

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun Jan 7 Epiphany of the Lord**  
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9  
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*  
 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10

**Mon Jan 8 7:00 PM Christian Mothers Mass**

**Tues Jan 9 6:10 PM Bingo**

**Wed Jan 10 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary**

**Thurs Jan 11 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration**

**Fri Jan 12 6:10 PM Bingo**

**Sun Jan 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9  
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*  
 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 8 Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. †Patricia Shellenberger (*M/M Fred Hunter*)  
 †Myrtle Brooks (*St. Rose of Lima Christian Mothers*)

**Tuesday, January 9**

8:30 a.m. †Carmella Tripician (*Milan & Janice Gjurich & Family*)  
 †Joanne Unverdorben (*Mary Ann Donnelly*)  
 †Barbara Roccio (*Richard & Lisa Shank*)

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:30 a.m. †Sister Ildefonse (*Vinnie Johnson*)  
 †David Trexler (*St. John Home School Association*)  
 †Mary Sutusky (*Jennie Fonzi*)

**Thursday, January 11**

8:30 a.m. †Robert Adams (*Jim & Barbara Adams*)  
 †Erma Varlotta (*George & Helen Cardone*)

**Friday, January 12**

8:30 a.m. †Dennis Lanzendorfer (*Staff & Students of St. Rose of Lima School*)  
 †Luigi Ventura (*M/M B. Spiridigliozzi*)  
 †Edmund Solensky (*Diana Macharola*)

**Saturday, January 13**

8:30 a.m. †Pauline Schoch (*Paul & Mary Engelman*)  
 †Donald St. John (*Wally & Gloria Hurliman*)  
 5:30 p.m. †Esther Lenz (*Frances & Joe Bruno*)

**Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 a.m. †John L. Glunt (*Jack & Yvonne Novack*)  
 8:15 a.m. †Lynn & Dorothy McConnell (*Mary Reifsteck*)  
 10:30 a.m. †Dorothy Vizzari (*Bill & Angie Amerine*)  
 12 NOON Mass For The People

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – Dec. 30-31, 2006**

Regular	\$8085.15	Christmas	\$ 51.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 95.00	Rose	\$ 143.05
Christmas Flowers	\$ 15.00	Initial	\$ 3.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 658.00	Christmas Day	\$ 1075.00
Candles	\$ 25.00		
Peru	\$ 5.00	Total	\$ 10155.70

**.MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Altar Servers** for January 13-14, 2007

Saturday, January 13, 2007  
 5:30 p.m. Trevor Baker, Alex Baker, Brittany Boslet  
 Sunday, January 14, 2007  
 7:00 a.m. Julie Fox  
 8:15 a.m. Matthew Eiman, Kyle Haney, Jamie Novack  
 10:30 a.m. Brian Goss, Anthony Zelnosky, Sarah Goss  
 12 Noon Polly Macharola, Francis Macharola, Brendan Trybus  
**Eucharistic Ministers** for January 13-14, 2007  
 5:30 p.m. B. Bartley, K. McGraw, G. Beck, M. Tillard, J. Scarfone  
 7:00 a.m. D. Leahey, R.M. Fochler, D. Altiero  
 8:15 a.m. P. Engelman, D. Smith, S. Tirone, B. Spinazzola, M. Engelman  
 10:30 a.m. B. Kooman, Terry Heiss, M. Kooman, B. Gentile, K. Zelnosky  
 12 Noon R. Fiore, C. Anslinger, R. Skupien  
**Lectors** for January 13-14, 2007  
 5:30 p.m. Frances Hesser, Vi Bettwy  
 7:00 a.m. Robert Fox, Frank Fochler  
 8:15 a.m. Ken Haney, Tim Skarada  
 10:30 a.m. Todd Cammarata, Tony Labriola  
 12 Noon Bob Helbig

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES** The January 22, "March for Life" in Washington, D.C., invites your support through presence, perseverance, and prayer. Buses to D.C. leave Altoona 7:00 A.M. and return by 10:00 P.M. The cost is \$15 and your meal expenses. Marchers bring their own box lunch and purchase dinner at a stop near Frederick, MD. Layers of warm water proof clothes and footwear are the attire for the day. Contact Patricia Forr (946-0681), Roxanne Blazewicz (695-8008), Beth Britz (696-2960), Anne Zelnosky (942-2723) or Kathy Ansman (944-5431) to reserve a bus seat.

While not every parishioner will board a bus to the nation's capital, many can travel to St. Matthew Church, Tyrone, January 21, for a Noontime prayer service and walk.

Sunday evening, January 21, the Cathedral celebrates evening prayer at 7:00.

