

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*

Tues Feb 7 6:10 PM Bingo

Wed Feb 8 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary

Thurs Feb 9 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

Fri Feb 10 6:10 PM Bingo

Sun Feb 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions
8:30 a.m. † Helen Sutton (*Charles & Sarah McMullen*)

Tuesday, Feb. 7
8:30 a.m. † Alfred Angstenberger (*Alfons & Mary Ann Weinziel*)

Wednesday, Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita
8:30 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Thursday, Feb. 9
8:30 a.m. † Donald Basciani (*Janet (Rubino) Kirk*)

Friday, Feb. 10 St. Scholastica
8:30 a.m. † Al Mignogna (*Staff & Students of St. Rose School*)

Saturday, Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
8:30 a.m. † Matthew Zakrzewski (*Linda & Family*)
5:30 p.m. † Orlando DeCriscio (*Tim & JoAnn Bettwy*)

Sunday, Feb. 12
7:00 a.m. † Nellie Roebuck (*Cal & Louise Hinterberger*)
8:15 a.m. † James Sanders (*Fred & Patty Wolf*)
10:30 a.m. † Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Family*)
12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING - Jan. 28-29, 2006

Regular	\$7099.97	Christmas	\$ 72.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 249.00	Rose	\$ 167.73
Candlemas	\$ 10.00	Gym Rent	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 15.00		\$
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00	Total	\$ 7674.20

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 11	5:30 p.m.	Attilio & Rose Stefanon
Feb. 12	7:00 a.m.	Connie Glunt & Family
	8:15 a.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
	10:30 a.m.	Philip & Christine Bracken & Family
	12 Noon	Fred & Phyllis McConnell & Family

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for February 11-12, 2006
Saturday, February 11, 2006
5:30 p.m. Hanna Mercer, Ally Sheedy, Holly Mercer
Sunday, February 12, 2006
7:00 a.m. Julie Fox
8:15 a.m. Tim Link, Jamie Novack, Tai Irwin
10:30 a.m. Evan Fraundorfer, Alyssa Lower, Damon Rickens
12 Noon Jessica Sanders, Nate Sanders, Zach Bracken
Eucharistic Ministers for February 11-12, 2006
5:30 p.m. B. Kooman, K. McGraw, J. Scarfone, M. Kooman, B. Bartley
7:00 a.m. B. Altiero, R. Fox, C. Sharbaugh
8:15 a.m. K. Woomey, L. Altiero, S. Tirone, B. Stoltz, B. Spinazzola
10:30 a.m. T. Heiss, M. Wiley, R. Friedenberger, D. Fraundorfer, B. Gentile.
12 Noon R. M. Fiore, J. Frena, C. Anslinger
Lectors for February 11-12, 2006
5:30 p.m. Vi Bettwy, Bea Shoenfelt
7:00 a.m. Ray Kline, John Kenny
8:15 a.m. Tony Labriola, Joseph Campbell
10:30 a.m. Todd Cammarata, Patrick Labriola
12 Noon Michael Nazaruk

FROM THE PASTOR

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Catholic schools are a privileged place where children and youth can hear Jesus' invitation to follow him, the command to love each neighbor as the Father loves all his children, and the Spirit's promise of his abiding presence. Catholic education rises from belief in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. His life is a model for living; his teaching is a guide for growing to the intellectual, affective, and moral fullness of human conduct. The schools state this boldly because Jesus, risen Lord, is dynamically present to his church and to all who seek him. As families make education choices, they do well to consider Saint Rose and Bishop Guilfoyle for learning and believing.

CATHOLICS, COME HOME When family members and friends think about getting back to church, they often have issues and questions. Our Catholics, Come Home Team invites those who want to return or have recently returned to a session for the returning Catholics at 1:30 P.M. February 12. The session will gather in the church foyer. Call the rectory (944-8509) for more information.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, Feb. 10 due to a faculty in-service.

Thank you to Adam and Diane Trybus for their donation to the school library in memory of Leo Thompson. Thanks also to Bette Anspach and Judi Blake for their donation to the school library in memory of Joe Mannino.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is a meeting for seventh grade parents on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6:15 pm in the cafeteria.

The TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, Feb. 6 at noon in the computer lab.

TGI FRIDAY'S FAMILY FUN --- 20% REBATE for SCHOOL

On Sunday, Feb. 5 and Wednesday, Feb. 8 at TGI Friday's, St. Rose School will receive 20% of your food bill. Vouchers (coupons) for each day will be on the table in the foyer of the church. Vouchers also will be available also in the school office. Please help us reach our goal, and enjoy a lunch or dinner at TGI Friday's.

ST. ROSA PALOOZA

WHAT: St. Rose Palooza—An extraordinary event with full-flavored food, spirits and good company. Come and enjoy a fun evening including a buffet dinner donated by Outback Steakhouse, live music by John Stiffler, and **CASH PRIZES** totaling over \$2000.00.

WHEN: Saturday, February 18 from 6:30 –11:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Rose of Lima Maria Parish Center

HOW: Donation of \$75.00 (admits 2 adults over 21 years

WHY: Benefits St. Rose of Lima School and Athletic programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Boslet (942-7637) or Kathy Madariaga (941-3509). Tickets will be available for purchase at the 5:30, 10:30 and Noon Masses.

WANTED: DIRECT SALES/PARTY PLAN VENDORS

We are planning a "Party Plan Expo" as a fundraiser for our school. This fun Ladies afternoon will be held on April 23. We are looking for vendors from within our school/parish families. If you are involved in any of the following organizations, please call Leigh McCall 943-6726, by February 19:

Creative Memories; Stampin' Up; Tastefully Simple; Lia Sophia; Silpada; Tupperware; Longenberger; Home & Garden; Home Interior; Party Lite; Princess House; Fuller Brush; Avon; The Body Shop. (If your business is not listed, please call!) Craft vendors are welcome too! This is a great opportunity to help our school while growing your business! On Feb. 19 we will be advertising outside of the parish in order to schedule vendors.

CANDLES – For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by the Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Happy Birthday Wishes to Francis Ackerman- 102 years old by Rose & Charles.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS: Parishioners who would like a statement of their contributions are asked to call the Rectory between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS is on February 5, 2006. **Time** 9:20 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

Topic: Navigating the Catechism of the Catholic Church. **Presenter:** Ron Skupien. The class is in the School Computer Room

PRAYER CORNER

The Gospel and Psalm for today are about healing.

Both are concerned with: Being Whole Again

Dear Lord you are the Devine Healer and my joy and trust in You are complete.

My being knows the hand of it's healer and it rejoices in Your presence.

I pray to see myself whole and renewed, that I may continue loving and serving You. Amen.

PATRON SAINT OF THE MONTH

SAINT VALENTINE

Feast Day – February 14

Patronage – Love, Young People, Happy Marriages.

Profile: There are actually at least three St. Valentines.

However, the one we consider the Patron of love was martyred in the year 269.

Valentine was a holy priest in Rome who assisted Christians under Claudius II. Valentine was caught marrying Christian couples and aiding any Christians who were being persecuted. At the time this was considered a crime and Valentinus was arrested imprisoned. Upon his imprisonment, Valentine attempted to convert Emperor Claudius –whereupon this priest was condemned to death. While awaiting execution, Valentinus restored the sight of his jailer's daughter and on the eve of his death, he wrote a note to her and signed it From Your Valentine!

Valentinus was beheaded on Feb. 14 – the day the Romans believed the birds began to pick their mates for spring!

Prayer to St. Valentine:

Dear St. Valentine, saint and glorious martyr,

Teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving.

Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other. Amen

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

Commenting on embryonic stem cell research, the Pontifical Academy for Life astutely observed, "The attitude some adopt concerning the legitimacy of sacrificing human beings at the embryonic state...in order to benefit other human individuals, is totally unacceptable. It is never morally licit to do evil

intentionally in order to achieve ends that are good in themselves.

LENT – The Lenten season will be here before you know it. Would you like to join a scripture reflection group? Each group will meet once a week during the six weeks of Lent. We will be using new reflection books this year. If you are interested or have questions, please call Janette at 946-4342.

