

Fr. Ken's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Rose of Lima Parish,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Those words may fill us with a sense of anxiety and perhaps even trepidation - less than a month to do all those many things we need to do to celebrate the wonderful Feast of Christmas – Christ's Birth.

While Easter is the most important of all our Solemn Feast Days, Christmas, by popular acclaim, is the most anticipated and the most joyful. The entire world takes on a renewed feeling of 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to All' as we get closer and closer to December 25. And yet, amid all of the many time-consuming preparations that may fray our nerves and which we always seem to accomplish just in the nick of time, perhaps our personal preparation to celebrate the birth of the Son of God is the most important, but often times the most neglected. These four Sundays of Advent truly give us the opportunity to prepare our minds, our hearts, our souls.

But how do we do this? How can we really prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate that world-changing event that has become overly commercial? How can we take the time to enter into this wonderful season of joyful anticipation when there is the decorating of the house, the setting up of the Christmas tree, the buying and wrapping of presents, and all the other things that are a part of this celebration of JESUS? All these things we need to do, while being a part of what we do to honor Christ's birth, can be the very things that detract from that honoring of so great a gift.

Let me suggest that one of the things we do within this time of all the material preparations is **to say a simple prayer while we are doing them.** Each time you pick a gift, say to yourself, "Lord Jesus, I buy this gift for Jimmy (or whomever) to honor YOU." Or when you are sitting down to the dreaded task of writing Christmas Cards, think, "Lord Jesus, I send these cards of greeting to reverently greet you." Baking Christmas cookies can be a great joy, but it is also time consuming – mixing the batter, waiting for them to bake, arranging them in boxes and tins (and perhaps even having to hide them so that the family doesn't eat them all before Christmas Day). In this entire process, bring the thought to mind, "Jesus, I do all this as a way of feeding you. I don't do this because it is expected of me (even though it is). **I do all this as a way of celebrating who you are and what you are to me.**"

The Advent Season is a time of not having enough time. Advent is a time for traffic far beyond what occurs the rest of the year. Yet you and I know it is the mental attitude that we carry that can turn this time of blessed anticipation into one big headache. It is our spiritual attitude that can also transform us. Are you stuck in traffic and running late? Are the kids acting up? OK, you're late, there's nothing you can do about it, and the kids aren't being as cooperative as you'd like. Say a couple of Hail Mary's, ask them to pray with you and perhaps put an extra emphasis on the phrase, "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus" (or pray for us sinners). Each time we make the attempt to remind ourselves WHY we are putting ourselves through all this trouble is the moment when we can remember that we are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. And each time we remember we're celebrating that Our God is born among us as a man – Our God took on human flesh for our Salvation - is the moment that this gift of salvation becomes more and more real. The reality of what we celebrate makes everything else worthwhile.

Statement of Parish Financial Activities
For the Periods ending August 31, 2009 and 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Rose of Lima Parish,

On behalf of the Trustees and the Finance Committee of the parish, I include our annual financial report to the parish in this week's bulletin for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2009. This past year has been an extremely difficult one for many in light of the economic conditions being experienced by the entire country. Nevertheless, due to the faithfulness and sacrifice you have shown by your contributions to St. Rose of Lima Parish, we have been able to maintain the vital ministries which make St. Rose a vital center of Catholic Spirituality, both in prayer and in ministering to those in need. We have even been able to hire Anthony and Stephanie Muhs as ministers to our teens and young adults in response to one of the biggest areas of ministry needed within the parish. I am humbled by the incredible number of people who give not only of their treasure, but of their time and talent which makes this community of faith so strong and vibrant.

If you have been following the weekly reports in our bulletin, our regular Sunday Collections, the primary source of parish revenue, has declined. Yet, as you have experienced in your own household, the ordinary expenses have increased. We will continue to effectively reduce expenses wherever possible. This has helped greatly, but cutting expenses alone cannot close what has become a widening gap.

The needs of the parish members continue to grow. With great joy, we received close to 300 babies into the faith through baptism. Sharing your sorrow, we bid farewell to 200 parishioners in their funeral liturgies. Over 3,500 children both in Catholic and Public Schools are being formed in their faith, with over 400 children receiving First Reconciliation and Communion and close to 500 young adults being confirmed this past year.

As I said when I first arrived as pastor of St. Rose, without you, I can do nothing. This remains true and for all your continuing support, I am grateful and I thank you - for all you do - all you contribute. Despite life's many uncertainties, there will be one constant - we will do all in our power to continue to support you in your spiritual journey. In turn, we ask your continual support of St. Rose of Lima Church.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kenneth M. Zach, the Parish Trustees and the Finance Committee -
Owen DeCoursey, Sharon Mahin, Robert Zuccaro, Ben DiVenti, Nancy Bartlett

St. Rose of Lima Church
Statement of Parish Financial Activities
For the Periods ending August 31, 2009 and 2008

(A summary of our Parish Restoration Campaign is provided separately following this report.)

