

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun Mar 2</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9</b>
		<b>10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</b>
<b>Tues Mar 4</b>	<b>6:10 PM</b>	<b>Bingo</b>
<b>Wed Mar 5</b>	<b>5:45-6:30 PM</b>	<b>Pro-Life Rosary</b>
<b>Thurs Mar 6</b>	<b>9:00-11:00 AM</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Fri Mar 7</b>	<b>6:10 PM</b>	<b>Bingo</b>
<b>Sat. Mar 8</b>	<b>9:00-10:30 AM</b>	<b>Second Grade Retreat</b>
	<b>9:30-10:30 AM</b>	<b>Children's Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sun Mar 9</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>8:15-9:15 AM Rite of Sending for Confirmation Candidates Parents/Sponsors</b>
		<b>9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9</b>
		<b>10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</b>
		<b>4:00 PM PARISH PENANCE SERVICE</b>



**Monday, March 3 Bl. Katharine Drexel**

8:30 a.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Mickey Rhodes*)

**Tuesday, March 4 St. Casimir**

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

**Wednesday, March 5**

†Charles Lovett (*Pat McNelis & Greg McConnell Families*)

**Thursday, March 6**

8:30 a.m. †Robert Donnelly (*Pauline Deckard*)

**Friday, March 7**

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy K. Bucarelli (*Pat & Carol McHenry*)

**Saturday, March 8 St. John of God**

8:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (*Family*)

5:30 p.m. †William Eichenlaub (*Dorothy Eichenlabu*)

**Sunday, March 9 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

7:00 a.m. †John Hallinan (*Sophia Malka*)

8:15 a.m. †Mary Gooderham (*Stanley & Gretchen Semuski*)

10:30 a.m. †Helen Buda (*John Buda*)

12 Noon Mass for the People

**MINISTRIES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Altar Servers** for Stations of the Cross, March 7, 2008  
5:30 p.m. Aaron Yasulitis

**Altar Servers** for March 8-9, 2008

5:30 p.m. Stefan Beard, Billy Beard, Jessica Boslet, Brittany Boslet

7:00 a.m. Ireland McCreery

8:15 a.m. Seth Ickes, Chase McGeary, Kaitlyn Lersch

10:30 a.m. Damon Rickens, Shaelyn Rickens, Delaney Hallinan, Maryssa Brandt

12 Noon Kathryn Nazaruk, Mackenzie Bracken, Zachary Bracken

**Eucharistic Ministers** for March 8-9, 2008

5:30 p.m. C. Boslet, K. Boslet, B. Bartley, J. Brown, M. Tillard

7:00 a.m. R. Skupien, J. Trexler, C. Sharbaugh

8:15 a.m. K. Woomer, James Woomer, D. Cree, K. Charlesworth

10:30 a.m. B. Gentile, K. Zelnosky, T. Heiss, D. Gormley, Y. Gibson

12 Noon P. Bracken, G. Baker, S. Baker

**Lectors** for March 8-9, 2008

5:30 p.m. Joseph Maschue, Elizabeth Tully

7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, John Kenny

8:15 a.m. Patrick Labriola, Anthony Labriola

10:30 a.m. Chris Rickens, Thomas A. Irwin, Barbara Kooman

12 Noon Michael Nazaruk, Christian Bracken

**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:

**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.

**CONFIRMATION SENDING** The Saint Rose candidates for Confirmation, joined by their sponsors, families and those gather next Sunday at 8:15 Mass to celebrate the Rite of Sending. Confirmation is Easter Thursday, March 27, 7:00 P.M. Continue to pray for our young people as they receive the Holy Spirit and more fully embrace their discipleship with our Lord.

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—Feb 23-24, 2008**

Regular	\$7147.20	Christmas	\$ 49.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 53.00	Candlemas	\$ 12.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 6.00
Bishops' Relief	\$ 45.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Mandeville-Peru	\$ 240.00		
Black & Indian	\$ 45.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7642.20</b>

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to Nancy and Frank Benfatta for their donation to the school library in memory Charles Love.

