

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun May 13	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf
Tues May 15	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed May 16	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
	8:00 PM	Combined Choir Rehearsal
Thurs May 17		Ascension of the Lord
Fri	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun May 20	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 14 St. Matthias

8:30 a.m. †Patsy & Florence Labriola (*M/M Ed Neugebauer*)
†Anna Fulchiero (*Hank & Bev Williams*)

Tuesday, May 15 St. Isidore the Farmer

8:30 a.m. †James Allison (*St. Rose Altar & Rosary Society*)
†Lou Bettwy (*Wally & Gloria Hurliman*)
†Genevieve Wolfe (*Frances & Bill Weeks*)

Wednesday, May 16

8:30 a.m. †Francis Ackerman & Robert Adams (*Gary & Jeanne Adams*)
†Gloria Evans (*St. Rose of Lima Christian Mothers*)
7:00 p.m. †Sister Ildefonse Goss (*Vinnie Johnson*)

Thursday, May 17 Ascension of the Lord

7:00 a.m. †Frances Moses (*Juliet Fiore*)
8:30 a.m. †Stephan Donnelly (*Family*)
7:00 p.m. †Robert Adams (*Bob & Amy Yahner & Family*)

Friday, May 18 St. John I

8:30 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
†Ruth Thomas (*Bob & Sue Montler*)
†Catherine Yost (*Larry & Nancy Harker*)

Saturday, May 19

8:30 a.m. †Arthur Pagliara (*Pagliara Family*)
†James Sanders (*Steve & Karen Moser*)
5:30 p.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Family*)

Sunday, May 20 Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. †Clarence S. Adams (*Francis & Margaret Adams*)
8:15 a.m. †Lorraine Willebran (*Daughters & Grandchildren*)
10:30 a.m. †Dorothy Walkney Liebenberg (*Don, Karen, Derek & Ariana*)
12 NOON Mass For The People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for Vigil of the Ascension Thursday, May 16

7:00 p.m. Molly & Maggie McCall

Ascension Thursday, May 17

7:00 a.m. Volunteer

8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children

7:00 p.m. Heather & Tonya Lee

Saturday, May 19, 2007

5:30 p.m. Alex Askey, Alex Baker, Maura Wilkinson

Sunday, May 20, 2007

7:00 a.m. Julie Fox

8:15 a.m. Jamie Novack, Maya Irwin, Tai Irwin

10:30 a.m. Amanda Irwin, Alyssa Lower, Patrick Irwin

12 Noon Francis Macharola, Megan Danison, Polly Macharola

VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 16

Wed. 7:00 p.m. **Readers:** Frances Hesser, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Gene Stoltz, Barbara Stoltz, Sue Askey

ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 17

7:00 a.m. Readers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Skupien, Juergen Wustrow

8:30 a.m. Readers: St. Rose School Children

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Engelman, Mary Engelman

7:00 p.m. Readers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti Fromknecht, Barbara Gentile, Tom Goss

Eucharistic Ministers for May 19-20, 2007

5:30 p.m. S. Askey, J. Shoenfelt, C. Boslet, K. Boslet, J. Scarfone

7:00 a.m. B. Beard, R.M. Fochler, D. Altiero

8:15 a.m. R. Novack, D. Cree, K. Charlesworth, Sam Tirone

10:30 a.m. B. Spinazzola, M. Kooman, Kim Irwin, K. Zelnosky,

T. Heiss

12 Noon J. Eberhardt, R. Friedenberger, R. Fiore

Lectors for May 19-20, 2007

5:30 p.m. Bea Shoenfelt, Joe Maschue

7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, Paul Cooney

8:15 a.m. Tim Skarada, Maria Spayd

10:30 a.m. Pat Condrin, Patrick Labriola

12 Noon Jim Lane, Chris Bracken

FROM THE PASTOR

GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR OUR MOMS Good and gracious God, look with kindness on all mothers. Give them comfort in moments of sorrow and joy in their care for their families. Listen to their prayers in all they do for you in doing for their loved ones.

CATHOLIC APPEAL-An Encouraging Beginning: 115 families have pledged a total of \$20,822 to the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity is a splendid outpouring! Thank you to everyone who has so generously responded. All who have yet to pledge your support, please do so now. The participation of 14% of our households has put us at 41% of the diocesan goal of \$50,373. This is excellent for the first week of the Appeal.