Revenues:	2009	2008
Sundays and Holydays	\$ 1,292,767	\$ 1,333,174
Christmas and Easter	218,359	222,400
Total Regular Collections	<u>1,511,126</u>	<u>1,555,574</u>
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Refund	298	2,539
Tree of Life	3,631	5,955
Total Fund Raising	<u>3,929</u>	<u>8,494</u>
Religious Education	279,398	257,160
Parish Social Ministry	90,074	73,396
C. Y. O.	467,138	407,717
Other	1,916	4,610
Total Parish Programs	<u>838,526</u>	<u>742,883</u>
Sacramental Offerings	62,522	50,523
Direct Donations	53,400	57,745
Interest Income (including investment activity)	84,403	64,633
LI Catholic	8,883	8,239
Diocesan Jubilee Parish Credit		
Other- (includes donations for flowers, votive shrines, poor boxes, commissions and rental income)	92,514	89,895
Total Auxiliary Revenue	<u>301,722</u>	<u>271,035</u>
National/Diocesan Collections	<u>70,084</u>	<u>76,168</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 2,725,387	\$ 2,654,154
EXPENDITURES:		
Religious Education	278,325	288,809
Parish Social Ministry	146,893	139,242
C. Y. O.	488,686	385,845
Youth/Family Ministry	6,633	10,451
Adult Faith Formation	2,130	2,290
Other Parish Programs	18,937	21,120
Total Parish Programs	<u>941,604</u>	<u>847,757</u>

(Parish programs include direct program costs and salaries and benefits for each ministry)

EXPENDITURES (cont'd):	2009	2008
<i>Salaries--Clergy/Administrative et al</i>	\$ 511,248	\$ 514,412
<i>(represents full & part-time salaries for all clergy, administrative, clerical, music & maintenance staff)</i>		
<i>Payroll taxes and benefits</i>	187,140	160,429
Total Salaries, Taxes and Benefits	698,388	674,841
Office/Administrative	83,728	102,580
<i>(includes expenses for printing, postage, telephone, computer, professional fees and other miscellaneous)</i>		
Parish School Subsidy	303,295	311,132
<i>Diocesan Assessment</i>	122,409	124,954
<i>Liturgical Expenses</i>	42,170	44,994
<i>Charitable Donations</i>	6,979	29,566
<i>LI Catholic</i>	21,632	21,631
Total Auxiliary	193,190	221,145
<i>Rectory/Household</i>	27,628	32,155
<i>Utilities</i>	122,337	135,571
<i>Contracted Maintenance, Ordinary Maintenance and Repairs and Supplies</i>	113,824	94,057
<i>Liability and Property Insurance</i>	26,824	25,490
<i>Other</i>	7,578	2,509
Total Buildings & Grounds	298,191	289,782
National/Diocesan Collections	69,452	75,967
Capital Projects/Renovations <i>(exclusive of capital campaign)</i>	18,240	16,675
Total Expenditures	2,606,088	2,539,879
Net revenues over (under) expenditures	\$ 119,299	\$ 114,275
Transfers to (from) Reserves:		
<i>(Restricted Bequest)</i>		
<i>(Capital Impr. Reserve)</i>	125,000	100,000
<i>(General Reserves)</i>		
<i>(CYO Reserves)</i>	(22,000)	
Net ordinary surplus (deficit)	\$ 16,299	\$ 14,275

**St. Rose of Lima Parish
Summary of Parish Restoration Campaign
at August 31, 2009**

Total Pledges through August 31, 2009	\$ 2,233,373
Total Number of Pledges	1,365
Average Pledge Received	\$ 1,636
Total Down Payments and Payments received to date	\$ 2,136,715
Total Funds Received - Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2009	\$ 26,925
Total Expenditures - Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2009	\$ 89,429
Restoration Fund Balance - August 31, 2009 <i>(including interest income on campaign funds)</i>	<u>\$ 185,678</u>

Work completed last year in the renovation included complete renovation of the Narthex, and electrical work and bathroom renovation in our Parish Social Ministry office.

As we reach the final phase for our capital campaign projects, work is underway to plan for major renovation of our parking lot scheduled to be completed during the Summer of 2010. Our Buildings and Grounds Committee will work over the winter months to finalize plans on this very necessary work. Look for future updates as we move forward.

