

The Good News

of St. Rose of Lima Church

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News and notes

2010 Lottery Calendar

Win a *cash prize* each day in 2010. Each calendar has a three-digit number. If that number, played straight, matches the Pennsylvania Daily Number night-time drawing, you win the prize amount printed on that date.

There is no limit to how many prizes you can win.

Calendars can be purchased at the church office and through the school.

This calendar makes a great Christmas gift!

Are you connected?

At www.saintroseoflimayork.com 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.

Keeping tabs on our faith

The kindergarten religious education classes initiated a project last year to collect soda can tabs to be traded in for cash. While the used can goes in a recycling container, the pop-top tab can be easily collected for money.

We raised more than \$36 last year and ask for your continued support.

Collection containers are at the back of church and in the parish center.

Thank you!

One of our own serves as priest

On Saturday, June 6, one of our own, Keith Carroll, was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg by Bishop Kevin Rhoades.

What a special way to celebrate his birthday. The Rev. Carroll turned 28 on the day that his journey began in the priesthood.

He attended St. Rose of Lima elementary school and graduated in 2000 from York Catholic High School. He went on to attend St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and then finished his studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., receiving a master's of divinity degree.

Growing up, Keith attended weekly Mass with his parents and became an altar server. Time spent in prayer and closely watching the priests as they celebrated Mass only intensified the calling he felt from God.

Father Keith celebrated his first Mass in his home parish, St. Rose, on Sunday, June 7. A reception was held afterward, and the smile on Father Keith's face never wavered as the St. Rose family celebrated this huge milestone with him.

At a time when the Catholic Church faces a nationwide shortage of priests as retirement draws near for many and fewer young men hear the calling from God, the Rev. Carroll will bring his youthful exuberance and dedication to the Diocese of Harrisburg. Father Keith's new home as a parochial vicar is Corpus Christi Parish in Chambersburg.

The St. Rose parish family wishes Father Keith the best on his long journey through the priesthood. We will continue to pray that he



The Rev. Keith Carroll

follows God's call in guiding his parishioners along their pathways in life.

Father Keith, St. Rose is so proud of you!

Deb Wagner

A campaign to raise money for updated computer work stations at St. Rose School was expected to take two years. It took only 10 months. Now our elementary students are working with cutting-edge technology.

\$60,000 computer lab goes online

“What started out as a small project,” in the words of longtime parishioner Norm Basso, resulted in \$60,000 in new servers, software and technology for St. Rose of Lima School.

Almost a year ago, Norm and his wife, Tina, saw a need and brought in Mike Nitchman of Business Information Group to see what could be done to update the school’s computer lab. In doing so, the Bassos spearheaded the Wired for Success Technology Improvement Campaign.

Beginning with a donation jar outside the school’s office and having students collect spare change in their classrooms, the effort became a full-blown project involving school parents, parishioners and the community that brought in more than \$30,000 in donations.

“The response was incredible, of money, talent and materials, in-kind contributions and volunteer hours by members of the church and school,” Norm said, citing community donations by the Kinsley Foundation, which owns BIG, and payment from Microsoft Corp. for the work of two St. Rose of Lima School parents who are Microsoft employees.

The Wired for Success committee consists of teachers, parishioners and school parents who are in the technology field as well as those who are not. The committee came up with the idea for a Wired for Murder mystery dinner and to auction off computer keyboard keys on a mural painted on the wall of the computer lab.

The dinner, live auction, 50/50 tickets and silent auction of theme gift baskets raised \$8,139 for Wired



Norm Basso and Father Hoke unveil St. Rose of Lima School’s upgraded computer lab on Sept. 12. Assisting are Kadin Santiago, left, a St. Rose sixth-grader, and Riley Santiago, who is in first grade. The lab has 24 state-of-the-art work stations.

for Success in one evening.

The committee thanks all the volunteers who participated as suspects in the mystery and those who attended the event. Members are especially grateful to the St. Rose Activation Committee for its work with the fundraiser and to Father Hoke, who provided the delicious meal.

“People just stepped up, so the project kept moving forward,” Norm noted. “That was the neat part of it.”

It was expected that it would take two years to raise the funds. Instead, the project was completed in just 10 months, culminating with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the school after the 5 p.m. Mass on

Sept. 12 that unveiled the 24 state-of-the-art work stations.

Members of the Wired for Success committee agree that it was the partnership between the school and church that led to this project’s astounding success.

Norm outlined the next steps in the process.

“We’re going to let what we did settle in a little at the school, integrate our program into the diocesan level, and get the teachers trained on all the new technology so that they can use it in their classrooms for our students,” he said.

Shari Gordon

5 teachers joins ranks at St. Rose

St. Rose of Lima School is a third of the way into the 2009-2010 school year and off to an exceptional start.

Aug. 31 was the first day for the students, and they are excited. As our students celebrate the Marian Year, they will pray for vocations and take a statue of the Blessed Mother home to be placed in a special spot. The Marian observance includes an invitation for everyone to pray the Rosary every night at 7.

The students have been eager to use the new computer lab and a mobile cart with 15 laptops from the Lincoln Intermediate Unit. They will again have the Enrichment Program as part of the curriculum in which they will make healthy snacks, learn conversational Spanish, listen to a rhythm band, per-

form science projects and do other fun things.

We welcome St. Rose's new teachers who are jubilant about sharing their knowledge and Christian values with our students.