Parishioners can also promote pro-life activities by wearing precious feet in exchange for your donations before and after the Masses of next weekend (January 13/14).

Your continuing prayer for a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love will unite with those of Pope Benedict XVI. In the fullness of time, our efforts will turn every heart to support life from conception until natural death and into eternity.

**OFFERTORY PRESENTERS**

Jan. 13	5:30 p.m.	George & Susan Baker
Jan. 14	7:00 a.m.	Connie Glunt & Family
	8:15 a.m.	CCD Students
	10:30 a.m.	Tom & Gina Goss
	12 Noon	Joe & Heather Macharola & Family

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The PR Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library.

The Technology Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the computer room.

Thank you to all of our parishioners and friends who have been supporting our **SCRIP/GIFT CARDS** program and contributing to the **SECOND COLLECTION** on the third weekend Masses. This has been a huge help for our school! You're in our prayers.

**CANDLES** –For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by the Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Thanksgiving-Special Intentions, Rev. Monsignor George B. Flinn by Betty & Mike Allison, Dan Pringle, Sophia Sukala by Theresa Sukala.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS** will have their Mass on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will follow in the School Library.

### BE A MISSIONARY FOR A WEEK – IN LIMA, PERU

Our parish is planning an eight-day trip to our adopted clinic, March 9-17, 2007. Participants will have the opportunity to paint, scrub, repair whatever is needed, feed the patients, etc. While there we would stay in both the convent and the rectory as guests of the Sisters and Priests. This hands-on experience in another culture should be most enriching and very satisfying. The cost per person will be well under \$1000.00. We are limiting the number of participants to eight. Interested? Call Fr. Carl Spishak, 944-8509.

### “IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”

The debate over using embryonic stem cells for research rages on with many people still ignorant of the fact that adult and umbilical cord stem cells are already treating an impressive list of over 70 diseases and injuries. It is therefore incorrect to “advertise” embryonic stem cell research as the “only way” to help the afflicted and it is unfair to label those opposed to research that kills tiny human beings as cruel and uncaring. (statistic from *Pro-Life Reporter*, Scranton, Pa, Fall, 2006)

Supper Club will meet in January dates are Sunday, January 7, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at Uno Pizzeria on Plank Road and Monday, January 22, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. at King's Restaurant on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mark your calendar and call Mary at 946-3449 to make a reservation or for more information. All of these restaurants participate in the scrip program.

### SUNDAY MORNING PRE-K PROGRAM

Children ages 2 ½ thru 4 years of age are welcome to attend our religious education class each Sunday except holidays. Children gather in the Pre-K room from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. For more information or to become a volunteer please contact Alison 946-7061 or Janette 946-4343.

The Adult Faith Enrichment BOOK CLUB will discuss the book: *The Lamb's Supper* by Scott Hahn. You do not have to have read the book to enjoy the discussion. All sessions will be in the computer Room 9:20 a. m. to 10:20 a.m. Part one – Jan. 21, Part two-Jan. 28 and Part three-Feb. 4

### MEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON

God continues to call men to the Order of Deacon to participate in service ministry to and for God's People. Members of our diocesan diaconal community will host a meeting to outline the role of the permanent deacon in the Church in the ministries of the word, the liturgy and charity. The steps of the formation process leading to ordination will be explained.

If you are married, it is essential that your wife also attend. Meeting Dates and Locations:

**January 13, 2007- 1:00 PM** Good Shepherd Parish, 867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, State College

**January 14, 2007 – 1:30 PM** Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, (Seton Suite), One Cathedral Square, Altoona

**January 20, 2007 – 1:00 PM** St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 110 Adams St., Johnstown

### BLOOD DRIVE

Bishop Guilfoyle High School will be hold a Blood Drive on Saturday, January 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. This blood drive is being held in honor of Nick Iachini. Nick is a senior at BGHS and is a cancer survivor. Individuals can schedule an appointment by calling the school's office at 944-4014. Walk-ins are also encouraged.

### NETWORKING FOR THE POOR

Networking For The Poor will meet on January 9, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Penn Mont Academy. Everyone brings a covered dish, and a lot of good fellowship, a speaker representing a local charity talks about that charity. When the speaker is finished there is a good will offering taken up. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 7


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After Meeting Jesus, the Magi changed their minds and returned home “by another way.” What isn't working in your family that needs to be done “another way”? Do you need to find a more effective way to solve conflicts, communicate or show affection? This is a new year and a time for resolutions. Take a tip from the Magi and resolve to find a new way.

**DVD PRESENTATION-** Hear Father Corapi Speak: Sunday, January 7, 2007 at St. Mary's Church, Hollidaysburg. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00-6:30 p.m. DVD presentation from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Admission is FREE. This month's topic: “Wake Up, America

## END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessings be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2006. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2006 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

 *January 7, 2007*  
*What a perfect prayer for the Epiphany of the Lord; prayer written by Augustine of Hippo when he discovered the love of Jesus:*

*My loving Lord, Jesus Christ, why have I ever loved or desired anything else in my life but You my God? Where was I when I was not in communion with You? From now on, I direct all my desires to be inspired by You and centered on You. I direct them to press forward for they have tarried long enough, to hasten towards their goal, to seek the One they yearn for. Amen.*

St. Leo Memorial Brick with engraved plate "St. Leo School, 1924-2006" will be available until mid-January 2007. Donation price is \$10.00 per brick. Please call Our Lady of Fatima rectory 942-0371 with your order from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. or send your check payable to: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2010 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Altoona, Pa. 16601. Please include your phone number with order. Bricks can be picked-up at the Rectory.

## RETREAT

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held Saturday, February 3, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. This one day retreat provides an opportunity for participants to deepen their faith in God the Father and to recommit themselves to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is also an introduction to life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The retreat will include spiritual talks by priests and laypersons, Spirit-filled praise and worship music, small group faith sharing, renewal of Baptismal vows, Festival of Praise with Eucharistic Adoration & fellowship. Lunch and dinner provided. Speakers include Fr. Aron Maghsoudi, Msgr. Robert Mazur, Bob Sutton, Fr. Brian Saylor, Jen Sentz, Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR, Barb Rossi, & Matt Conrad. Music will be led by Richard Fornwalt & friends. Donation: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 High School & College Students. To register call 941-3832.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

The Magi were led to the Savior by the light of the star. May we, through our Christian living, lead others to Jesus by the light of our Faith.

## REDISCOVER THE ONE YOU LOVE!

You can do that a Worldwide Encounter Weekend! Marriage Encounter is a time where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, computers, and phones – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, don't miss this chance! The next weekend is at the beautiful Toftrees Resort in State College, February 16-18. Register by Jan. 26 for a \$10.00 discount on the registration fee. Call 1-800-882-5024 for details.

## CATHOLIC RETURNING HOME

No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason, we invite you to consider returning to the Catholic Church. An informal listening session will take place at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 25, 2007 in the Logan Valley Mall's Community Room (lower level hallway next to Christopher Banks). For more information, please call Sr. Linda LaMagna, CCW, at 944-3922.

## Saint of the month SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES



**FEAST DAY:** Jan. 24

**PATRONAGE:** Authors, educators, deafness, journalists, teachers, and writers.

**PROFILE:** St. Francis was born in a castle to wealthy parents. His parents expected him to enter politics and carry on the family line and power. He earned doctorates in both canon and civil law by the age of 24. He received a message telling him to "Leave all and follow Me" and he took this to be a call to the priesthood. He was ordained in 1593 and named Bishop of Geneva in 1602. He was a principal leader of the Catholic Reformation. A wise and intelligent teacher, preacher, confessor and author, he emphasized both the loving kindness of God and the human capacity for love. Together with Jane Frances de Chantal he founded the nuns of the Visitation. May we imitate his devotion to Christ and encourage others to discover the religious dimension of their lives.

### DAILY PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

*My God, I give You this day. I offer You now, all of the good that I shall do and I promise to accept, for love of You, all of the difficulty that I shall meet. Help me to conduct myself during this day in a way that pleases You. Amen.*

## Minutes

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
December 14, 2006, 7:00 PM, Computer Room

### Opening Prayer

Mike Fox opened the meeting with a prayer.

### Members present were:

Father Crookston, Father Spishak, Sue Cossitor, Cindy Boslet, Todd Cammarata, Tom Goss, Judy Rossi, John Brown, Mike Fox, Dave Kibblehouse, Regina Friedenberger, Ken Haney, and Pat Irwin.

### Members absent were:

Pat Ronan, Janette DiGiacobbe, Paul Engelman, and Sam Tirone.

### Minutes

Mike Fox made a motion to approve the November 9, 2006 minutes. Regina Friedenberger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### Committee Reports

#### Liturgy

**Liturgical Ministries:** Sue Cossitor reported the following: Final preparations are being made for Christmas.

December 24<sup>th</sup> will be a very busy day.

There are 32 children in the Children's Choir. They will be singing at the 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

The Adult Choir will practice on Sunday and Wednesday the week prior to Christmas.

Sam and Juliette Tirone will be the cantor and organist, respectively, at the 7:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Dennis Karl will be the organist at the 8:30 and 10:30 morning Masses on Christmas day.

#### Education

**Catechesis:** Father Crookston reported the following for Janette DiGiacobbe:

The diocese "Safe Environment" or "Touching Safety" class was completed on Sunday December 3, 2006.