We are thankful to all those parishioners who have so faithfully fulfilled their pledges to our campaign. You have enabled us to accomplish so much! If you have not yet completed payment on your outstanding pledge, we ask that you continue to support our efforts in undertaking so many of the important renovations and repairs identified in our initial stages.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA 2008

New Families Welcomed – 313

Number of Registered Families – 6,962 (comprising approx. 27,200 members)

Average Weekly Sunday Mass Attendance – 2,500 people

Sacraments and Liturgy

Baptism:

Total children up to 1 yr. old baptized	299
Total children between 1 – 7 yrs. old	15
Total baptized persons over 7 yrs. old	10

Eucharist:

Total children who received First Eucharist	408
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Confirmation:

Total children confirmed	409
Total adults confirmed	11

Reconciliation:

Total children receiving First Reconciliation	408
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Marriages:

72

Funerals:

Total Funeral Masses for the year	182
Total Funeral Services (No Mass of Christian Burial)	11

Anointing of the Sick:

Total Anointings	635
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Communion Calls (by priests, deacons & EM's):

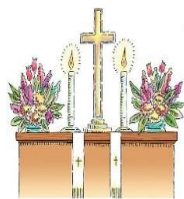
3,481

Education

Enrollment of St. Rose of Lima Parish School **511**

Enrollment of St. Rose of Lima Religious Education **2,984**

Volunteer Catechists **587**



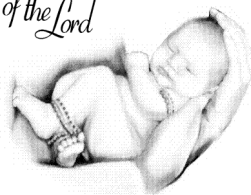
REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

*The Bread and Wine consecrated this week was donated
in celebration of Ciara Mary Rose Elliott,
with love from Mommy, Daddy and Ronan.*

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*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week
in loving memory of Donald H. Coleman on his 4th Anniversary in Heaven,
with love from his wife and family.*

*Baptized
in the name
of the Lord*



*Julia Catherine Lomonaco
Maria Grace Muhs
Grace Loretta Palumbo*

*Volunteers are needed for the Baptism
Program. For more information,
please contact Debbie Carman at 797-8363.*



**Wedding
Banns**

1st Time
*Michael Grimes, St. Barnabas, Bellmore &
Jenna Pino, St. Rose of Lima*

3rd Time
*Rosario Grasso, St. Rose of Lima &
Theresa Cretella, St. Agnes, Brooklyn, NY*

In Your Prayers, Remember the Sick...

*Kyli Abbinanti,
Marie Allard, Anthony Baldasare,
Joe Bavoso, Paul Brandon,
Anthony Campaniello,
Helen Carbone,
John Carbone, Joseph Colonna,
John Fitzgerald, Shayla Garrett,
Larry Gilberti, Craig Glueckert,
Shannon Hackett,
Arthur Kirsch, Debbie Marino,
Michele Bush McMullan,
Patrick O'Connor,
Tony Parisi, Janet Pfeffer,
Charles & Eileen Smith*

Please Pray for the Souls of the Recently Deceased

Dorothy Engels, Frederick Arlotta

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. ROSE...

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction—This will take place on Monday, December 7 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center. All are welcome.

Centering Prayer Group—The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center. All are welcome.

Charismatic Prayer Group - This group meets on Wednesdays in the Fr. Graham Center at 8:15 pm. Join them for praise, faith sharing, scripture reading and petition. All are welcome.

Families Anonymous—This group meets every Friday evening from 7:45—10:00 pm in the Fr. Graham Center. Their aim is to keep families in crisis together. They have seen great results. All are welcome. For more information, please call Sr. Loyola at the Outreach, 798-4954.

Quilters—The next scheduled gathering will be Friday, December 11 from 10:00 am—12:30 pm in the Fr. Graham Center. All are welcome.

Anointing Mass

The next Anointing Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00 am. All are welcome.



Evening of Prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Everyone is invited to come on **Monday, November 30** to pray together for peace and conversion...in our hearts, in our families and in the world.

7:00 pm—The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, offered in loving remembrance of all our faithful departed

7:30 pm—Holy Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

8:05 pm—Eucharistic Adoration of our Lord with special prayers, hymns, “quiet time” and Benediction

Your prayers are powerful and needed. Come and allow His love and peace to comfort and strengthen you. All are welcome.

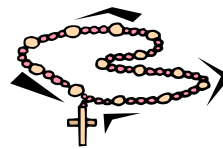


Ministers of Hospitality Ushers and Greeters

There will be a meeting on Thursday, December 3 at 8:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room for all Ministers of Hospitality.

We will review the duties of our ministry and the schedule for Christmas masses.

