

The Good News

of St. Rose of Lima Church

950 W. Market St., York, PA 17401

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News and notes

Volunteer badges

If you volunteer in the parish, you need a new volunteer badge for 2011. Call the parish office at 846-4935.

Sign up for e-mail

Stay up to date with parish events and news by signing up for parish e-mails at www.saintroseoflimayork.org.

High school seniors

We would like to acknowledge your upcoming graduation. Please forward a senior picture, and tell us which school you attend and what you plan to do next year. Drop it in the offering basket or e-mail Joan Bainbridge at bnbrge@comcast.net for mailing instructions.

E-giving option

Electronic giving allows you to transfer your offering from your bank account to St. Rose safely and securely. You also can give through your bank's online bill-payer system. Call the parish office for details.

Vacation Bible School

Young people from pre-k to grade 5 are invited to uncover great mysteries in our church from June 13-17, 9-11:30 a.m. Mark your calendar and watch for more details.

Communications Committee

Do you want to learn more about what is happening in the parish? Do you have creative ideas for sharing information? Join our Communications Committee and lend your voice to this effort. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Contact Kathy Carlisle at 767-3723.

Serving as stewards

St. Rose high schoolers make a difference in others' lives

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (Peter 4:10)

Each year, three mini-courses are held for students in grades 9-12 through the Religious Education Program. Each course consists of three sessions. For several years, Cori Strathmeyer has been the instructor for the Stewardship in Action course, which typically takes place on selected Sundays in November and December.

Over the past several years, students have provided Helping Hands with supply-filled backpacks, written letters to deployed soldiers, cleaned and decorated Catholic Charities facilities, visited older adults at the Lutheran Home, and raked the fall leaves surrounding the rectory, convent and church.

"It is very important for these young adults to have an opportunity to help someone in need," Cori said. "Sometimes our service projects are very difficult, and the students become emotional. There is no better way to understand how one's actions can make a difference than to actually look into the eyes of the recipient."

This year, the class worked at the Catholic Harvest Food Pantry, visited Alzheimer's patients at Barley Autumn House's Laurel Court, and cooked a meal for the residents of



Photo by Cori Strathmeyer

the YMCA of York. On Nov. 21, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, students unpacked, sorted and arranged the hundreds of food items donated from the members of St. Rose to the Food Pantry. Some students helped load Thanksgiving dinners into vehicles to be delivered to the needy in the city.

In December, the class completed crafts and played games with Alzheimer's patients. This is a very challenging activity for most teen-

Louie Ann Esmerelda, above, and other senior high students play bingo with residents of Laurel Court at Barley's Autumn House on West Market Street in York.

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Photo by Sister Jane Keller

Religious Ed board offers taste of Italy

Members of the St. Rose Religious Education Board served up an evening of delightful Italian eating on Feb. 5 at the annual spaghetti dinner in the Parish Center dining room. Pictured are board members, from left, Theresa Carrico, Catherine Rossi, Tom Mesler, Karen Toren, Donna Shaffer, Jeanne Herman and Scott Kurtzman. Our thanks to all who supported this event.

Seafood dinners start March 11

TGIFFF — Thank Goodness It's Finally Fish Friday.

It has been such a long, cold winter, and everyone is anticipating those hot, delicious Lenten Seafood Dinners. Leave the cold days behind as we begin our lunches and dinners, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4-8 p.m., every Friday from March 11 through Good Friday, April 22.

Jane Dennis, one of the many volunteers, points out that attendance at the dinners increases every year.

"It's a great meal at a great price, and a good time to meet and greet people from the parish," she said.

Each year, parishioners and members of the surrounding community look for times and dates in the newspaper, as well as on the signs outside the church and also on our website.

"Carry-outs have increased in popularity, which are made easy by phoning in orders," Jane noted. For carry-outs, call 854-1371.

Come see what new menu items our "chef," Father Hoke, is planning, along

with some familiar favorites. Log on to www.stroseoflimayork.org to see the lunch and dinner menus. And remember to head upstairs after the evening meal for those decadent desserts and to enjoy socializing.

Coffee and tea are available, and be sure to try your luck at the small-games-of-chance table.

Diners often mention as they leave that they had a wonderful, filling meal at a decent price, Jane said.

St. Rose has a dedicated group of volunteers, especially those who prepare all the meals in the kitchen. As always, we are looking for more volunteers, but remember to get your clearances through the church office.

To all you bakers, show off your skills with a bakery item for diners to enjoy. Baked goods can be dropped off at the parish dining room on any Friday during Lent.

Come and check out our dinners. You surely will be satisfied.

Deb Clineburg, Deb Wagner

Baptistery space to become new religious store

The Finance/Fundraising Committee has gathered a panel to spearhead the new religious bookstore at St. Rose. Committee member Frank Iati will manage the operation while others will coordinate the volunteers.

Several men of the parish have transformed the old Baptistery, with its exquisite stained-glassed windows, into a potentially spirit-filled space designated for the religious bookstore.

Initially, the store will carry various crosses, books, rosaries and Confirmation and First Communion items.

As the store grows, we hope to provide angel items and figurines.

The grand opening will be announced soon, so look in the bulletin or on the website, www.saintroseoflimayork.org, for the date.

If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish office at 846-4935.

Check the church website for Seafood Dinner coupons

Anita Webb

Students rock Catholic Schools Week

The January celebration, 'A+ for America,' included an open house and dance marathon



Photo by Shari Gordon

Eighty St. Rose of Lima students and friends had a great time at the second annual Dance Marathon at St. Rose of Lima School and helped our area's hungry residents at the same time. The marathon concluded this year's Catholic Schools Week. Above, the students dance to the "Cha Cha Slide." Parishioner Chris Wagman served as DJ for the event. Admission to the dance was a canned-food item for York's Catholic Harvest Food Pantry. A total of 161 cans were donated that evening, adding to the nearly 700 cans that were collected between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The last week of January is Catholic Schools Week, and this year, St. Rose of Lima School started it off with students greeting parishioners at Masses followed by an open house at the school in Thomasville.

Building on the theme "A+ for America," students marked the week by naming fifth-grade student Nicholas Spanakis as Principal for a Day. They received a visit from the York Revolution's mascot, "Downtown," and the Revs' baseball information manager read a story to the students.

Members of Student Council also had the opportunity to meet with and ask questions of Veterans Affairs Department personnel. The St. Rose of Lima student Knights of Columbus, the Squires, led the students and attendees in prayer at Mass held at the school.

Students also competed in a religion bee and the annual Science Fair, with projects being judged throughout the week.

Catholic Schools Week ended with St. Rose of Lima School's second annual Dance Marathon at which students brought canned goods for the area's needy. To add to the fun, they made their donations in support of their favorite Super Bowl team: the Pittsburgh Steelers or the Green Bay Packers.

Thank you to all the students, families and parishioners for your ongoing support of St. Rose of Lima School.

Shari Gordon

St. Rose applauds Finance/Fundraising Committee

On the second Monday of each month, you can find Chairwoman Anita Webb meeting with the members of the Finance/Fundraising Committee at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Their mission is to advise Father Hoke on financial matters of the church.

This group works hard to find fun and exciting ways to raise much-needed funds for our parish. They have initiated two of our most popular programs: Scrip and the 300 Club drawing. In the past, they have spearheaded Get Gold Cash, Christmas tree vouchers and monthly dinners. All have been very successful.

They also do service projects when needed, such as renovating the men's restroom and planning the opening of a religious bookstore at our church. And it doesn't end there. The com-

mittee is responsible for performing yearly audits, organizing parish finance presentations, advising on budget issues and conducting a monthly debt-reduction collection.

This committee includes a development subcommittee led by Lee Woodmansee. That group promotes the John De-Stephano Tuition Scholarship Fund, and oversees gifts and endowments to the church, financial planning for parishioners and e-giving.

Besides Anita and Lee, members include Father Hoke, Scott Thomassy, Nena Mulay, Bill Hartman, Frank Iati, Tom Messler, Cathy Hartzell and Jean Hershner. Thank you to this essential committee for all the hard work it does to make our parish thrive. New members are welcome to join us at our next meeting on March 14.

Becky Caldwell



Photo by Cori Strathmeyer

Zachary Blouse and other senior high students work with residents of Laurel Court to make door hanger decorations.

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agers. Some of the older adults easily participate in the activities, while others become agitated and confused. The students were patient and kind while creating Christmas door hangers and playing bingo.

The week before Christmas, the class completed its third service project at the men’s residence of the YMCA. Students served a pasta dinner to many of the men who live in the 120-unit building. Every resident lives below the state poverty level, and many of them rarely eat a home-cooked meal.

The students enjoyed serving the men and had wonderful conversations.

“It is my hope that each student leaves this class knowing that he or she can truly make a difference in another person’s life,” Cori said. “God has called us to be good stewards, and these kids are well on their way to fulfilling this calling.”

Welcome to our parish

Jill Steinheimer
 Patricia and Bret Altimore
 Elizabeth Kozlowski
 James and Maritza Compere
 Michael Mostick
 Joseph and Katherine Stephan
 Mark and Michelle Conte

We are happy to have you
 at St. Rose of Lima

We celebrate these baptisms

Lia Cristofolletti
 Maximus Della Ragione
 Owen Goodman
 Jett Heilman
 Emma McKee
 Abigail Olenick
 Claire Schulte
 Caleb Snyder
 Jack Wachowski

Congratulations to the families

We mourn the loss of these parishioners

Mary Saum, Mary Ann Small, Nancy Munchel

We pray for them to rest in peace and for God to comfort their families

Mark your calendar

March 9 — Ash Wednesday

March 11-April 22 — Lenten
 Seafood Dinners, 4-8 p.m.

March 11-April 15 — Stations
 of the Cross at church, 7 p.m.

March 19 — Confirmation celebration,
 St. Rose of Lima, 10 a.m.

April 23 — Easter Vigil: Celebrating
 Sacraments of Initiation

April 30— First Eucharist
 Celebration

May 7 — May Crowning of
 Mary, 5 p.m. Mass

May 14 — 300 Club dinner

June 13-17 — Vacation Bible
 School Program: “Marvelous Mystery -
 Unraveling the Mass”

August — Parish picnic

Aug. 23 — Feast Day of St. Rose
 of Lima

Check the parish calendar at
saintroseoflimayork.org for details

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