

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun Feb 17</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
<b>Tues Feb 19</b>	6:10 PM <b>Bingo</b>
<b>Wed Feb.20</b>	5:45-6:30 PM <b>Pro-Life Rosary</b>
<b>Thurs Feb 21</b>	9:00-11:00 AM <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Fri Feb 22</b>	6:10 PM <b>Bingo</b>
<b>Sat Feb 23</b>	9:30-10:30 AM <b>Children's Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sun Feb 24</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



**Monday, Feb 18**

8:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (*Mrs. Gabriel Pipetti*)

**Tuesday, Feb. 19**

8:30 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

**Wednesday, Feb. 20**

†Fritz Ohnemus (*Paul & Mary Engelman*)

**Thursday, Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian**

8:30 a.m. †Robert Donnelly (*Vince Harris Family & Deckard Family*)

**Friday, Feb. 22 Chair of St. Peter**

8:30 a.m. †Geraldine Brown (*Pam & Mike Septer*)

**Saturday, Feb. 23 St. Polycarp**

8:30 a.m. †Jean Miller (*Bernie Miller*)  
5:30 p.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Family*)

**Sunday, Feb. 24 Third Sunday of Lent**

7:00 a.m. †Clarence S. Adams (*Francis & Margaret Adams*)  
8:15 a.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Family*)  
10:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (*Pat Ronan*)  
12 Noon Mass for the People

**MINISTRIES FOR THIS WEEK**

Altar Servers for Stations of the Cross February 22, 2008  
5:30 p.m. Kyle Murphy, Julia Paule, Connor Campbell  
Altar Servers for February 23-24, 2008  
5:30 p.m. Jessica Sanders, Nate Sanders, Heather Lee, Tonya Lee  
7:00 a.m. Ireland McCreery  
8:15 a.m. Jamie Novack, Seth Ickes, Chase McGearry  
10:30 a.m. Brian Goss, Sarah Goss, Caitlin Berkheimer, Rebekah Hughes  
12 Noon Colin Berkheimer, Josef Maier, Daniel Maier  
Eucharistic Ministers for February 23-24, 2008  
5:30 p.m. J. Scarfone, J. Frena, G. Bettwy, J. E. Brown, K. McGraw  
7:00 a.m. R.M. Fochler, J. Wustrow, G. Miller  
8:15 a.m. R. Novack, R. Smith, P. Blanchard, T. Link, R. Friedenberger  
10:30 a.m. T. Goss, G. Goss, D. Housum, C. Housum, K. Mrdjenovich  
12 Noon Joseph Eberhardt, R. Fiore, D. Shrift  
Lectors for February 23-24, 2008  
5:30 p.m. Joseph Maschue, Viola Bettwy  
7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, John Kenny  
8:15 a.m. Charles Wolf, Linda Wolf  
10:30 a.m. Laverne Previte, Thomas A. Irwin  
12 Noon Joseph Macharola, Heather Macharola

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION** Our Lenten reconciliation service is Sunday, March 9, 4:00 p.m. We will have three priests in the reconciliation rooms as well as other priests stationed throughout the school. Other opportunities for your celebration of sacramental reconciliation are:  
February 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Matthew, Tyrone  
March 9, 4:00 p.m. St. Rose of Lima  
March 10, 6:30 p.m. St. John's Lakemont  
March 11, 6:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament  
March 14, 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes  
March 16, 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg  
These communal services heighten our awareness that we are a pilgrim people in need of forgiveness and that as a community we celebrate God's saving grace. Times for individual celebration of reconciliation at St. Rose are the usual Saturday times (Noon and after the 5:30 evening Mass), and following morning 8:30 Mass, March 17, 18 and 19

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—February 9-10, 2008**

Regular	\$6654.49	Christmas	\$ 47.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 67.00	Easter	\$ 25.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1010.71	Easter Flower	\$ 10.00
Black & Indian	\$ 173.10	Tornado Victims	\$1115.20
Candles	\$ 20.00	Candlemas	\$ 73.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9196.00</b>

**SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT:** This weekend Feb. 16/17 our second collection will be for the School Reserve Account. We appreciate your strong support. This money has been a significant help to our school as we work to rebuild our reserve account and balance our budget. Remember also that your after Mass purchase and use of merchants' gift cards help our parish help our school.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There is no school Monday, Feb. 18 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Meetings for the week:

PR Committee - Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the computer room

School Council. – Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the computer room.