Your presence is important. Please make every effort to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



Rosary Society

On December 7, the Rosary Society will be hosting their annual Christmas party. We ask all who are coming to please bring a gift of warmth (gloves, hat, mittens, scarves, etc.) for someone whose only gift will be the one from you.

As usual, we will meet in the Church for the rosary at 7:00 pm, followed by holy mass.

Congratulations to the eight women who were formally enrolled in the Rosary Society on November 2. **As always, all women of the parish are always welcome to join.**

Congratulations, St. Rose of Lima School!

Dear St. Rose of Lima Parish Family,

It is with great pride that I announce St. Rose of Lima School has been awarded accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Middle States Association is a non-profit organization providing leadership, in the United States and beyond, in public and private school improvement, for over 100 years. The accreditation process utilizes research and best-practices qualitative standards to improve educational quality, encourage innovation and increase public trust.

Under the leadership of our Principal, Sr. Kathleen Gallina, and the most dedicated efforts of the faculty steering committee, St. Rose entered into the rigorous accreditation process in spring 2007. It entailed extensive self-reflection and review, and defining what the school is, what it wants to be and how it plans to get there across all academic and administrative disciplines.

Earlier this year, the school hosted an evaluation team from Middle States who spent three days at the school. Their objective was to evaluate, against the school's self-definitions, the actual nature and quality of our students' experiences. Among the measurements were ... Are we what we claim to be? Do we do what we say we do? What are our strengths? Where do we need to improve? What is our future, and how do we plan to get there?

The completion of the process is an enormous accomplishment in and of itself. And the awarding of accreditation is a firm indication of what St. Rose of Lima School was found to be and, importantly, where St. Rose continues to take itself.

To quote the Middle States Association, accredited schools "are accredited because of the way they move, not how they stand ... it's about what schools are doing, not what they have done...they are engaged in a continuous school improvement discipline ... alive to their own nature ... true to their mission and beliefs."

This validation of our parish's school is enormously gratifying – for me and certainly for Sr. Kathleen and the school's faculty and administration. Please join me in congratulating Sr. Kathleen, the steering committee and the entire faculty of St. Rose on this wonderful accomplishment.

For more information about our school, please visit www.stroseschool.net or call the school office at 541-1546. A special Open House for those interested in our Preschool or K-8 program is being held on December 7; please call the school for details and to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

***Rev. Kenneth M. Zach
Pastor***

2009 St. Rose of Lima Advent Angels Gift Collection



The Family Liturgy Committee will again be coordinating our **Advent Angel Gift Collection**. This collection will benefit people of The Church of the Resurrection parish in Farmingville.



We will distribute angel gift tags from our “Giving Tree” displays at the 9:30 am Family Mass on November 29 and December 6. Each angel gift tag will indicate who the gift would be for, i.e. “boy age 11-13” or “Senior/woman.” These tags will be located in the front of the Church by the statue of Mary. We will also have some available in the rectory office for your convenience.