Supper Club – enjoy a meal and conversation with your friends and other parish members. We will meet at Eat'n' Park on Sunday, February 5 at 5:00 p.m. Discussion will include the most convenient day, time and restaurants to plan other monthly suppers. If you have questions call Janette at 946-4342.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

In the general societal context, the effects of sexual abuse are far reaching. A high percentage of the faithful are either directly or indirectly touched by sexual abuse. Those who have committed sexual crimes have assaulted the peace and dignity of us all. Sexual abuse robs victims of their sexual safety and security and for many their emotional well-being. Damage to spirituality is often severe. If you or someone you know has had such an experience as a child or youth with a member of the clergy or a church employee and has been unable to share that experience or to seek help, we encourage you to call the *Children & Youth Protection and Advocacy Office, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at 814-886-8250.*

AROUND THE AREA

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

“Spirituality of Living in the Now” Workshop-Saturday, April 1, 9:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m. Held at the Family Life Office, 5370 Portage St. Lilly (Rt. 53 between Cresson and Portage). Facilitator: Sr. Fran Stein, R.S.M. Come and explore some practices and choices that help you keep your energy focused on today's life experiences. Sponsored by the Family Life Office, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese-814-886-5551. Cost: \$15.00 Reservations necessary one week before the session. Check payable to Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly, Pa. 15938.

Lent Book “A Change of Heart – Lent and Easter at Home”

An ideal guide for families and individuals in search of popular traditions, rituals, and devotional activities during the Lent and Easter season. This 40-page book is published by the Family Life Office. Cost is \$2.00 plus \$2.00 postage. Bulk prices available. Send check to Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St. Lilly, Pa. 15938.

2006 Engaged Encounter Weekends Scheduled

Provides time for engaged couples to focus on issues pertaining to marriage. Fulfills diocesan marriage preparation requirement. Gift certificates available. For registration/information: Tim & Lynn Rea- 814-695-8252. Weekend dates: Mar. 31-April 2 and Nov. 10-12 at St. John the Baptist Retreat Center, New Baltimore; Oct. 28-29 at Our Lady of Victory Activity Center, State College; June 24-25 at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson; Aug. 19-20 at Good Shepherd Church, State College. Sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, (814) 886-5551.

Would you like to find peace in your heart with your aborted child, with God, with the Church? Don't be afraid, the door is open. For women, men, anyone wounded by abortion. Contact Project Rachel 814-884-8000. All calls are confidential!

Faith & Light Gatherings – A faith sharing group for mentally challenged adults and their families, caregivers and friends. Held once a month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Becky Sheetz Recreation Center in Altoona. For dates and more information, call the Family Life Office 886-5551.

THREE DAYS OF PRAYER FOR HEALING

You are invited to share in three days of prayer for physical and spiritual healing at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2700 Broad Avenue, Altoona, Pa. Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Becker, Parochial Vicar of St. Benedict's Church in Geistown, will be the guest Celebrant and Homilist.

Thursday, Feb. 9

Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. 'til 6:45 p.m.
Vespers and Homily at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10

Mass at 8:15 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. 'til 6:45 p.m.
Prayer Service and Homily – 7:00 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Celebrated after the Service.

Saturday, Feb. 11

Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 a.m. 'til 4:00 p.m.
Mass and Anointing-4: 30 p.m.

BASKET BINGO

Holidaysburg Catholic Home School Association will sponsor a Basket Bingo on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006 at Father Kelley Hall, St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church, 5th St. and 25th Ave. Altoona. Tickets are \$20.00. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. games start at 7:00 p.m. Purchase your tickets before Feb. 1 and receive three free door prize tickets. Tickets may be purchased at Holidaysburg Catholic School or call 695-6112.

Families and the Gospel

February 5 Mk 1:29-39

When a parent sits down to relax, suddenly "everyone is looking for you." Imitate Jesus, in today's gospel and "get away to a quiet place" where you can spend a few moments talking with the Father. Reflection brings relaxation and better parenting.