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.

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.

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA BASKET BINGO

St. Rose of Lima School will be having a Longaberger Basket Bingo on Monday, March 31 at the school's social hall from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (doors open at 5). Tickets are \$20.00 which includes: 15 regular bingo games, a chance for a grand prize, food, drinks, and lots of fun. Call the school office to purchase tickets at 942-7835 or Kim Irwin at 942-6892.

**SECOND GRADE RETREAT** There will be a Retreat for all children in the Second Grade on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Parents participation is not required.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** has placed a branch in the foyer with the names of the children making their First Holy Communion and the young adults who are being Confirmed and the R.C.I.A. candidates. Please take a card and pray for that person during Lent. Thank You.

### 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.

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 8	5:30 p.m.	Attilio & Rose Stefanon
March 9	7:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	8:15 a.m.	Richard & Elaine Gooderham
	10:30 a.m.	Jeff & Mary Shultz
	12 Noon	Robert & Karen Fiore

### NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for March 7, 2008 will be held at St. Mark's Church, 6th Ave. & 4th St. Altoona from 8:00 until 11:00 p.m. Persons interested in joining the Nocturnal Adoration Society are invited to attend one of the monthly vigils and complete an attendance card provided for that purpose at the church.

### 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.

### 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.

**CANDLES:** Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Nathan Gailey-Surgery-3 years old by Susan Trout, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions.

### SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 8-9, 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, Mary Reffner, Kelly Charlesworth

10:30 a.m. Becky Bimle, Mark Zelnosky, Tom Goss

12 Noon Chris Bracken, P.J. Bracken, Heather Macharola

### SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet on March 2 at Jethro's at 5:00 p.m. Call Mary 946-3449 for reservations.

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

It is time 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 pack of envelopes.

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

In the Sacrament of Penance, God forgives sins and restores broken relationships through the ministry of the Church. The *Code of Canon Law* designates conference of bishops to issue specific norms on the proper place for celebration of this Sacrament. The bishops of the United States have directed that the place for sacramental confession be visible and accessible, that it contain a fixed grille, and that it allow for confession face-to-face for those who wish to do so. By its design, furnishings, and location within the church building, the place for reconciliation assists penitents on the path to contrition and sorrow for sin and to proclaim their reconciliation with God and the community of faith.

### SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint John of God (1495-1550)

Feast Day—March 8

Patronage---booksellers, the sick  
and the poor.

Profile--- Born in Portugal but taken to

Spain as a child, John was a soldier of fortune, an overseer of slaves, a shepherd, a crusader, and a peddler. About the age of forty, he was wracked with guilt over his wasted life, and he sought the counsel of John of Avila, a preacher and missionary, who helped him find a new purpose in life. As John of God, he dedicated himself to the care of the sick and the poor.

Soon others joined him and formed the Order of Brothers, Hospitallers or Brothers of St. John of God.

He was canonized in 1690. Like John, may we be willing at any age to change our lives and dedicate our energies to help those who are most in need.

*A Prayer to St. John of God*

*St. John of God, help us to act out of love as soon as we feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Help us learn to fight the little voices in our heads and hearts that give us all sorts of practical reasons to wait or delay in our service to God. Amen.*

### “IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”

“Tragically, a person will abort with the hope of salvaging their relationship, but the toxic aftereffects of abortion are like a radioactive seed planted in the heart of the relationship that will, at varying speeds, kill the relationship.” Kevin Burke of Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries and Priests for Life.

### 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.

### ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Adult Enrichment Classes will be held on the following Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Computer Room. We will be discussing the Old Testament. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary. Just bring a bible if you have one and come when you are able. All are welcome. If you have any questions, call Ann Mingyar 946-5383. .