The students pray the Stations of the Cross for Young Christians each Friday during Lent at 1:30 in the church. All are welcome to join us.

The St. Rose "Palooza" proceeds benefit St. Rose School sports programs. Our sports programs cost several thousand dollars each year. We have a 90% or better participation rate of all eligible students in our various boys and girls sports. The Athletic Association receives no financial support from the school and no participation fees from the students. All money is raised by fundraising, so please support the upcoming "Palooza". For more information contact the school office (942-7835).

Thank you so much to all of our parishioners who generously contribute to the second collection on the third weekend Masses. Thank you, also, to those who support our Scrip Program. This money has been a significant help to our school as we work to rebuild our reserve account and balance our budget. The children include our benefactors in their prayers each morning as they begin their school day.

### MUSIC NOTES

Children's Holiday Choir rehearsal will begin on Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings from February 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We will be singing the 8:15 Palm Sunday Mass on March 16, 2008 and the 10:30 Easter Sunday Mass on March 23, 2008. Some children will also have the opportunity to use choir chimes as we did at Christmas. New members ages 7 to 13 are always welcome—No experience necessary! For questions contact Bryce Cossitor, Children's Choir Director at 943-0174.

Service Hours are due for the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> Graders, unless you have an extension. Call Bernice Shoenfelt 942-5659 or the Rectory 944-8509.

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION:

Why are there purple strips of cloth on the holy water stoups? The purple cloth symbolizes our Lenten journey from Ashes to Easter. Marking ourselves with the sign of the cross, after dipping our hands into the blessed water is a powerful way to enter the liturgies and rituals of Lent. Reminding us of the purification, which we seek during the season, as well as the Baptism that we prepare to renew, the use of holy water in the stoups is an ancient and powerful expression of the spirituality of Lent.

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 23	5:30 p.m.	Todd & Patty Sanders
Feb. 24	7:00 a.m.	Francis Adams & Jack Corle
	8:15 a.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
	10:30 a.m.	Steve & Pam Brumbaugh & Family
	12 Noon	Volunteers

### LENTEN AND HOLY THURSDAY ALMSGIVING

As we pray with God throughout our Lenten journey, we reach out to those in need and grow in solidarity with them. Our second collections are our alms for our brothers and sisters in Lima, Peru and the diocese of Mandeville. We also invite your daily home alms to Operation Rice Bowl. The Rice Bowls and the Rice Bowl Calendar may be picked up in the foyer of the church. You may return the Rice Bowl Box through the collection basket. We will be gathering the Rice Bowls during Holy Week.

Holy Thursday, the day of the Lord's Supper, is also our occasion to honor the continuing good work done in the name of the rectory's former cook, Gloria Gates. We forward the gathered Holy Thursday offering to the Gloria Gates Foundation that helps the Youth of Evergreen Manor. Be abundantly generous in your Lent and Holy Thursday almsgiving.

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines. Please use the envelope that is in your pack of envelopes.

**CANDLES:** Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions, In Loving Memory of Geraldine Brown by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Brown, Nathan Gailey, Illness 3 yr. Old by Susan Trout.

### MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles F. Love whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to his family.

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to the Easter Flowers in the Church, please use your Easter Flower envelope (or a plain envelope) and drop them into the collection basket by March 17. Please print the name of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. Your memorials will be printed in our Easter Bulletin.