A TASTE OF SILENCE with Father Carl J. Arico
February 19-21, 2006 at the Church of the Good Shepherd

867 Gray's Woods Blvd. State College, Pa.

PARISH MISSION -Three Days of Prayer That Will Change Your Life!!!

Sunday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. Presentation/Benediction

Monday, Feb. 20 at 7:00 p.m. Presentation/Benediction

Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Presentation/Mass

Father Arico is a nationally known Retreat Director and Vice-President of Contemplative Outreach, Ltd.

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD

Practicing the Fast: An Invitation to Self-Emptying

Is Lenten fasting just cutting back on food? Sr. Karen Gruseck, CCW will offer a day of exploring "different" ways of fasting: What can we let go of in our lives to make room for God?

This program will be offered on Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin. For more information or to register, call (814) 886-3972 or 886-4098. Registrations are required at least five days in advance of program date. Donation is \$30.00 and includes lunch.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: A Sacrament of Celebration

Sr. Cindy Burns, CCW will conduct a retreat day on Saturday, March 11, 2006, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. discussing the Sacrament of Reconciliation, including the history of the sacrament, the nature of sin, the rationale and reason for confession. The day will include a prayerful reflection on Penance using the parable of the Prodigal Son. Donation: \$30.00 includes lunch.

Spiritual Book Prayer and Study Group

"If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat!"

We desire to walk with God. How do we live with an unrestricted trust in God?

Join Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW and others for prayer, reflection and conversation focusing on our desire to trust. The three-session guided book study will be held on Wednesday evenings, March 15, 22 and 29, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Donation is \$30.00; cost of the book is an additional \$15.00.

Sessions will be held at CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin. For more information or to register, call (814) 886-3972 or 886-4098. Registrations are required at least five days in advance of program date.

The Art of Sending Greetings

"Clearly you are a letter of Christ which I have delivered, a letter not written with ink but by the spirit of the Living God." (2 Cor.3: 3)

Why do we send cards to others? What kind of greeting would God send to you?

St. Maryann Palko, CCW will conduct this retreat day which will include prayer, exploring the idea of "greetings" in scripture, and provide an opportunity for a hands-on experience of creating a personal greeting card. This program will be offered on Thursday, March 23, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin. For more information or to register, call (814) 886-3972 or 886-4098. Registrations are required at least five days in advance of program date. Donation is \$35.00 and includes lunch and card-making materials.

Minutes
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
December 8, 2005, 8:00 PM, Computer Room

Opening Prayer

Frank Fochler opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members present were:

Father Crookston, Father Spishak, Vi Bettwy, Pat Irwin, Frank Fochler, Judy Rossi, Cindy Boslet, Todd Cammarata, Tom Goss, Jim Woomeer, John Brown, Paul Engleman, Mike Fox, and Dave Kibblehouse.

Minutes

The November minutes were corrected to read that the Saint Mary C.R.O.S.S. group presented a gathering at Saint Mary's Church rather than at Saint Rose's Maria Center. Cindy Boslet made a motion to approve the November minutes as corrected. Paul Engleman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Liturgy

- The Adult Choir and Children's Choir will combine to present a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 PM in the Maria Center.
- A special thanks was extended to Father Spishak for purchasing the Advent banners for the church.

Education

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

- The school students raised \$1,100 for Oxfam and Sister Paula's Soup Kitchen.
- Several Christmas outreach programs are in progress.
- Second graders will make their first confession at the parish Penance Service on December 19.
- Thanks to Dr. Elissa Palmer, mother of 7th grader Cara, two AED's are being donated...one for the Parish Center and one for the church/school. Also, at no cost, Dr. Palmer has arranged for the training of the school staff, priests, and some other parishioners. Tentative date for the training is January 13th.
- The school will be piloting a program in conjunction with the diocesan Education Office and Catholic Charities to provide needed services such as counseling to parents and students of the school who are in need. In January, staff from Catholic Charities will be available in the school on a regular basis for those who might want to speak to them.
- Catholic Schools Week is January 28 through February 4. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Character, Compassion, Values." The Saturday evening Mass on January 28 will be a full "school" Mass that will include the school choir.