**March 3 and 31    April 14 and 28    May 5 and 19**

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**—There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on April 5, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This one day retreat will include dynamic spiritual teachings and witness talks given by local priests & laypersons, spirit-filled praise & worship music, small group faith sharing, Eucharistic Adoration, and lunch & dinner is included. Suggested donation -\$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for High School & College students. To register—call 914-941-3832. Presented by The Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group. All are welcome!

**St. Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin** will have a Spring Festival on Sunday, March 30, 2008. Roast Beef Dinner from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Games, Baskets, Bake Sale, Flea Market, Bingo. Adults \$7.50, Children \$3.50 under 4 free

### PRAYER CORNER

*March 2, 2008*

Dear Jesus, help me to see deep within my fellow man. During this Lenten season, help me to see You in the works of others. As I learn how to look at others as You would, may this change my life forever, making me more able to follow in Your footsteps. Amen.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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.

### CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD

#### 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.

### BASKET BINGO

St. John the Evangelist School will have a Basket Bingo on Friday, March 28, 2008 at Father Kelley Hall, 25th Ave. & 5th S t. 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 Donouge 414-9619.

### SAINT EMMA MONASTERY & RETREAT HOUSE

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

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 1724.834.3060.

### TURNING NIGHT INTO DAY

Catholic Charities is sponsoring a seven-week, spiritually-based educational support group for individuals suffering from anxiety and/or depression. Class size is limited. The cost of the program including the text is \$75.00. (Financial assistance is available depending upon need.) For more information or to apply contact either Sr. Janis Franklin, CSJ at (814) 535-6538 or Dennis George at (814) 944-9388.

### ATTENTION—ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-8

#### COME AND BE A PART OF JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY 2008

Sunday, April 16, 2008—Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg  
The day will consist of an uplifting keynote featuring popular Christian Vaudeville Act, APeX, Liturgy with Bishop Joseph, plus fun and games for all. Come and enjoy the opportunity to grow in your faith and spend a wonderful day with youth from all over the diocese.

To be a part of this great day, contact Bernice Shoenfelt, Director of Religious Education, 944-8509 or Patricia Ronan, St. Rose School Principal 942-7835. If you need additional information, contact the Office of Youth and Campus Ministry at 814 693-1401  
**Deadline for registration into the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is March 14, 2008.**

### SAVE THE DATE !

Make plans for family fun by attending the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bishop Guilfoyle Marauder Family Festival** on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 2:00-10:00 p.m. at Tom Irwin Field. The inaugural festival last summer was a phenomenal success attracting more than 3000 attendees and raising more than \$30,000 for the BGHS Athletic programs. Now in its second year, the evening will be bigger and better than ever! Watch for additional details in the coming months!

### A PRAYER IN THE DARK

Lord, you have shown me your grace each day,  
but I still cannot perceive  
all the good you plan for me.

When I do not understand,  
when I doubt and question,  
when I cannot see,  
give me hope to persevere.

In the darkness,  
let me believe you are my light,  
in my blindness,  
let me trust you are the way. Amen.

### YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-39: THEOLOGY ON TAP IS COMING THIS APRIL!

Theology on Tap is a speaker series aimed at single or married Young Adults in the 20's or 30's. It takes God out of the confines of the church building and into your life in a fun and relaxing environment. Join other Young Adults from all over the region as we share our faith experiences and have some fun. Our first series will be held at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Company in Duncansville April 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 7:00 p.m. For more information and to get on our e-mail list, sign up at [www.ttheologyontap..info](http://www.ttheologyontap..info).

### PENNSYLVANIA MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT

The Pennsylvania Legislature is considering SB 1250, which will amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and will prevent civil unions, which are in effect the same as marriage. Your state representative and state senator need to hear from you that marriage makes a difference. Log on to [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) to send a message telling your legislators to support the marriage amendment, and check out [www.PA4marriage.org](http://www.PA4marriage.org) for more ideas about how you can get involved in the effort to protect and preserve marriage.