Your ACA gift supports our parish and our diocesan ministries. Our parishioners benefit from these and other diocesan ministries: Camp Zacchaeus, Priests Formation, Christian Initiation, Lay Ministry, and Catholic Charities. The parish projects under consideration are: (1) The replacement of the carpet in the choir loft. The nap has become threadbare in several locations. (2) The regrading and renewed paving of the parking inlet between the church and rectory. This parking/drainage area has subsided besides braking apart. With everyone's help we will both exceed our

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diocesan assigned goal of \$50,373, and address the carpeting and paving projects.

Every gift, no matter the amount, is vital to the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal not only for these ministries, but for our own parish as well. Our goal is 100% parishioner participation. Please give according to your means, placing your completed pledge card that accompanied Bishop Joseph's letter in the offertory collection next weekend.

Please consider a gift that reflects your gratitude for the many blessings that God has entrusted to you. If you cannot make a financial gift, please return your pledge card showing that. We will see that you do not receive a second request.

SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT Thank you for your most generous response to the third weekend of the month second collection. In April, we received \$1,949.57 and forwarded it to the school. We appreciate your strong support. On the weekend of May 19/20 is our next second collection dedicated to the restoration of funds to our school reserve fund.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – May 5-6, 2007

Regular	\$10494.20	Christmas	\$ 95.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 218.00	Rose	\$ 188.30
Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00	Easter	\$ 230.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 15.00	Good Friday	\$ 50.00
Peru	\$ 5.00	Ascension	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 5.00	Stipend	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 122.00	Total	\$ 11493.00

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week's at all the Masses, the Catholic Communication Campaign will be taken up. For more than 25 years, the Catholic Communication Campaign has been spreading the Gospel message locally and nationally on radio, TV, in print and on the Internet. Donations from Catholic parishioners, like you, make the work of the CCC possible. Please contribute generously. Please use the envelope that is in your pack of envelopes.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

May 19	5:30 p.m.	St. Rose School Students
May 20	7:00 a.m.	Greg & Ruth Miller
	8:15 a.m.	John & Darlene Crum & Family
	10:30 a.m.	Don & Karen Mrdjenovich & Family
	12 Noon	Jeanne & Brynn Danison

ASCENSION THURSDAY-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday, May 17, is a holy day of obligation. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on this day. Forty days have passed since the glorious resurrection of the Lord. Part of the paschal mystery is the ascension of our Lord to the right hand of the Father. The opening prayer of the days states, "May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope." As our Easter days continue, may believers place their hope is joining the Risen Christ in the kingdom of God, where Christ is risen and ascended Lord. Please check the Mass schedule for times of Masses.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

Meetings for the week:

- The technology Committee will meet on Monday, May 14th at noon in the computer room.
- The School Council meets on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm in the computer room.

There is a kindergarten orientation for parents of students who will enter kindergarten in August. The meeting is at 6:30 pm in the kindergarten room.

The school students will attend the 8:30 Mass on the Feast of the Ascension.

Our student Art Show will be in the Parish Center on May 14th and 15th from 8 am until 8 pm and on May 16th from 8 am until 2 pm. Please stop in to see the wonderful work that our children have done throughout the school year.

REGISTRATION for ALL GRADES for 2007-2008 is OPEN.

Pre K 4 and kindergarten are optional full or half day programs. 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.

Simpson Communications is once again offering a donation to St. Rose School for every cellular phone purchased at their Altoona Store. The school will receive between \$10 and \$20, depending on the plan that is purchased, with no extra cost added to the phone. This is another opportunity to help our school with no additional cost to you. The store is located on 58th St./Good's Lane across from Texas Hot Dogs.

The Odyssey of the Mind team from St. Rose will be collecting donations following all masses this weekend to help defray the travel expenses and fees for the World Competition in Michigan. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to St. Rose of Lima School. Thank you for supporting our Odyssey kids.

First Eucharist Reception – Refreshments will be served in the school library on Sunday, May 13, 2007 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to honor our parish children receiving First Holy Communion this Sunday.

Members of the 2007 Confirmation Class may pick up their Confirmation certificates, group photo, etc. at the rectory.

Parish and School Endowment Moment

Retirement Plans – Use 'Em or Lose 'Em

Did you know that retirement plan assets are part of your estate? They also have never been taxed as income. The IRS loves these plans, because this taxing agency can get

two bites instead of one! This can reduce their value to your heirs by up to 70%.

If you want to know more about this, we can provide free assistance. Contact Joe Scialabba, Executive Director, Independent Catholic Foundation, 814-696-9514, scialaj@dioceseaj.org or www.independentcatholicfoundation.org

CANDLES –For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by the Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, In Loving Memory of Philomena R. Jones by Janet Brown, Teresa Sukala by Theresa Sukala, Sophia Sukala by Theresa Sukala, Catherine Abretski by Theresa Sukala, In Memory of Mrs. Mary Prorok by Pat & Jack Brown, In Memory of Mrs. Geraldine Brown by Pat & Jack Brown, Marina Numerov by Trevor Baker, Elena Shramko by Alex Baker.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Nicholas Ian Foor, son of M/ Ian Foor, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

EASTER FLOWER -Joseph DeBuon by Evelyn DeBuon

MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a 4' x 6' exact digital replica of the original Miraculous Image left on St. Juan Diego's cloak.

The Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Diego Monroy Ponce, blessed the Image for the mission of promoting sanctity of the family, solidarity of the Church in America, a culture of life and a civilization of love.

It will be shown for public veneration with liturgical (or devotional) service in St. Rose of Lima parish as follows:

All Day Veneration, Wed., May 23, 2007, (9:00 a.m.)

Pro-Life Rosary, Wed., May 23, 2007 (5:45-6:30 p.m.).

Adult Faith Formation Classes presented by Ann Mingyar will have their last session on Monday, May 14. To celebrate a year of learning about our Faith and growing closer to God and to plan topics for 2007-2008 presentations, those who attended this years gatherings or are interested in adult formation are invited to share in a potluck supper on Monday, May 21 in our parish social hall at 5:30 p.m. Please call Janette at 946-4342 with an questions.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is extending an invitation for all St. Rose Parishioners to attend Bishop Joseph Adamec's Twentieth Episcopal anniversary at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Altoona on May 20, 2007. Mass will be at 5:00 P.M. Please plan to attend.

MAY: DEVOTED TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

May traditionally has been devoted to the Blessed Mother. From the very beginning of the Church, Mary played an important role as "theotokos" – Mother of Jesus, Son of God. Her role was not to take devotion away from her Son, but to lead people to a deeper understanding and love of

her Son. During May, we honor Mary by daily recitation of the Rosary before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Let us join the Blessed Virgin in petitioning her Son for peace in our homes and especially in the world. Also, we will pray the rosary before the weekend Masses except before the 8:15, during the month of May.

PARISH PICNIC

The annual parish family picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 3 at Highland Park**. We will begin the festivities with an outdoor celebration of the noon Mass at the Park. Great food, fellowship and fun for the kids will follow the Mass.

The Parish will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, buns condiments, beverages, paper plates and utensils. Everyone should bring a dish to share to serve 8-10 people. You may want to bring lawn chairs for Mass. If you need transportation, please call the rectory. Please sign-up using the forms in the back of the church to let us know if you can attend the picnic. We hope to see you there.

FACE PAINTERS NEEDED FOR PARISH PICNIC on June 3 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Call Kathy Madariaga 941-3509.

SERVICE HOURS- Anyone looking for Service Hours may come and work the Parish Picnic on June 3. Call Kathy Madariaga 941-3509.

ADULT FORMATION CLASS The next class will be held on Monday, May 14 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the computer room, presented by Ann Mingyar. Topic on Monday, May 14 - **OLD TESTAMENT & NEW TESTAMENT**

OLD TESTAMENT Few Catholics have read the Old Testament, and fewer still have appreciated its richness. Far from being an ancient book about a long dead people, it is alive and continues to speak to us in profound ways. There will certainly not be enough time to do it justice, but even a quick glance, with the right resources, will spark your interest and perhaps encourage you to do the rest at home!

NEW TESTAMENT There is certainly not enough time to even begin to mine the old from this part of the bible. All this class can hope to do is provide you with resources and lay a foundation that will send you on your way longing for more! As Christians, the New Testament is our life, our journey, our way (as the early Christian called it). To study it is to find our home, to find ourselves, and to find Christ, To remain ignorant of it is to turn our backs on the gift that god longs to give us – Himself.

The **Adult Faith Enrichment Class** will be discussing The Book of Revelation. The discussion will be in the Computer Room, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on the following Sundays. The schedule is as follows:

May 20, Chapters 15 through 17

May 27, Chapters 18 through 20

June 3, Chapters 22 & 22

Come and discuss or listen to the discussion concerning this wonderful book of the Bible.

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Scrip Gift Card Volunteer Schedule

May 19-20, 2007:

5:30 PM: John Frena, Jen Mryick, Cindy Boslet

7:00 AM: Brenda Altiero, Dan Altiero, Greg Miller

8:15 AM: Judy Wood, Mary Reffner, Sherry Price

10:30 AM: Diane Gormley, Mary Wiley, Tom Goss

Noon: Bonnie Frederick, Chris Bracken, Leigh McCall

The **Luncheon Club** will be going to the Cracker Barrel on May 21 at 12:30 p.m. Call Mary 945-3449 to make reservations. These restaurants participate in the scrip program.