Catechesis: Vi Bettwy reported the following:

- Retreats are in full swing. Classes have been doubled for this year to save parents from having to attend so many. The Confirmation class will have their Christian Story retreat on Sunday, November 20 in the Maria Parish Center. Grades 3, 4, 7, and 8 have completed their retreats. Grades 5 and 6 will have their retreat in January, as will the sophomores.
- There was a meeting for the parents of the children receiving First Reconciliation on November 30.
- As always, religious education is in need for more catechists. The substitute list is also low in number.
- The Kentucky Project and Gloria Gates Foundation Project are in their final stages. There are three children this year and about seven senior citizens.
- Adult Faith Enrichment is continuing its bimonthly meetings. Everyone is invited to attend. The subjects are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Attendance has been down at the presentations, and the group is looking for ways to increase attendance.
- RCIA continues to meet mostly after the 7:00 AM Mass. The three children meet at the same time as Religious Education.
- All catechists are in compliance with Protecting God's Children (PGC). Catechesis council will meet over the holidays to prepare for the new lessons for "Touching Safety."
- The students are attending the Advent Wreath ceremony each Sunday in the school hall. Classes are also attending Penance Services by grade.

Other

- *Catholic Welcome Home* invitations have been extended three ways: (1) with palm cards that have been placed in the church pews, (2) with information in the church bulletin, and (3) with information on a large sign placed in front of the church.

Finance

Stewardship: Father Crookston reported that the Stewardship Committee is planning to speak to parish council regarding their research concerning plans for "Time for Renewal" for next year.

Saint Rose Endowment: The Saint Rose Endowment Plan was discussed. More research and information will be forthcoming concerning the plan.

Maintenance

Other: Paul Engelman shared with council a maintenance list of repairs needing done.

Family Life/Activities

Hospitality: Father Crookston shared articles from other parishes with Cindy Boslet regarding hospitality and welcoming of new parishioners. Cindy indicated that in January requests will be made for volunteer families to host new families joining Saint Rose.

Social Justice

Pro-life Activities: Father Crookston reported that an area of the foyer has been designated for pro-life. Baby supplies may be placed in the area. Also, on Mother's Day weekend, some young people participating in the pro-life activity, *Walk Across America*, will be visiting Saint Rose and speaking at the weekend Masses.

Formation

Due to the late start of the meeting, Formation will be discussed at the February meeting.

Old Business

Appreciative Inquiry: Various ministries are continuing to work through the Action Plans.

New Business

The Ministries Dinner will be held on January 5 at 6:00 PM in the Saint Rose Social Hall.

Pastor's Comments

No additional comments

Schedule of Meetings

January 5 (Ministries Dinner), February 9, March 9, April 6 (note date change to a week earlier due to Holy Week), May 11.

Next Meeting's Opening Prayer

Paul Engelman will give the opening prayer at the next meeting.

Closing Prayer

Father Spishak offered the closing prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Rossi*

Learning about Liturgy

Preparing for Mass by Praying at Home

The joy of being Catholic is in the Eucharist. The Most Holy Eucharist, also called the Sacred Liturgy, is the wellspring of Catholic life and its summit. The Church lives from Eucharist to Eucharist, amazed by the wonder of so great a gift, and waits with "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13) for the return of Christ in glory.

The eucharistic life begins *on the way* to church. Go to church with a heart made ready for the mystery. Begin at home by reading the texts appointed for the day's Mass: First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, and Gospel. The references for these texts are readily available in your parish bulletin, on your church calendar, or in your missal. Let the word of God resonate in your heart; read the texts aloud, slowly, and with attention. Repeat the phrases that strike you. Let the word itself become your prayer; send back to God the word he has addressed to you. Then, for a few moments, remain in silence. Adore the God who has spoken to you. Ask him to give you hunger for the "daily bread" (Luke 11:4) you will receive at Mass. Go to church with hunger and desire; you will not be sent away empty (cf. Luke 1:53) for God will fill you with good things (cf. Luke 1:53).

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