**Scrip Gift Card Volunteer Schedule**

February 23-24, 2008

5:30 p.m. Jen Myrick, Bev Elder, John Brown  
7:00 a.m. Dan Altiero, Brenda Altiero, Greg Miller  
8:15 a.m. Judy Wood, Kelly Charlesworth, Mary Reffner  
10:30 a.m. Tom Goss, Diane Gormley, Becky Bimle  
12 Noon Chris Bracken, Patti Fromknecht

**SUPPER CLUB will meet on Sunday, March 2 at Jethro's at 5:00 p.m. Please call Mary 946-3449 for reservations.**

**POT LUCK DINNER**

Our next Pot Luck Dinner will be held on February 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Suggested dishes: Meat dishes, casseroles, vegetable, desserts. For more information contact Regina Friedenberger by email reginafriedenber@aol.com or call the Rectory 944-8509

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

Today, February 17, Bishop Joseph Adamec of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will host an ecumenical service at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona. The service begins at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

On Sunday, February 24, Bishop Gregory Pile of the Lutheran tradition will host an ecumenical service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 918 Tayman Ave., Somerset, Pa. The service begins at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Joseph will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer service.

**THE SUNDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB** will continue discussing "Jesus of Nazareth" by Pope Benedict XVI. Discussions will be:

Feb. 17 –Chapter 4-The Sermon on the Mount  
March 2 –Chapter 5 –The Lord's Prayer  
March 16- Chapters 6 & 7 The Disciples and the Message of the Parables.  
March 30-Chapter 8 –The Principal Images of John's Gospel  
April 13-Chapter 9-Peter's Confession and the Transfiguration  
April 27-Chapter 10 –Jesus Declares His Identity  
All discussions will be in the Computer Room. Come and participate, or just listen..

**"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"**

"God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived human infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness in each one." Pope Benedict XVI, 2/27/06.



**PRAYER CORNER**

*February 17, 2008*

**Teach us O Lord**

**by St. Ignatius of Loyola**

**Teach us, Lord,**

**To serve You as You deserve,  
To give and not to count the cost,  
To fight and not to heed the wounds,  
To toil and not to seek for rest,  
To labor and not to ask for any reward  
Save that of knowing that we do Your will.  
Amen.**

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION...**

The Stations of the Cross originated early in the history of the Church. It was the custom of the faithful to follow the way walked by Christ from Pilate's house in Jerusalem to Calvary. As time went on, pilgrims to the holy city desired to continue this devotion when they returned home. In the fourteenth century when the Franciscans were entrusted with the care of the holy places in Jerusalem they promoted the use of images depicting the Lord's Way of the Cross

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

Please remember to renew your membership in the ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY. As a member of the society you partake in the graces of a Mass each month and at the time of your death. The Altar Society provides flowers, candles and altar linens used throughout the year. Please use the envelope provided in your box of envelopes.

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL**

February 17 Matthew 4:1-11  
Today's gospel tells us to LISTEN which is a challenge as cell phones, IPODS, TV and radio constantly distract us. This Lent dedicate 10 minutes a day to sit quietly and allow God to speak to your heart. Caution: listening to God can change you and your family.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

You are invited to join Bishop Joseph with his priests in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the Church's season to remind the faithful of our need to turn from sin and seek God's mercy. We seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor. Gather with all who identify themselves as sinners joyfully proclaiming the love and forgiveness of God. A Communal Penance Service will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, at 6:30 p.m. This public gathering of believers is a great preparation for the celebration of the Easter mysteries. Plan to gather for this hour of prayer celebrating God's mercy in liturgy.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### FISH DINNERS ON FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

St. Mary's, Altoona -Buffet \$10.00 adults \$5.00 children (4-12) Served from 4:30-7:00 in the Memorial Hall Cafeteria

St. Therese—Adults \$7.00 Children under 12 \$4.00  
Served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Fr. Kelley Hall

Our Lady of Lourdes—Adults \$7.75 Children 12 and under \$5.25. Served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall.

The Almrausch Schuhplattlers Adults \$7.00 served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Unter Uns Club on Van Buren Ave.

