

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 18 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*
4:30-8:30 PM Gifts of the Spirit & Parables Retreat-Gr. 10

Tues Feb 20 6:10 PM Bingo

Wed Feb 21 Ash Wednesday
 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
 6:30 PM 8:15 Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 PM 10:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thurs Feb 22 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

Fri Feb 23 6:10 PM Bingo

Sun Feb 25 First Sunday of Lent
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*

Candles	\$ 15.00		
		Total	\$9407.50

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007

7:00 a.m. Volunteer
 8:30 a.m. School Children
 7:00 p.m. Jamie Novack, Volunteer

Altar Servers for February 24-25, 2007
 5:30 p.m. Maura Wilkinson, Ally Sheedy, Loretta Bobetich
 7:00 a.m. Volunteer
 8:15 a.m. Jamie Novack, Matt Gormley, Althea Price
 10:30 a.m. Jillian Lemme, Elizabeth Jacobs, Kevin Condryn
 12 Noon Megan Danison, Polly Macharola, Francis Macharola

Readers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007
 7:00 a.m. Barbara Kooman
 8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children

Eucharistic Ministers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007

7:00 a.m. J. Wustrow, G. Miller
 8:30 a.m. D. Fraundorfer, J. Brown, M.A. Eberhart, B. Altiero
 7:00 p.m. D. Shrift, R. Novack, T. Goss

Distribute Ashes:
 7:00 a.m. R. M. Fochler, R. Kline
 8:30 a.m. K. Madariaga, M. Dombrowski
 7:00 p.m. B. Shoenfelt, K. McGraw, J. Shoenfelt

Eucharistic Ministers for February 24-25, 2007

5:30 p.m. B. Shoenfelt, B. Bartley, M. Tillard, J. Shoenfelt, G. Baker
 7:00 a.m. R. Skupien, L. Zakrzewski, L. Altiero
 8:15 a.m. J. Woomer, K. Charlesworth, M. Dombrowski, K. Woomer, S. Tirone
 10:30 a.m. B. Gentile, S. Askey, Y. Gibson, M. Frucella, D. Housum
 12 Noon R. Eberhart, J. Wasicki, R. Fiore

Lectors for February 24-25, 2007
 5:30 p.m. Joe Maschue, Beth Tully
 7:00 a.m. Robert Fox, Paul Cooney
 8:15 a.m. Joseph Campbell, Laverne Previte
 10:30 a.m. Maria Spayd, Jim Lane
 12 Noon Bob Helbig, Michael Nazaruk



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 19

8:30 a.m. † Frank O'Dellick (*Frank & Mary Wiley & Family*)

Tuesday, Feb. 20

8:30 a.m. † Marie Giovengo (*Angela Davis & Family*)
 † Helen O'Dellick (*Emily Turchetta, Theresa Nash & Patty Way*)

Wednesday, Feb. 21 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. † Frank Olszewski (*Jennie Wolfe Family*)
 8:30 a.m. † Edith Altiero (*M/M Joe Ruggery*)
 7:00 p.m. † Donald St. John (*David C. Irwin*)

Thursday, Feb. 22 Chair of St. Peter

8:30 a.m. † Geraldine Brown (*Ron & Janet Brown & Family*)

Friday, Feb. 23 St. Polycarp

8:30 a.m. † Mary E. Fiore (*Tom & Mary Lou Healy*)
 † Roger Meintel (*Bob & Debbie Fisher*)

Saturday, Feb. 24

8:30 a.m. † James Allison (*M/M Chuck Wolf*)
 5:30 p.m. † Anna Fulchiero (*Janette DiGiacobbe*)

Sunday, Feb. 25 First Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. † Lynn & Dorothy McConnell (*Tanya Burgess*)
 8:15 a.m. † Robert Reese (*Joann & Family*)
 10:30 a.m. † Sondra Frederick (*Britz Family*)
 12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -Feb. 10-11, 2007

Regular	\$8330.77	Christmas	\$ 73.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 206.00	Rose	\$ 192.23
School Reserve	\$ 510.00	Candlemas	\$ 58.00
Blace & Indian Missions	\$ 5.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 17.00

FROM THE PASTOR

MAKING A HOLY LENT For Lent's Forty Days we are conscious of how we sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the reign of God. Above all, we are aware of those waters in which the church baptized into Christ's death. His is a death to sin and evil. In baptism's waters we also begin life in Christ. These waters wait at Lent's end for families bringing their youngest member to the font of Christ's life.

Lent asks us to give ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all Catholics do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain times, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities.

Likewise, the giving of alms can be an effort to share this world's good equally not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and possessions and through works of many kinds for a just world.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

During Lent, our Ash Wednesday and 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.

Our participation at daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Stations of the Cross, and reflective spiritual study further sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the grace of God welling up in our hearts.

SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT Thank you for your most generous response to the third weekend of the month second collection. In January, we received \$816.99 and forwarded it to the school. We appreciate your strong support. The weekend of February 17/18 has our next second collection dedicated to the restoration of funds to our school reserve fund.

Recent gifts to the **Parish and School Endowment Fund** have increased its worth to over **\$85,000**. This magnificent first year start, especially since we launched the fund this past September. Board members Ray Askey, Lenora Irwin, Marty Kooman, Joe Reilly, Pat Ronan, and Fr. Crookston welcome your interest in learning about ways you can make a gift of lasting value to our parish and school.

VILLA EL SALVADOR (LIMA) MISSION EXPERIENCE Sr. Gemma and Fr. Cristobal, our contacts in the Lima barrio of Villa el Salvador, have invited Fr. Spishak and Fr. Crookston to experience the medical work that our parish supports. They and five other "missionaries," including Maria Wills and Dave Kibblehouse, are leaving March 8. The mission team will lodge, take meals, pray, and serve as medical and construction helpers with Sr. Gemma, Father Cristobal, and their colleagues and parishioners. Our St. Rose team will be delivering a substantial monetary gift of your offerings in support of the medical clinic and Peruvian parish. Should you want to enlarge this contribution to health and pastoral efforts in Lima please submit your gift to our parish and memo your check or envelop "Villa el Salvador." Note also that half of the Ash Wednesday offering goes to Villa el Salvador; the other half, we forward to Fr. Kelly for use in the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.

While in Peru, Fr. Crookston and three group members will fly to Cuzco, the center and capital of the Inca world and visit Machu Picchu, a picturesque Inca sacred city. The other members and Fr. Spishak and two other team members will return March 16. The others return March 20.

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LENT This Wednesday, February 21, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty days journey toward the Triduum with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 21) and Good Friday (April 6) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent (February 23, and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout the other days of Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

CANDLES –For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by the Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard. Special Intention.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the

souls of Josephine Legge and Helen Mirabella whom we honored with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to their families

BAPTISM Congratulations to Haley Nicole Glunt, daughter of M/M Michael Glunt, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

EUCMENICAL SERVICE On Sunday, February 18, 2007, Bishop Joseph Adamec of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will host an ecumenical service at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, Pa. The service begins at 3:00 p.m.. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

The Church's National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend. Because of the generosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the U.S., last year, over 8.8 million dollars were contributed to the Collection and – 98 cents of every dollar was distributed. The support went to some of the neediest people across the United States; from the inner cities of the rural South and from the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness – **135 Dioceses received assistance from the collection**. Through your gifts, you join your sacrifice to those who sacrifice daily to lead others to Christ. You become a Co-missionary for the Church. **PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU ARE ABLE**. Please use the envelope that is located in your pack of envelopes.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 24	5:30 p.m.	Greg & Nancy Fulchiero
Feb. 25	7:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	8:15 a.m.	Ushers Pick
	10:30 a.m.	Frederick Family
	12 Noon	Ushers Pick

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no school on Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents' Day. The students will attend the 8:30 Mass on Ash Wednesday. They will not attend Mass on Friday. The students will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 1:20 in the church. All are welcome to join us.

PRE SCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN will have an **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm and from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. The teachers will be here to discuss their educational programs and answer your questions. Snow date is March 1st. Registration for the next school year is now open.

REGISTRATION for ALL GRADES for 2007-2008 is OPEN. Please call the school office for more information (942-7835).

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

2ND ANNUAL ST. ROSA PALOOZA

WHAT: 2nd Annual St. Rosa Palooza ~~~an extraordinary event with full-flavored food, spirits and good company. Come and enjoy a fun evening including a buffet dinner by Leonardo's Taverna, live music by John Stiffler, and **CASH PRIZES** totaling over \$3,000.00
WHEN: Saturday, February 24, 2007~~6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
WHERE: St. Rose of Lima Maria Parish Center
HOW: \$80.00 Donation (admits 2 adults over 21 yrs. of age)
WHY: Benefits St. Rose of Lima School and Athletic Programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Boslet (942-7637) or the school office (942-7835) **Tickets will be available after the 5:30 p.m. Mass and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

Scrip Gift Card Volunteer Schedule

February 24-25, 2007:

5:30 PM: Bev Elder, John Brown, Gene Bettwy

7:00 AM: Greg Miller, Ruth Miller

8:15 AM: Judy Wood, Maureen Frucella Sherri Price

10:30 AM: Becky Bimle, Mary Wiley, Kim Irwin

Noon: Bonnie Frederick, Elaine Condrin, Pat Condrin

**Saint Rose of Lima Scrip Gift Cards Weekly Summary
Thank You!**

Your Regular Household Shopping Dollars Earned Our

School: For the Week of: February 10 - 12, 2007

Total Number of Users:	54
This Week's Gross Sales:	\$9,929.16
This Week's Average Sale:	\$183.87
This Week's Percent of Profit Earned:	5.56%
This Week's Total Net Profit:	\$551.87
Last Week's Total Net Profit to Date:	\$23,122.20
Total Net Profit Earned to Date:	\$23,674.07

Avis Rent A Car Is Now Available

Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC) and Saint Rose of Lima are pleased to announce that Avis Rent A Car is now available in a \$50 paper certificate with an 8% discount. Renter's must agree to and sign Avis' standard rental agreement in order to use the certificate. To order Avis Rent A Car Scrip Gift Cards, use the "Other" line located on the back side of the Order Form.

Budget Car Rental Now Available

GLSC and Saint Rose of Lima are pleased to announce that Budget Car Rental is now available in a \$50 paper certificate with an 8% discount. To order Budget Car Rental Scrip Gift Cards, use the "Other" line located on the backside of the Order Form.

St. Rose of Lima Chapter of St. Vincent dePaul will hold their meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT AND PARABLES RETREAT- All parish youth in tenth grade and their parents (Religious Education and Bishop Guilfoyle students), Sunday, February 18, 2007 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. meeting in the social Hall. Snow date is Sunday, February 25, 2007 at the same time. You will be notified if this retreat is postponed.

SUPPER CLUB will meet on March 4 at the Olive Garden and on April 1 at the Dream at 5:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and call Mary at 946-3449 to make a reservation or for more information. These restaurants participate in the scrip program.

CONGRATULATIONS to John & Darlene Negri who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 16.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

Prenatal testing for some 450 diseases may seem to give couples more power, but it often actually takes choices away. Society's demand for physical perfection places enormous pressure on couples to "conform to the norm" by aborting less-than-perfect children. (Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., *The Southern Cross*, 8/17/06)

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 946-4342

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.

February 18, 2007



This week we observe Ash Wednesday and begin Lent. It is the perfect time to become more prayerful.

Father in heaven, the light of Your truth brings sight to the darkness of sinful eyes. May this season of repentance bring me the blessing of Your forgiveness and the gift of your light.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

"TRY IT YOU WILL LIKE IT"

St. Rose Bingo every Tuesday and Friday
Admission Card as low as \$6.50 for 3 cards.
Play 18 cards for \$15.00 and you can win as much as \$100.00 per game for 24 games.
All Jackpots sold separately
1 Jackpot of \$1000 coverall guaranteed
Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Early games 6:10
Regular 7:00 p.m.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 18

Lk 6:27-38

In today's gospel Jesus warns about judging and condemning. Children are watching us; they will imitate this negative behavior. However, if you are forgiving and generous, children will imitate this positive behavior and your family will experience "gifts packed together, shaken down and overflowing." That's a peaceful home.

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.

ADULT FORMATION CLASS will be held on Monday, February 26 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the computer room, presented by Ann Mingyar.

TRIDUUM Lent invariably leads to Christ's passion, and if we have allowed the season to enter our hearts, it will lead to our passion—our "death" and our resurrection — as well. What does this mean? What are our "deaths"? Our "resurrections"? Christ's passion, like his Incarnation, did not end 2000 year ago. He died to *conquer* death — he died so our own deaths could bring our own resurrections. God does some of His most amazing work *through* the very things that we would considered to be deaths. Come and find out why- and how.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgical Reflection...

The liturgical calendar is set for the universal Church. Each year the Church walks through the calendar observing the death and resurrection, the birth and epiphanies, the works and miracles of the Lord Jesus. We gather at the feet of the Master to hear his teachings proclaimed in Scripture and to enter the divine mystery in the eucharistic sacrifice. The Sundays solemnities, feasts and memorials of Jesus Christ and the saints, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, make us a people filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. Throughout the liturgical calendar we recall the paschal mystery and celebrate our salvation through the death and resurrection of the Lord.

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE VISITATION DAYS

February 19, 2007- Individual Appointments throughout the day.
March 1 – 6:30 p.m. in the Wolf-Kuhn Gallery on Campus.
Nursing/Health Studies Night
Academic Information, Scholarship Information & Financial Aid,
Tour of Campus, Facilities & Technology given on February 19,
Additional Information.
To RSVP or get information: Call Toll Free: 1 888-823-2220 or
Online: www.mtaloy.edu
Email: admissions@mtaloy.edu

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDIES- Weekly meetings during Lent will be scheduled to review and study the Sunday readings and gospel. Daytime and evening meetings will be available. For more info. Contact Janette 946-4342.

Name	Phone
<input type="checkbox"/> Daytime	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening

BASKET BINGO The St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring a Longaberger Basket Bingo Monday, March 5, 2007 at St. Therese's Fr. Kelly Hall. Tickets are \$20 each and include admission, 15 games, food, and refreshments. To reserve a ticket or for more information call 942-5732

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE NEWS

Bereavement Training Workshop for Parish Staff and Volunteers- Saturday, March 17-9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Held at the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly (Rt. 53 between Cresson and Portage). Facilitator: Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW. Will focus on the basic needs of the grieving person who has suffered a loss as a result of a death and how a parish can minister to the family. Sponsored by the Family Life Office, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese – 814-8865551. Cost: \$32.00 includes lunch and books. Reservations necessary by Friday, March 9. Check payable to Family Life Office.

"Each Day is a Small Lifetime" Workshop- Saturday, April 14-9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Held at the Family Life Office, 5379 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 886-5551. Cost: \$15.00. Reservations necessary by Friday, April 6. Check payable to Family Life Office.

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.

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD Travel Options for Our Lenten Journey

Directed Prayer Retreat for Women: Finding Life's Balance
February 23-24, 2007 at Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, Pa.

An overnight retreat in guided prayer and reflection. Each retreatant will have opportunity to meet with a Spiritual Director, to have private and communal prayer opportunities. Examine the wonder of God's loving presence in all aspects of life. Directors: Srs. Jane & Marilyn. Begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends at 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Private room and meals are included. Donation: \$55.00. Registration deadline is Feb. 20. Call 886-4098 for information on this and other offerings.

If You Want to Walk On Water You Have to Get Out of the Boat
Friday, March 2 - 7:00 p.m. thru Sunday March 4 – 12 Noon

A weekend retreat based upon the popular book by the same name. Will include presentations, prayer experiences and private reflection time. A powerful opportunity to examine one's trust in God. Donation: \$45.00 (includes meals and materials) Accommodations: Private Room: \$25.00. Shared Room: \$15.00. Facilitator: Sr. Marilyn Welch. Registration deadline: February 27, 2007 Call: 814-886-4098 for information on this and other offerings.

CATHEDRAL PARISH, ALTOONA Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner, February 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Salad Bar, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit and Beverage. Cost: Adults \$7.00, Children 45.00. Takeouts available. All proceeds benefit the poor.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner, February 21, from 4:00. –7:00 p.m. Baked or Fried. Tickets \$6.00. Take out available. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office, 806 11th Street, Altoona, from 9:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.

Lenten Fish Buffet:

Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday), St. Mary's in Altoona will be having a Fish Dinner Buffet in the Memorial Hall Cafeteria. The price of the buffet is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (4-12) and will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds to go to the elevator fund (Takeouts available-\$7.00).

Haluski Sale (Cabbage & Noodles)

Friday, February 23, 2007. Pick up between 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Rectory, 2010-12th Ave. Altoona. You may pre-order by calling 942-0371 no later than February 19th until 12:00 noon. Haluski will be sold in quart containers at \$5.00 each

LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Therese Parish will have Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. Served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Price of dinner \$7.00 adults; \$4.00 children under 12.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** Tickets may be purchased in advance from an BGHS student or at the door the day of the event. The dinner will be held in the school cafeteria and tickets cost \$5.00 per person. Take-outs are available. For more information call the school office at 944-4014.