SUPPER CLUB will meet on June 10 at 5:00 p.m. we will be going to Joey's Seafood & Grill, 3312 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Mark your calendar and call Mary at 946-3449 to make a reservation or for more information.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

A new mother facing an unexpected pregnancy is often anxious and afraid. Those around her are called to be messengers of God's Word in action and deed. Then she will experience Jesus' promise: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you...Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid." (John 14)



PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for all Mothers

Dear Lord, Please hear my prayer for all Mothers.

You know well the love we feel for our mothers, since You shared the unique relationship with Your own mother, Mary.

For those whom you have already called from this life, I pray that you will welcome them into the peace of Your heavenly kingdom. Reward them for all the tenderness and gentle care they have shown.

For those still living, as they grow older, comfort them and be their constant companion-protect them from loneliness and discouragement.

For mothers still raising children, give them the patience, understanding and love they will need.

I ask that You place mothers under the protection of Mary, Your Mother and the Mother of us all. Amen.

DIOCESAN-WIDE FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

A Diocesan-wide Festival of Praise will be held at the Cathedral of the most Blessed Sacrament Church, Altoona, on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. This evening of prayer is being presented by the Charismatic Prayer Group of the Cathedral. The purpose of the gathering is to celebrate the birthday of the Church and to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The evening will consist of joyful, Spirit-filled praise and worship music, including time for Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer Ministry and fellowship will follow. Refreshments will be served.

(For more information, please call Tony Conrad @941-3832)

Parish members of The Star of the Sea Council of the Knights of Columbus will be greeting parishioners before and after all Masses this weekend May 12 & 13, 2007, to solicit donations for the "Measure-Up" Campaign. The money that is raised in the Campaign benefits the local and state chapters of **The ARC** to implement programs for Pennsylvanians with intellectual and development

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA'S CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

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"Answer The Call" 2007 – A Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference will be held on **Saturday, June 9, 2007**, at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa. It's prayerful, spirit-filled, and life changing! Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and concludes with Mass from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Speakers include **Fr. James Sichko**, an acclaimed storyteller who weaves the messages of the Gospel into his accounts of our everyday experiences; **Joe Burke**, whose fighter, test, and project pilot career, involving flight of the fastest military aircraft ever produced has lead him to a robust and glorious Jail Ministry in New Jersey and New York; and **Ed Shirley**, a Professor of Religious Studies at Edward University for the past 21 years. A reconciliation preparation message will be delivered by **Fr. Bonaventure Mdili**, a Johnstown, Pa. Native who has served God faithfully in many teaching and administrative roles since his commitment to the TOR Franciscans in 1944. Ticket price is \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students, including lunch. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.thecallpa.org or call 800-326-9554.

CRAFTS? Many people in Mississippi are still suffering the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. St. John's in Lakemont periodically sends groups of people down to help out on a personal basis with the rebuilding of the area. In an attempt to fund this effort, St. John's will hold its first Spring Festival on Saturday, May 19. All proceeds will go to the Mississippi effort. The festival will include craft booths. If you would like to donate crafts or rent a table to display and sell your crafts yourself, please contact Barb Luckner at 943-3131. Thank you for any help you can give us. And please come to the festival!!!

The **Kittanning Trail Volunteer Fire Department** will sponsor a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 19 from noon – 5:00 p.m. Dinner includes ½ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Dinner Roll/Butter. \$6.00 per person. We will have Gobs for sale for \$1.50 each. The fire hall is located just off 58th Street on Poland Ave. Altoona (near Ebner Elementary School)

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR NOTRE DAME BAND MEMBERS

The University of Notre Dame Marching Band will perform at Altoona's Mansion Park Stadium on Friday, September 7 when the Altoona High Mountain Lions play Harrisburg High. The following day, the 380 member Notre Dame band will be playing at Penn State-Notre Dame game at Beaver Stadium, University Park. The Altoona Area High School Music Parents are asking those who would be able to host two band members to contact Jodi Delozier (943-9853) or Tom Bradley (946-8424). As a host family, you would be asked to: provide two comfortable beds in a non-smoking home, pick up assigned band members at Mansion Park at the conclusion of Friday night's game, transport them to your home, provide a snack Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning, and return them to Mansion Park for their trip to University Park.

PARISH MISSION

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 806 11th Street, Altoona, will have a Parish Mission starting May 20 thru May 23.

9:00 a.m. Special Mass and Homily

7:00 p.m. Preaching and Prayers Conducted by Fr. Dan Farancis, C.Ss.R. Redemptorist Mission Team, Bronx, N.Y. All are welcome and invited.