New at St. Rose this school year are:

Sarah Hartzell, a familiar face in the St. Rose community, is conducting a new art program. She is pursuing her degree in early childhood education.

Michelle Legacy, a member of our parish technology committee, will devote time to technical support and system management. She has a dual degree in applied art (sculpture) and gallery management, and a master's degree in family and art therapy from Hahnemann University.

Sarah Miller is teaching fourth grade. She has a degree in business and psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. Realizing she wanted to teach, she earned her teaching certificate from Millersville University.

Mrs. Beth Pirkey, teaching sixth grade, holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in language and literacy. She received her reading specialist certification from Millersville University.

Dennis Reardon, a former parishioner now living in Harrisburg, begins his teaching career with a first-grade class at St. Rose. He was a journalist before studying elementary education in Harrisburg.

Deb Clineburg

Diocese celebrates Marian Year as way to grow closer to Mary

Bishop Kevin Rhoades has announced a special year in the Diocese of Harrisburg in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Marian Year will host many diocesan and parish activities and celebrations.

"The reason I am declaring this Marian Year in our diocese is spiritual: to lead all of us closer to the Lord Jesus through deeper devotion to Mary," Bishop Rhoades said.

The diocesan Marian Year began on Oct. 24 with a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This special year will end on Oct. 2, 2010, with a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md. These pilgrimages are to remind us that our Christian life is a pilgrimage to our Father's house with Mary as our companion along the way.

A preliminary list of special events and celebrations can be found on the diocesan Web site, www.hbgdiocese.org. There you also will find a message from Bishop Rhoades, special prayer intentions, prayers and much more. St. Rose students also will celebrate the Marian Year, and everyone is invited to pray the Rosary daily at 7 p.m.

Bishop Rhoades' hope is that our diocese will grow spiritually and be renewed by God's grace and Mary's prayers through the experience of the Marian Year.

Robin Lookingbill

There's a new fundraiser coming to St. Rose

Yes, that's right. A new fundraiser. We call it the 300 Club. Here's the skinny on it. It runs for 12 weeks — from Feb. 7 to May 1. The weekly prizes are first prize: \$200; second prize: \$100; third prize: \$50; fourth prize: \$25; fifth prize: \$25.

The cost is \$60 a ticket, which covers all 12 weeks. New winners are drawn weekly. Ticket holders have the potential to win every week.

Included in the \$60 ticket cost is a dinner during the last week, cooked by the Rev. Chef Thomas R. Hoke, pastor.

Each ticket holder has a number that is put into a capsule. The capsules are put into a container, and five numbers are drawn each week. The parish office will notify each winner.

The more tickets you buy, the more you can win. And I almost forgot, the last week of the drawing, the 12th week, the prizes are doubled!

The best part is that we have the potential to raise more than \$10,000 for the church if we sell all 300 tickets. Plus, we get to socialize at the dinner.

The conclusion: Help the church to help you! Contact the parish office for tickets.

*Anita Webb,
Finance and Fundraising chairwoman*

Development can help plan long-term gifts to church

Lee Woodmansee is the head of the Development Subcommittee of St. Rose Parish. The purpose of the committee is to encourage individuals to make major long-term gifts to the church, school or parish through their wills or life insurance policies.

This would mean someone making St. Rose a beneficiary in his will in the event of his death and/or as a beneficiary on his life insurance policy.

The committee also is looking for gift-giving directly to the church or school for specific items any time of the year, depending on the needs of the church or parish.

This is a difficult task during the hard economic times we are experiencing. Realizing this, the committee attempted to offer a course in family budgeting.

Unfortunately, the course was canceled due to a lack of interest.

Hopefully, the course will be offered in the future without regard to the number of registrants, as the committee believes it is an important topic.

There are two other members of the committee, Tim Ohm and Dave Fullerton, both of whom are professional financial advisors. The committee is always looking for new members to join and help out. It is also in the process of designing a brochure to outline the objectives of the committee.

If you are interested in the idea of long-term gift-giving or you would like to help on this committee, please contact Lee at 764-1964.

Marcia Vaupel

See Catholic education in action at St. Rose School's open house

Please take some time to visit St. Rose of Lima School during its open house on Jan. 31, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the school, 115 North Biesecker Road in Thomasville.

Our pre-K through sixth-grade students begin each day with prayer and enjoy small class sizes, dedicated teachers, challenging academics and being important members of a community of faith and service.

Full-day pre-K and kindergarten classes are offered at a fraction of the cost of many day-care options. After-school care is available to all students, and busing is offered by most area school districts.

For more information about St. Rose of Lima School, please visit our Web site: www.stroseschoolpa.org/ or contact Principal Peg Rizzuto at 792-0889.

Christmas Fest launches spirit of season

Karen Toren and Kim Ferguson, co-chairwomen for the Christmas Festival, along with all their volunteers, worked very hard to make the event a success on Nov. 21. Special activities included Advent Avenue, a silent tree auction, bingo featuring gift cards and Vera Bradley bags, the Secret Santa shop,

an elves' workshop, pictures with Santa, gingerbread house decorating, live music and much more.

No one went home hungry with Father Hoke manning the kitchen. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season, and everyone had a great time.

Becky Caldwell

Mark your calendar

Dec. 8 — Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 13 — Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 14 — Parish Penance Service

Jan. 9 — First Reconciliation

Jan. 31-Feb. 5 — Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 6 — Spaghetti dinner

Feb. 13 — Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 17 — Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

Feb. 19 — Seafood Dinners begin and run through Good Friday (April 2)

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