Father Brian Saylor, Vocations Director, met with the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade religious education youth on Sunday, December 10, 2006. Grades K through 9 collected \$3.00 per child or \$5.00 per family to benefit Altoona Catholic Charities. The total thus far is \$233.00

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December 18<sup>th</sup> is the First Reconciliation for 35 St. Rose of Lima Parish second graders. First Eucharist for the 35 second graders is Sunday, May 6, 2007.

Wednesday, April 11, 2007 is the scheduled date of Confirmation for 28 St. Rose of Lima Parish youth.

The R.C.I.A. program is currently working with one adult candidate and one 12-year-old catechumen. Attempts are also being made to work with a seventh grader and an eighth grader who have never attended religious education classes but have been baptized. The goal is to have these two candidates, who are brothers, receive first Reconciliation and Eucharist at the 2007 Easter Vigil.

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> is the C.R.O.S.S. afternoon Christmas party for 5 through 12 year olds. This year St. Rose of Lima will host the event from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.

Grades five and up are invited to an all night party at the Slinky Action Zone sponsored by St. Mary's Teen Group. The pre-registration for this event has been quite good.

Adults and youth are invited to participate in a tour of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone planning to attend should contact Janette DiGiacobbe no later than December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Youth in grades six and up are invited to participate in an on-going ministry at Hillview Nursing Home on Saturdays from 10 AM until 11 AM.

The Book Club has been well received by some 12 to 15 parishioners. These Sunday morning gatherings will continue in January 2007 with a presentation by Doris Silveri on *Saints of the Americas* and a discussion by Scott Hahn on "The Lamb's Supper."

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> is the last class of Church History lead by Father Crookston.

Presentations by Ann Mingyar are on hold until Ann has recovered from her recent surgery.

**Parish School:** Father Crookston reported the following for Pat Ronan:

Mrs. Diane Himes will move to permanent part time status beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Diane and Cathy Damiano will share responsibility for sixth grade. Diane has certification in elementary education and middle school math. She will take over the teaching of math in grades 5 through 8 plus some other sixth grade areas. This change will allow Marty Dombrowski to devote her energies to technology instruction K-8 and the instruction of a small group of algebra students. Marty is also certified in elementary education and middle school math.

The "Touching Safety" lessons of Protecting God's Children have been completed in all grades.

The Oxfam "Hunger Banquet" raised \$1125 for Oxfam America and Sister Paula's Soup Kitchen.

The toy drive for Sister Paula's Soup Kitchen ended the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>. A truck and a van filled with toys were sent to the soup kitchen on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Student Council has raised money throughout the year for the "Adopt a Family" Christmas outreach program, which is being done in conjunction with Catholic Charities.

The Christmas Program is Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the parish center. It is open to the entire parish. The 8:30 AM Mass attendees will be invited to the dress rehearsal on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Christmas vacation runs from December 22<sup>nd</sup> until January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Finance

#### **Stewardship:**

Father Spishak reviewed with council their thoughts on the recent parish mission. He noted the work and preparation that went into the planning of the mission. He mentioned that Father Claude was ill during his stay which prevented Father Claude from doing some of the things he had originally planned to do. Several council members commented on the excellent talks from the witnesses, and several council members thought that perhaps, in the future, St. Rose parish could carry out its own mission.

#### **Other:**

**Saint Rose Endowment:** Father Crookston reported that presently \$95,000 is in the Saint Rose Endowment.

### Maintenance

Father Spishak reported that the *workday* suggested at the last council meeting is in the thinking and talking stage. Something will be done after the first of the year.

### Family Life/Activities

#### **Hospitality:** None

### Social Justice

**Lima Excursion 2007:** Father Crookston gave a brief synopsis of his trip to Lima, Peru. Both he and Father Spishak spoke about the Lima Mission Excursion 2007 that is being planned for March 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> for eight people mainly from St. Rose parish who will live and work with sisters and priests at the mission in Lima. An optional extension of the trip to Cuzco and Machu Picchu will be made available to those interested. Anyone interested in the excursion should contact Father Spishak or Father Crookston.

#### **Formation**

Council members will revisit the article "4-D Cycle in Appreciative Inquiry" with an application to youth ministry at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Old Business**

Youth ministry will be discussed at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **New Business** None

#### **Schedule of Meetings**

January 4 (Ministries Dinner); February 8; March 8; April 5 (Second Thursday in April is Holy Thursday); May 10; June 3 (Parish Picnic).

#### **Next Meeting's Opening Prayer**

Ken Haney will give the opening prayer at the next meeting.

#### **Closing Prayer**

Father Crookston offered the closing prayer.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Judy Rossi*