### SPRING CRAFT FAIR

St. Matthew School in Tyrone, Pa. Is sponsoring a Spring Craft Fair of Homemade Items. The date is Sunday, March 2, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Church Hall. Tables are available at a cost of \$20.00. Any crafter who would like to learn more about the Craft Fair is encouraged to contact Debbie Zakrzwski at (814) 623-3070 or at dzakrzwski@aol.com for an application

### SAINT EMMA MONASTERY & RETREAT HOUSE

Greensburg, announces that there are openings in the following Lenten Programs:

March 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Lenten Day of Recollection, Father Tom Smith, \$28.00

March 5, 8:45 a.m. -4:15 p.m. Lenten Day of Recollection, Father Tom Smith, \$28.00

March 9, 8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Benediction Spirituality, Father Donald Raila OSB, \$28.00

March 10, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Lenten Evening of Recollection, Father CANON Joseph Stredzinski, \$18.00

March 15, 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Lenten Day of Recollection, Father Mark Gruber OSB, \$28.00

For more information or to make a reservation call 724.834.3060.

### BASKET BINGO

St. John the Evangelist School will be have a Basket Bingo on Friday, March 28, 2008 at Father Kelley Hall, 25th Ave. & 5th St., Altoona. Tickets are now on sale. \$25.00 includes: 15 Regular Bingo Games, 20 Door Prize Tickets, Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts and Beverages. Chance for Grand Prize. Call to purchase ticket(s) or reserve your table of 8. Gerlinde Mattern 943-1126 or Vanessa Donoughe 414-9619.

### A PRAYER OF THE GIFTED

Giver of all gifts,  
You did not create me  
Without giving me the ability  
To serve you.  
Allow me to see which gifts are mine  
And which are not.  
Help me to avoid jealousy  
Over the talents of others,  
So that I can be committed to your purpose  
And use my talents to do your will. Amen.

### CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD

#### Clay of the Earth - A Word for Today

February 23, 2008 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The Lord said "Rise up, be off to the potter's house; there I will give you my message" (Jer 18: 1-2) How does God speak to you through the clay of the earth? As children clay was a part of play. However as adults, the use clay as playful self-expression is often not part of our experience. This reflection day, a hands-on experience, will be spent working with clay and reflecting on the insights we receive and the glimpses of God that arise. All are welcome. NO experience is needed. Facilitator: Sr. Jane Miller Donation \$40.00 (includes lunch and clay). Reservations due by Feb. 18.

#### A Visit with the Historical Jesus

Saturday, March 1, 2008 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The visible Christ who came to earth showed us the face of the invisible God. Take some time apart this Lent to reflect upon the Jesus of history. Explore the cultural world of Jesus, his very unique attitudes and actions, and how He interacted with the people of his time. Facilitator: Sr. Cindy Burns. Donation: \$35.00 includes lunch Reservations due by Feb. 25.

#### Jesus & Women Overnight Directed Retreat for Women

Friday, March 7 - Saturday, March 8, 2008

Spend a overnight in guided prayer and reflection. Each retreatant will have opportunity to meet with a Spiritual Director, to have private and communal prayer opportunities during this time set aside to experience the wonder of God's loving presence. Retreat begins with arrival at 7 p.m. Friday and ends at 3 p.m. Saturday. Private room and meals are included. Donation: \$55.00 Reservations due by March 3, 2008.

#### Our Lady of Fatima Kitchens presents their monthly Spaghetti

Dinner on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. Dinners include a handsome portion of spaghetti with sauce, two meatballs, salad and roll all for the price of \$5.00. Extra sauce \$.50. Pickup times are as follows: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 3:30 -6:30 p.m. Please order by calling 942-0371 through Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m.

St. Vincent DePaul will again take part in the Feinsteins Challenge to end hunger. Anyone interested in helping to arrange a fundraiser of food collection during the months of March and April please call 814 659-8773. All food and money collected will be distributed in the Altoona-Johnstown area.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for making Christmas a very happy time for the children enrolled in the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation. The gifts that you purchased for the children were distributed at our Christmas party on December 15, 2007. The kids were thrilled to open the gifts, and everyone was excited about the items that you chose for them. Your generosity will always be remembered. I sincerely hope that the kids enrolled in our program will learn from your actions, and will become caring and giving individuals as they mature. I wish you the best of health and happiness in 2008.

Sincerely,

Toni Bilik

Executive Director, Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation