

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*
 5:00-8:00 PM Tenth Grade Retreat
 (Gifts of the Spirit)

Tues Feb 21 6:10 PM Bingo

Wed Feb 22 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary

Thurs Feb 23 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

Fri Feb 24 6:10 PM Bingo

Sun Feb 26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*
 5:00-8:00 PM Tenth Grade Retreat
 (Parables)



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 20

8:30 a.m. †Betty L. Drabic (*Joe & Patricia Pufka*)

Tuesday, Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian

8:30 a.m. † Rose Basciani (*M/M John Danella*)

Wednesday, Feb. 22 Chair of St. Peter

8:30 a.m. † Lou Bettwy (*Pat & Rosemary Ronan*)

Thursday, Feb. 23 St. Polycarp

8:30 a.m. † Violet Sanker (*Betty Hicks Swope*)

Friday, Feb. 24

8:30 a.m. †Charles Dillon (*Mrs. Robert Nolan*)

Saturday, Feb. 25

8:30 a.m. †Robert Reese (*Joann Reese & Family*)
 5:30 p.m. †Angela Cataldo (*Husband & Daughters*)

Sunday, Feb. 26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. †Minnie Ciccarella (*Lisa & Alex Seltzer*)
 8:15 a.m. †Phyllis Miller (*Brian & Ann Hummel*)
 10:30 a.m. †Alfred Angstenberger (*Rose Cardinal*)
 12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -Feb. 11-12, 2006

Regular	\$7991.85	Christmas	\$ 108.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 231.00	Rose	\$ 148.05
Candlemas	\$ 56.00	Perquisites	\$ 50.00
		Total	\$8585.40

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb.25	5:30 p.m.	St. Rose School Children
Feb. 26	7:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	8:15 a.m.	Vicky Blanchard & Debbie Conrad & Children
	10:30 a.m.	Tom & Gina Goss
	12 Noon	Volunteers

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for February 25-26, 2006

Saturday, February 25
 5:30 p.m. Brendan Trybus, Jessica Boslet, Brittany Boslet
 Sunday, February 26, 2006
 7:00 a.m. Julie Fox
 8:15 a.m. Tai Irwin, Tim Link, Jamie Novack
 10:30 a.m. Sarah Goss, Brian Goss, Derek Mrdjenovich
 12 Noon Kathryn Nazaruk, Zach Bracken, Sully McConnell
Eucharistic Ministers for February 25-26, 2006
 5:30 p.m. G. Bettwy, J. Frena, B. Shoerfelt, S. Askey, D. Leahey
 7:00 a.m. J. Wustrow, B. Altiero, D. Leahey
 8:15 a.m. D. Smith, S. Tirone, R. Novack, L. Altiero, T. Heiss
 10:30 a.m. B. Gentile, R. Friedenberger, C. Rickens, R. Skupien, Tom Goss
 12 Noon E. Salvi, J. Eberhardt. M. Salvi
Lectors for February 25-26, 2006
 5:30 p.m. Vi Bettwy, Maria Spayd
 7:00 a.m. Ray Kline, John Kenny
 8:15 a.m. Tim Skarada, Tony Labriola
 10:30 a.m. Ken Haney, Todd Cammarata
 12 Noon Chris Danison

FROM THE PASTOR

PALM BURNING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY Following the 8:15 A.M. Mass on February 26, we will burn last year's palms. We will use the ashes for Ash Wednesday, March 1. This service of Palm Burning will take place on the rectory side of the church. If you have palm branches at home, please bring them to place them in the foyer basket below the Holy Family statue.

DONATIONS FOR BANNERS AND BANNER STAND

We are grateful to the following persons who have purchased these items for our church sanctuary:

Wedding Banner – Robert and Karen Fiore
 Banner Stand – Doris M. Silveri and Ron Skupien & Mary Lou Moffitt In Memory of Frank & Dorothy Skupien

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, Feb.20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Athletic Assoc. will meet on Monday, Feb. 20 at 7:00 PM in the library.

Registration for next year's kindergarten is March 2 from 8:30 to 10:30 and 1:30 to 2:30. The school nurse will be here to go over your child's immunization records with you. Please bring those updated records along with your child's birth certificate, Baptismal certificate and social security number. There is a \$50.00 registration fee payable at the time of registration. PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.(942-7835)
AVAILABLE SPACES ARE LIMITED.

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, Daughter Debbie Andrews by Mom, In Memory of Matthew Zakrzwski by Linda & Family, Deceased Friends of Katie Noel.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sondra Frederick and Francis Ackerman whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to their families.

Gifts of the Spirit Retreat for all students in the Tenth Grade will be held on February 19 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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.

Parables Retreat for all students in the Tenth Grade will be held on Sunday, February 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

Pope John Paul II made clear the Church's teaching on providing food and fluids as normal care: "I should like particularly to underline how the administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act. Its use, furthermore, should be

considered, in principle, ordinary and proportionate, and as such morally obligatory, insofar as and until it is seen to have attained its proper finality, which in the present case consists in providing nourishment to the patient and alleviation of his suffering."

(March 20, 2004, at International Congress on Life-Sustaining Treatments and Vegetative State.)

PRAYER CORNER

This week we celebrate President's Day. It is the perfect week to say the following prayer.

A PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS

Oh merciful and forgiving Lord, our nations need your healing. Wickedness and sinfulness spreads across our land. You have promised to hear Your people who humble themselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from wicked ways, and You have promised forgiveness of sins and healing of their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

I wish to be part of my country's healing Oh Lord, therefore I confess my sins and beg forgiveness I pray that our leaders will turn toward You for guidance. Amen.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH LIBRARY

WHAT? Spiritual Reading

WHERE? Vestibule Room

WHEN? Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Self serve if no one is there or visit the rectory Library proper .