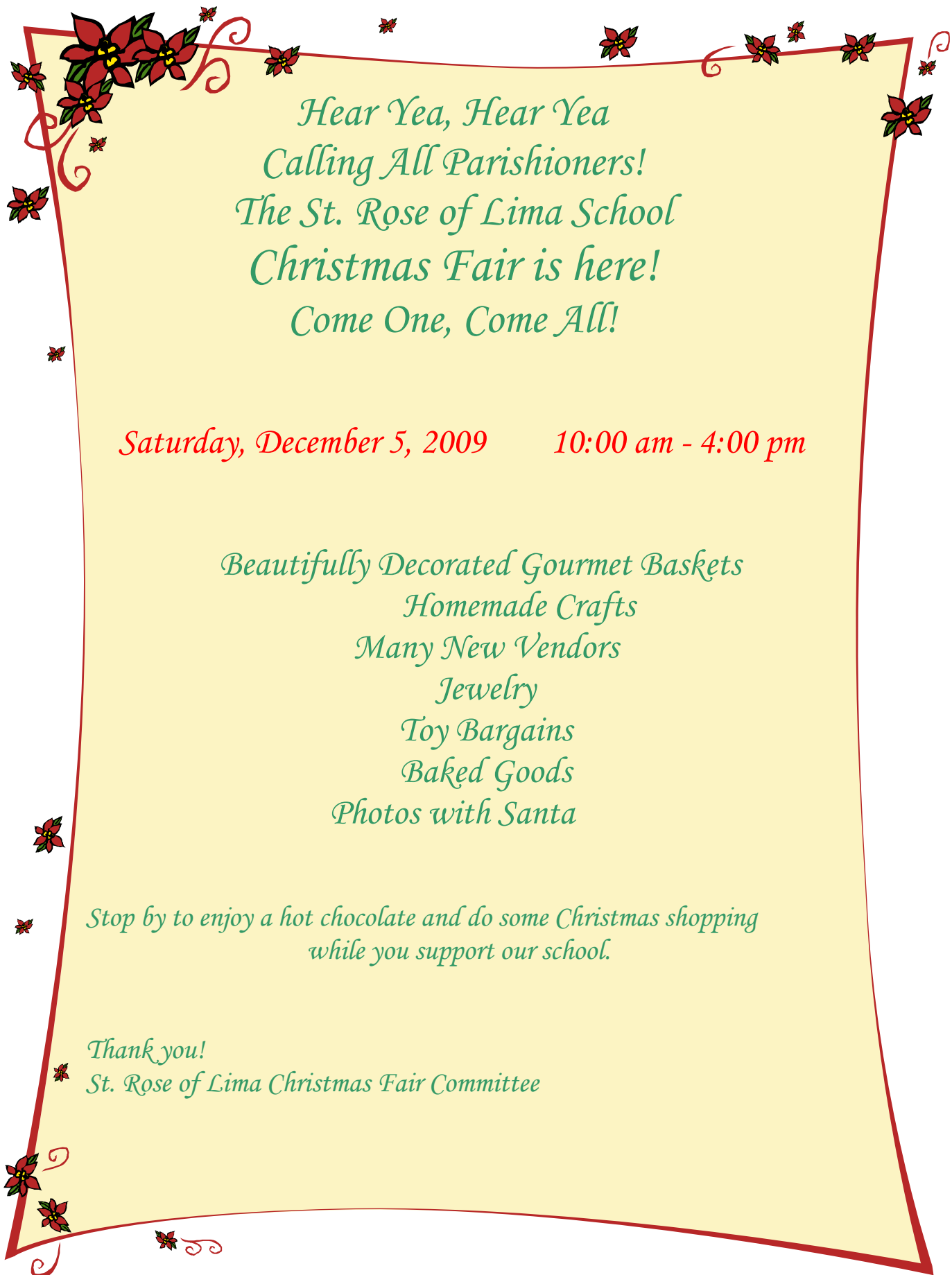
The gift (toys or clothing) should be unwrapped (if possible, please include the paper separately) with the angel tag attached and returned to the 9:30 am Family Mass (at the front of the Church by the statue of Mary) on November 29, December 6, or December 13 (**this is the last day for the collection – all collected gifts will be delivered immediately following the 9:30 am Mass on December 13**). Any gifts received **AFTER** our delivery to Farmingville will be donated to a different worthy charity.



The idea behind the Advent Angels is to give the families of our parish an opportunity to help people who are less fortunate than themselves. The gift need not be expensive, but please, new items only! Whether you can participate in this program or not, let’s make a special effort this Advent and Christmas to keep all those less fortunate than ourselves in our prayers.



Thank you! If any questions, please call Matt or Kelly-Ann at 798-6026, or see anyone on the Family Liturgy Committee.



*Hear Yea, Hear Yea
Calling All Parishioners!
The St. Rose of Lima School
Christmas Fair is here!
Come One, Come All!*

Saturday, December 5, 2009 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Beautifully Decorated Gourmet Baskets
Homemade Crafts
Many New Vendors
Jewelry
Toy Bargains
Baked Goods
Photos with Santa*

*Stop by to enjoy a hot chocolate and do some Christmas shopping
while you support our school.*

*Thank you!
St. Rose of Lima Christmas Fair Committee*

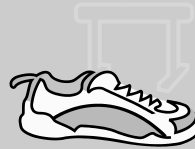
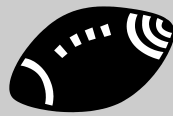
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CYO MINISTRY

COACHES-COORDINATORS-PLAYERS
VOLUNTEERS-FAMILIES

CYO MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT THE 5:15 PM MASS

Please join us for a special mass to recognize the coaches, coordinators and the many volunteers of our ministry and to bless our CYO athletes. Please dress in your best CYO attire.



An informal reception in the gym will immediately follow the mass. Don't miss the Food, Refreshments and Raffle Prizes! Family members welcome.

If anyone is interested in helping set up, serve or can donate some small raffle prizes, please contact John D'Elia @ (516) 632-5144.

St. Rose of Lima School Open House

Nursery ~ Pre-K ~ Full-day Kindergarten ~ Grades 1-8

St. Rose of Lima School is hosting a private Open House on **Monday, December 7** with sessions at **9:30 am** and **12:45 pm**. This event is for those wishing to see our school and all that it has to offer, particularly for purposes of enrollment into the 2010-2011 school year.

