael Letteer. Father Letteer joined our parish family as parochial vicar in the fall and is splitting his time between St. Rose and St. Mary's parishes.

Father Letteer was born in Lancaster. He has one sister. He attended Manheim Township High School and the University of Scranton, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and another in theology/religious studies. He attended Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, graduating with a master of divinity degree and a master of arts in biblical scriptures. While in the seminary, he received a full scholarship to study at the Jerusalem Biblical Center in Israel.

He spent some time assigned to Bucknell University and has led several pilgrimages outside the United States.

We welcome Father Michael to our St Rose Family.



Deb Wagner

offer a "spiritual bouquet" to a particular priest. This can be fulfilled by saying a Rosary, or offering a Mass, an hour of Eucharistic Adoration or Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the 3 p.m. hour. Sheets will be available for Religious Education students and the students of St. Rose School. They will also be available for parishioners in the back of the church. Watch the bulletin for further details

about this project during Lent. The Diocese of Harrisburg Web site lists priests in the diocese.

Priests are called to serve as the apostles did. They make many sacrifices, and with our prayers, we all will be closer to God.

Deb Clineburg

Saying “I’m Sorry” To God

Most people agree that saying “I’m sorry” is difficult. Why? Well, my 7-year-old daughter, Abigail, admits that it could be because “the person might be mad at you, or you could be embarrassed.”

On Saturday, Jan. 9, as 32 young people in our parish celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, Father Hoke explained that God is never angry with us for our sins. In a service called “The Last Light of Christmas,” families gathered in the church to remember why Jesus was born — to forgive our sins. Father described how the light that Jesus brought to the world can shine throughout the year as we continue to seek the gifts of forgiveness and mercy. It is a joyous sacrament, much like the Christmas season, and Father Hoke emphasized that no matter what sins we may have committed, God loves us unconditionally as his sons and daughters and will forgive us.

At the Reconciliation Service, young people lined up with their parents to talk to one of four priests there to assist with the sacrament. Some children were anxious or a bit nervous, but all agreed afterward that it was a positive experience. Jody Bunnell was proud to hear her daughter, Alyssa, say, “I feel fresh and clean” afterwards. Twin brothers Bailey and Logan Dillow echoed each other’s sentiment by saying, “I liked when I got all my sins out. It made me feel happy.”

Families from both St. Rose School and the Religious Education Program had the option of participating in a retreat held around the Reconciliation Service. Nineteen families joined in discussion, watched a video, made a craft and shared a pizza lunch. Jennifer Dillow said her family is grateful for the time it gave them together. “It gave us time to bond as a family that we might not have done on a normal Saturday,” she said. “The boys (Bailey and

Logan) really enjoyed making the mobile and hanging them in their rooms. I think my boys will see reconciliation as a celebration and appreciate what it does for us because Sister (Jane) made it such a family time and a celebration.”

As these students prepare for celebrating their First Eucharist in April, they will be invited to share a seat at the banquet feast of Jesus’ body and blood. By celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they have laid the foundation for honesty, forgiveness and love, much as God showed his love for us by sending his son, Jesus.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Rose of Lima each week on Wednesday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. and Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Kathy Carlisle

The warmth of generosity

Our school’s new heating system has an anonymous benefactor. Can you help?

While St. Rose of Lima students were enjoying their Christmas break, contractors were hard at work installing the school’s new heating system within a 10-day time frame. The goal of having heat in each of the classrooms before the children’s return was met with ease, and within the first weeks of the new year, the work needed in the cafeteria and other areas of the school was finished.

Thankfully, the installation of the heating system was completed without disruption to the students’ education. While the children learned to be flexible and adapt during this time, they also had the opportunity to

be a part of a Christian community that came together toward the goal of providing such a basic need as heat.

Because the need was crucial, unfortunately, delaying the installation of a new heating system was not an option. With this improvement, as with any improvement, the costs were great. St. Rose of Lima Home School Association and its families held a “furnace fundraiser” in November that raised \$800 for the project.

The school was blessed with an anonymous donation of \$10,000 toward the heating system. The donor has offered to make another donation of up to \$10,000 to match any

funds raised for the project.

Father Hoke, St. Rose of Lima clergy, teachers and staff and school families are grateful for this donor’s incredible generosity.

Many thanks to the entire St. Rose of Lima parish for the ongoing support of St. Rose of Lima School and its students.

To make contributions to help defray the cost of the heating system or for information on the \$10,000 pledge to match donations, please contact the school or church office.

Tina Fazio and Shari Gordon

St. Rose milestones

The St. Rose of Lima parish family would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Matthew David Spahr on their marriage, which took place on Nov. 7, 2009. We wish you a blessed and joyous marriage.

Our parish has celebrated the following baptisms:

Matthew Dillman on Oct. 4

Morgan Srebro on Oct. 17

Gima and Lena Ndasi on Oct. 17

Lillyana Margaro on Nov. 10

Peter Belawske on Dec. 6

Elle Yankanich on Dec. 6.

Congratulations to the families

We would like to welcome the following new parish members:

Mrs. Eileen Alexander

Ms. Eugenia Duckett

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ekwunazu

Mr. and Mrs. John Hitchner and Family

Mrs. Kim Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Maebus and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Mannino and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mensah

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Murphy and Family

Ms. Stella Platts

Ms. Katherine Sanchez

Mrs. Kathleen Wadlinger

Miss Melissa Wadlinger

Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Wildes and Family

Welcome! We are glad you are here at St. Rose

Becky Caldwell

Mark your calendar

Feb. 17 — Ash Wednesday

Feb. 19 — Seafood dinners begin

March 22 — Parish Penance Service

April 3 — Easter Vigil

April 10 — St. Rose Derby

April 17 — First Eucharist celebration

April 23 — Confirmation celebration

May 2 — Last Day of Religious Education classes

May 13 — Ascension Thursday

June 4 — Last day of classes at St. Rose School

June 14-18 — SonQuest Rainforest vacation Bible school

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