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There are limited number of books in the vestibule, larger selection in Library proper.

We also have books for children.

SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE LORD

Sunday is the original festival, the weekly celebration of Christ's holy Resurrection. Sunday is the day of the Eucharist, the day of the Church's joy the day of beginning again in the grace of him who says, "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). The festivity of Sunday worship overflows into all of life. There is delight in the details: freshly polished shoes, "Sunday best" clothes, flowers and wine for the Sunday dinner table. The absolute priority given to Sunday Mass is an irreplaceable witness to the kingdom God.

The beauty of Sunday Mass is an offering to God and a healing for the soul. The singing of priest, deacon, choir, cantor, and people, "the use of incense and lights; the sacred movement of bodies in worship; vesture in the appointed liturgical colors" the clear sound of the bell; the flowers that delight the eye and perfume the air—all these good things proclaim the splendor of the mystery of faith, each in its own particular way.

In addition to Sunday Mass, following an impetus given by the Second Vatican Council, there are cathedrals and parish churches around the world where the faithful return for vespers, the Church's solemn evening liturgy. The celebration of vespers is often followed by a time of Eucharistic adoration. Having entered into Christ's sacrifice in the morning, the Church returns at sunset to contemplate the glory of his face, praying, "Stay with us for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent" (Luke 24:29).

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LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES-

Sisters from the Carmelite Community of the Word are conducting 4 different mini retreats. Christian Mothers will arrange a car pool or even a bus for those interested in participating in one or more opportunities. For more information, see the sign up sheets in the foyer.

CHRIST IS SPEAKING TO YOU

Are you listening? Do you truly understand what he is asking of you? Join in a small group (6-10) of parishioners as they "break open the word" of our Sunday readings for the 6 weeks of Lent. Consideration will be given to your personal schedules and will be available morning, afternoon or evening.

Each group will have follow the user friendly guide book "At home with the Word" at a cost of \$7.00. This resource provides insight to all Sunday readings for the Liturgical Year. Books are also available for your private use. Please see the sign up sheet in the foyer or call Janette 946-4342.

MEN & WOMEN OF THE MILITARY – If you have a family member or loved one serving in the Armed Forces and would like to have them remembered in pray and with cards. Please provide their name, address and if possible a photograph to the rectory.

SUPPER CLUB – Our first supper club meeting was a great success and enjoyed by all. Keep Sunday, March 5, 2006 open as we will meet at 5:00 p.m. at King's Restaurant on Sixth Avenue. If you need transportation or interested in starting a luncheon club, please call Janette 946-4342. Everyone is welcome.

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 \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (4-12) and will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds to go to the elevator fund.

Cathedral Parish, Altoona – Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner, March 1 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 \$5.00. Takeouts available. All proceeds benefit the poor.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church – Ash Wednesday Fish March 1, 2006. Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. \$6.00 Baked or Fried Fish. Tickets sold in advance at parish office, 806 11th Street. Take-outs available.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 19

Mk 2: 1-12

In today's gospel, Jesus "was at home" when he forgave and healed the paralyzed man. In our homes, forgiveness can heal broken relationships. Families who don't forgive are doomed to paralysis. Don't accept paralysis, forgive one another.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you would like Our Prayer Chain to pray for your intentions, please call Bernice Shoefelt at 942-5659.

Protecting God's Children. Parent/adult reminders to keep our children safe

When your child tells you he or she doesn't want to be with someone, this could be a red flag. Listen to them and believe what they say. A child may instinctively sense the malicious intentions of a perpetrator long before any actual approach is made to him or her. Tell you child it is ok to talk to you about his or her "gut" feelings. *Children & Youth Protection and Advocacy Office, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at 814-886-8250.*

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates on Sunday, March 5, 2006 1 Catechumens and 6 candidates from our parish will participate in this celebration at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona beginning at 7:00 p.m. These candidates will be formally accepted as candidates for the Easter Sacraments by Bishop Joseph Adamec. There will be a light reception following the celebration in the Cathedral Undercroft. All are invited and encouraged to join our catechumens and candidates in prayer and communal support.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Commission for Life & Justice of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese is pleased to announce that the Third Workshop on Catholic Social Teaching will be held on Saturday, March 11 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at St. John Gualbert Activity Center, Adams St., Johnstown.

Nourish your understanding of the social dimension of Christian spirituality this Lent. Admission is \$5.00 (proceeds donated to St. Vincent DePaul Society). Act 48 and Master Catechist credit available for Catholic educators and catechists. Reservations necessary by March 1. Send registration to Commission for Life & Justice, Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St. Lilly, Pa. 15938

The Commission for Life & Justice of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese is pleased to announce a Retreat/Workshop for Catechists & Catholic Educators on Saturday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Family Life Office, Lilly (Rt. 53 between Cresson and Portage). Theme: "Exploring 'The Holy Longing'; Spirituality and the Social Gospel." Admission is \$15.00 (includes lunch). Act 48 and Master Catechist credit available for Catholic Educators and catechists. Reservations necessary by March 4. Send registration to Commission for Life & Justice, Family Life Office 5379 Portage St., Lilly, Pa. 15938.814-886-5551.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT AND SPRING 2006

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. Registration is 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 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?

Sr. 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 886-3972 or 886-4098. Registrations are required at least five days in advance of program date. Donations is \$35.00 and includes lunch and supplies.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 19 & 26

Sunday: Feb. 19 Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Sunday: Feb. 26 Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22; Ps 103;
2 Cor 3:1b-6; Mk 2:18-22