Founded in 1959, St. Rose of Lima School is a parish Catholic elementary school in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. *Recently accredited by the Middle State Commission on Elementary Schools*, while following state and diocesan curriculum, the school educates students through eighth grade, with full-day Kindergarten as well as a part-time Preschool Program for Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten children.

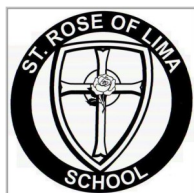
Please join us for this special look inside the halls of our school. We will provide a personal tour of the school (Preschool and Grades K-8), information on our religious and academic programs and curriculum, and be available to answer your questions. You will meet our principal, teachers and school board members.

There are only two classes per grade level, small class sizes and low student-to-teacher ratios. We offer a reasonably-priced, on-premises After School Care Program for Grades K-6. There is strong parent involvement and a community-minded atmosphere. We have successful state test results and impressive high school entrance exam results.

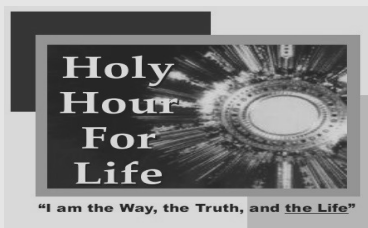
To enable us to give you personal attention while you are here and for the security of our students, **this event is by appointment only**. Please call us at (516) 541-1546 to reserve your place for one of the two time slots. So that you get the full benefit of your visit, we respectfully request that younger children not accompany you at this time.

If you are unable to visit us in December, please look in the parish bulletin during the month of December for details of our next Open House, which will be held during Catholic Schools' Week on Monday, February 2.

We look forward to seeing you.



Building strong minds and faith-filled hearts.



IN UNION WITH THE NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, (A HOLY DAY OF OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR MARY), WE WILL BE HAVING OUR MONTHLY HOLY HOUR THAT EVENING FOLLOWING THE 7:30 PM MASS.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHURCH FOR PRAYER AND ADORATION.



Supermarket Gift Cards

St. Rose of Lima has initiated a parish-wide pilot fundraising program to support St. Rose of Lima. The pilot program will be held on the first Sunday in December. This program has great potential to generate income for our parish.

St. Rose parish will receive 5% for every gift card purchased by parishioners. You will pay only the face value of the card (\$100 for a \$100 gift card), and St. Rose will receive \$5.00 for every \$100 purchased, \$50 for every \$1,000 purchased, etc.

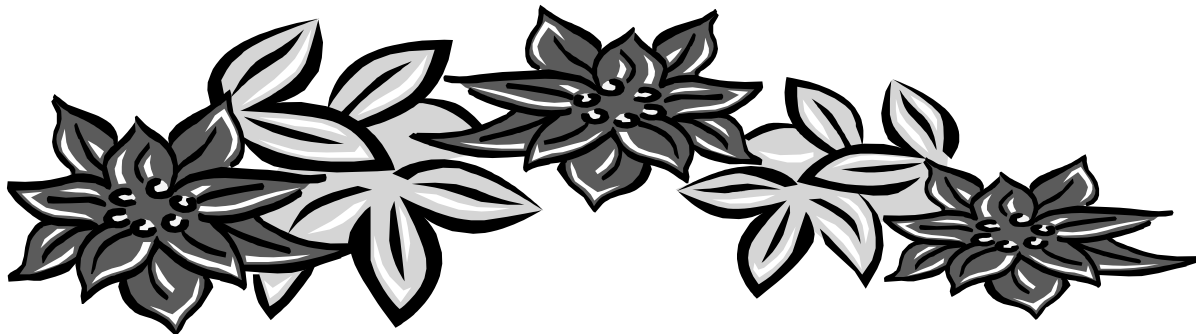
Gift cards can be purchased in amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100, the amount to be determined by you (only cash or checks will be accepted as payment—no credit cards). Supermarkets that are taking part in this program include King Kullen, Waldbaums, Stop 'N Shop, IGA and Pathmark.

This program will take place on December 6 outside of church on the parking lot side after the 9:30 and before the 11:00 am masses. This is a pilot program to determine the potential for this fundraiser.

St. Rose of Lima needs your help. Please support this program.

NO COST TO YOU—PLEASE GIVE IT A TRY!

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE



The St. Rose of Lima School has mailed out their Christmas Fair raffle booklets, and we are hoping that you will take a chance to support our school. The drawing will be held at the Fair on Saturday, December 5, but the winner need not be present. So please mail back your booklets soon!

This year's raffle will consist of three cash prizes:

First Prize is \$2000;

Second Prize is \$500 and Third Prize is \$250.

If you haven't yet received your booklet in the mail, please contact Ken and Loretta O'Connor at 516-541-1320.



Swine Flu Health Alert

While no one should be denied receiving from the Cup, we strongly urge those who are susceptible to illness or those who feel they may be spreading germs to refrain from doing so due to the health alert regarding the swine flu. In addition, at the Sign of Peace, rather than shaking hands, please be assured that a smile and a wave are perfectly acceptable. Thank you for your consideration.

Special Note: Attention Eucharistic Ministers

Aware of the significant concern this flu season, in order to help protect all from the possible spread of germs, we ask you to please stop by the Sacristy to wash with Purell prior to Mass when you are scheduled to serve. Thank you for your assistance.

Hungry Long Islanders...How can this be?

Micah

(Mobilized Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger)

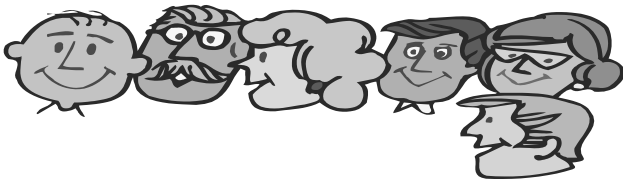
Congratulations to the Congregation



To learn more about MICAHA, contact Marty O'Connor at mnjoc@verizon.net.

Fidelis Care is a Catholic Health Plan subsidized by New York State. There are 53,000 youths and teens (under 19) on Long Island that do not have health coverage. The Child Health Plus part of Fidelis provides check-ups, immunizations, emergency care, prescription drugs, dental care, eye care and much more. For a family of three with an income of less than \$28,000/year, the cost is ZERO. If the family income is less than \$44,000, the cost is \$15/month. Contact Fidelis at 1-800-343-3547 or www.fideliscare.org for more information.

Spiritual Book Club



This unique Book Club is for those thirsting for more knowledge of the Faith as it applies to daily life. The Club meets to share interpretations of the monthly reading on the second Friday of the month at 10:00 am in the Rectory Board Room. The next meeting is December 11.

December's reading is

Marian Thoughts

by Benedict XVI.

January's reading is

The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully

by Joan Chittister OSB

Come even if you haven't read the whole book!

Have You Been to the St. Rose Lending Library Lately?



Now that the new church year (Advent) is upon us, here are some volumes from the Laity/Church section to inspire hope:

Religion & Science

by Michael Poole

Has Sin Changed?

by Sean Fagan SM

When the Pope Asks Forgiveness

by Luigi Accattoli

Come in and browse
the other sections!

Please refrain from donating
books that have been stored
in the basement.

Catholic Alumni Partnership

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Connecting with our Alumni.....Did you know?

St. Rose of Lima School is blessed to be one of more than 300 schools across seven archdioceses participating in the Catholic Alumni Partnership (CAP). CAP is a groundbreaking program – enabling us to reconnect with and re-engage **our alumni** for ongoing support. CAP is a new, privately funded initiative to support Catholic elementary schools by implementing strong, sustainable annual fundraising programs for each participating school, with alumni support as the foundation.

Sr. Joanne Callahan, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Rockville Centre said, “The Diocese of Rockville Centre is delighted to be involved in the Catholic Alumni Partnership, joining the six other archdioceses participating in this exciting new endeavor to reach out to the graduates of their elementary schools. As a former teacher and principal, I remember, with great fondness the students who I came to know, and I look forward to connecting with them once again through this program. We need to remind our alumni of the outstanding work we do for the students attending our schools today. Today’s students are the future leaders of tomorrow – help us to give them the same opportunity to receive a Catholic elementary education that you were given.”

Sister Kathleen, our Principal, has been and will continually be working closely with the CAP team to identify our alumni and creating opportunities for those individuals to become active members of our school community. **St. Rose graduates** have consistently made us proud through their records of success- as students, professionals and, most importantly, people- in high school, college and adult life. St. Rose needs you, **our alumni**, today more than ever! ***Our graduates are our reputation***, and we appreciate what you brought - and continue to bring – to St. Rose of Lima School. Please visit www.stroseschool.net to see what is happening in our school today!

We continue to pray with gratitude for the rich support our school has received from past and present Pastors and clergy, parents, parishioners, alumni and devoted friends.

Are you a graduate of Catholic elementary school? If so, go to www.clickYES.com to see if your alma mater is participating in CAP.

LIFE TEEN NEWS!!

High School Teens

(Grades 9-12)

Upcoming Dates & Events:

Every SUNDAY- 5:15 pm

Life Teen Youth Mass

Come and bring a friend!

LIFE NIGHTS- Mondays 7:00 -9:00 pm

Life Nights – Life Teen meets weekly for Youth Group. Life Nights include exciting events with fun activities, meaningful discussion and powerful prayer. New teens are always welcome!

****Parents: If you have any questions about getting your teen involved with High School Youth Ministry, please contact Anthony Muhs at 516-798-4992, ext. 233.**

Young Adults & Adults:

(Ages 18 to Infinity!)

We are looking for help in the many different areas of Youth Ministry!

**Youth Mass~ Life Nights
Trips~ Service Projects**

If you are interested in volunteering or getting more information, please contact Anthony or Stephanie Muhs.

Pope Quote to Youth:

"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

~Pope John Paul II

Junior High Teens

(Grades 6-8)

Upcoming Dates & Events:

Sunday, December 13

Junior Youth Group ~ in Rectory Meeting Room 3:30-5:00 pm. The Jr. YG will attend the 5:15 pm Youth Mass together immediately after Youth Group.

****Parents: If you have any questions about getting your child involved with Junior High Youth Ministry, please contact Marie Elaina at marieelaina.zuccaro@gmail.com**

Check out what St. Rose Life Teen has been up to at:

WWW.STROSELIFETEEN.COM

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Office of Faith Formation

Office Hours: Mon.—Fri., 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 Phone: 541-1712
 E-Mail: religioused@stroseoflimaparish.org



The Office of Faith Formation will be closed for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Catechists' Meeting

Meetings are conducted at 10:00 am OR 7:00 pm in Room 108.



Grade 5—Monday, November 30
 Grade 4—Tuesday, December 1
 Grade 6—Wednesday, December 2

Looking Ahead...



3rd Grade
 Tours of the Church

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Our dedicated RCIA ministers invite all those who would like to begin the journey of spiritual awakening to full initiation in the Catholic Church. The group gathers each Sunday at 9:30 am in room 108 of our school. Please contact Tina Rine at 541-1712, ext. 242 for further information.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Telephone: 798-4954



Thank you to our parish families, our Faith Formation students and their families, our community churches, schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic and fraternal organizations, businesses and the many anonymous donations of food to our pantry that made Thanksgiving Day “Happy” for so many persons and families who gave us the “opportunity to serve.”

It is our wish that the joy you have so selflessly given will be returned to you and yours as you celebrate this Thanksgiving Day.

- S. Loyola and the Outreach Staff



Prayer Line Ministry

To place a request for prayers, please call...

Betty Doran—541-7119.

...AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

Concert of Handel's Messiah—St. Martin of Tours' Choir and Symphony Orchestra is presenting Handel's "Messiah" on Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 pm in the Church. For information, please call 631-264-0124.

Deaf Club—Catholic Charities sponsors the Wantagh Deaf Club for the hearing impaired. Seniors who can sign meet every Thursday, 9:00 am—3:00 pm in the St. Frances de Chantal School in Wantagh for socialization and a hot lunch. For further information, please call Linda Pellicane at 516-733-5805 or e-mail her at Pellicane.Linda@catholiccharities.cc.

Dominican Village Open House—Dominican Village is a not-for-profit independent and assisted living retirement community sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic located in Amityville. They will be having several Open Houses during the month of December. Please call 631-842-6091 for information.

Drug Free Massapequa, Awareness Walk—There will be an Awareness Walk in John Burns Park on Saturday, December 5. Come help support the cause to rid Massapequa, Massapequa Park and surrounding towns of drugs and drug dealers. For more information, e-mail drugfreemassapequa@gmail.com.

Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy—Professional therapy, provided by NY State licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 92 other parishes. Services are provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503 or going to the website at the catholiccounselingcenter.com.

Model Train and Toy Show—St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elmont is sponsoring a Model Train and Toy Show on Sunday, December 6. For information, please call 516-352-2127.

Save Your Marriage—Retrouvaille is a peer ministry. Couples who have had problems in their own marriages and have recovered from those problems share their experiences with couples in troubled marriages in the hope that they, too, will see that their marriage can be saved. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend that begins on Friday, December 11 in Bay Shore, please call 1-800-470-2230.

2010 Entertainment Books and Christmas Cards—Birthright is offering the popular "Entertainment 2010" discount books as well as Christmas cards. The Long Island Edition of the book is \$20 and the New York City Edition is \$25. For further information, please call Pat Doering at 516-781-3483 or Birthright at 516-785-4070.