

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun Dec 9</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
	6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed Gr. 10-11
	7:00 PM St. Rose Combined Choirs & Orchestra Christmas Concert
<b>Tues Dec 11</b>	6:10 PM Bingo
<b>Wed Dec 12</b>	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
	6:30 PM 8:15 Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thurs Dec 13</b>	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Fri Dec 14</b>	6:10 PM Bingo
<b>Sun Dec 16</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
	6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed Gr. 10-11



**Monday, Dec. 10**

8:30 a.m. †Alfred Angstenberger (Family)  
†Mary Gooderham (Stanley & L. Gretchen Semuskie)

**Tuesday, Dec. 11 St. Damasus I**

8:30 a.m. †Anna M. Olszewski (Stoltz & Adams Family)

**Wednesday, Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 a.m. †Geraldine Brown (Tom & Sissy Riley)  
†Father Daniel O'Friel (Gene & Vi Bettwy)

**Thursday, Dec. 13 St. Lucy**

8:30 a.m. †Lucy Frederick (Husband Ronald & Sister Angie Douglas & Family)  
†Dorothy Korn Bucarelli (Dr. & Mrs. Francis Fochler)

**Friday, Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross**

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

**Saturday, Dec. 15**

8:30 a.m. †Leo Thompson (St. Rose Christian Mothers)  
5:30 p.m. †James Nasralla (Wife & Family)

**Sunday, Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent**

7:00 a.m. †Charles McClain (Joe & Ann Jaronieski)  
8:15 a.m. †Joseph Dodson (Family)  
10:30 a.m. †Nicholas Mrdjenovich (Don, Karen, Derek, & Ariana)  
12 Noon Mass for the People

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Altar Servers** for December 15-16, 2007  
December 15, 2007  
5:30 p.m. Maggie McCall, Molly McCall, Jessica Sanders, Nate Sanders  
**Altar Servers** for December 16, 2007  
7:00 a.m. Volunteer  
8:15 a.m. Julia Paule, Connor Campbell, Kyle Murphy  
10:30 a.m. John M. Berger, Brian Goss, Sarah Goss, Derek Mrdjenovich  
12 Noon: Mackenzie Bracken, Zachary Bracken, Jeffrey Karl  
**Eucharistic Ministers** for December 15-16, 2007  
5:30 p.m. K. McGraw, G. Bettwy, V. Bettwy, J. Frena, J. Scarfone  
7:00 a.m. R.M. Fochler, L. Zakrzewski, C. Sharbaugh  
8:15 a.m. R. Friedenberger, R. Smith, M. Engelman.  
P. Engelman, K. Charlesworth  
10:30 a.m. G. Goss, T. Goss, J. Fromknecht, P. Fromknecht, K. Mrdjenovich  
12 Noon P. Bracken, J. Wasicki, K. Wasicki  
**Lectors** for December 15-16, 2007  
5:30 p.m. Frances Hesser, Joseph Maschue  
7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, John Kenny  
8:15 a.m. Linda Wolf, Charles Wolf  
10:30 a.m. Patrick Irwin, Barbara Kooman  
12 Noon Christina Bracken, Jim Lane

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES** These opportunities exist for your celebration the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: Saint John's-Monday, December 10, 6:30 P.M.; Cathedral—Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 P.M.; Sacred Heart—Thursday, December 13, 5:30 P.M.; Our Lady of Lourdes-Friday, December 14, 5:30 P.M.; St. Mary's Hollidaysburg-Sunday, December 16, 4:00 P.M. Our parish reconciliation service is Monday, December 17, 6:30 P.M. The priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 A.M. Mass Wednesday, December 19, Thursday, December 20 and Friday, December 21.

**SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT** Thank you for your most generous response to the third weekend of the month second collection. In November, we received \$724.17 and forwarded it to the school. We appreciate your strong support. Next weekend (December 15/16) our second collection is dedicated to the restoration of funds to our school reserve fund.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### St. Rose Parish & School Endowment Moment:

Congress passed important legislation last year to strengthen America's retirement system while encouraging charitable giving. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 may offer you opportunities for tax-free charitable giving. The PPA gives those at least 70 1/2 years of age the chance to make gifts directly from an IRA to charities without regard to percentage limitations and other provisions that might have limited tax benefits in the past. There are also options for individuals over the age of 59 1/2. The PPA is an opportunity based upon transfers completed before December 31, 2007. Check with your advisors about ways that you may take advantage of these giving opportunities to support the parish, diocese or other charities important to you. For more information, contact the Independent Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at 814-696-9514 or email executive director Joe Scialabba at scialaj@dioceseaj.org. or visit [www.independentcatholicfoundation.org](http://www.independentcatholicfoundation.org) today

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL DECEMBER 1-2, 2007

Regular	\$8160.86	Christmas	\$ 498.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 88.00	Rose	\$ 162.84
Christmas Flowers	\$ 975.00	Peru	\$ 15.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 350.00	Perquisites	\$ 40.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 26.00	Candles	\$ 5.00
Human Development	\$ 3.00		
Immaculate Concep.	\$ 20.00	Total	\$10344.20

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL NOVEMBER 24-25, 2007

Regular	\$6289.82	Christmas	\$ 50.50
Thanksgiving	\$ 756.70	Rose	\$ 221.48
Christmas Flowers	\$ 8.00	Register	\$ 2.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 17.00	Human Dev.	\$ 30.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 161.00	Total	\$ 7536.50

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

**Any parishioner that would like a Christmas Flower on our altar dedicated for a loved one is asked to use your Christmas Flower envelope or use a plain envelope. Kindly drop the envelope in the collection basked by December 16. Your memorial will be in our Christmas Bulletin. Please print your remembrance**

### CANDLES

Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard,

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 15	5:30 p.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
Dec. 16	7:00 a.m.	Therese & Michael McClain
	8:15 a.m.	Paule Family
	10:30 a.m.	Don & Karen Mrdjenovich & Family
	12 Noon	Volunteers

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

We are conducting our annual TOY DRIVE to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Family Kitchen which is under the direction of Sr. Paula DelGrosso. We will be collecting **new, unwrapped** toys (**MAXIMUM \$20.00**) until Monday, Dec. 10. You may give your donation to any St. Rose School student or bring it to the school office. Please do not put it in the foyer. Thank you.

Thank you to the following people for their generous donations to the school in memory of Joan Bator: Doris and Jim Klueg, Gert Martin and Joe Sikorski, George and Amy Helffrich, Gaile and Joe Eberhardt, Donald Servella, St. Rose of Lima Bingo Workers, John and Sylvia Salvi, Roger and Anna Hall, Joan Bator's grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

The St. Rose School **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is Wednesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Maria Parish Center. All are welcome to attend this delightful performance. There is no admission cost. (snow date – Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>)

Simpson Communications is 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 58<sup>th</sup> St./Good's Lane across from Texas Hot Dogs.

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.

### ADVENT TREE

The ornaments on our foyer Advent Tree remind us of our homebound parishioners. We have tied with each ornament a card that has the name, address, and phone number of a homebound parishioner. Untie this card and arrange an "Advent through Christmas time" visit with the named person. You may want to take a 'gift' for beyond the visit. You may want to learn whether being a green thumb or free of diet restrictions is a consideration for your gift. Friendly conversations grow friendships and have zero calories and are specially enriched with love—the Spirit that brought Jesus to visit all of us!

The St. Rose of Lima Combined Choirs and Orchestra worshipfully present the Christmas Concert "**Like Winter Waiting**." The concert will be held on Sunday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Maria Parish Center, 5524 Roselawn Ave., Altoona.

Lighted parking is available near the Parish Center and in the Church's ample Sixth Avenue parking areas. We will have an access open through the Church foyer to the Parish Center entrance.

"**Like Winter Waiting**" is presented as a Choral Concert with a thirty-five member Adult Choir and a fifteen-piece Orchestra under the direction of Bryce Cossitor, with accompaniment by Susan Cossitor. The production features St. Rose of Lima Youth Group, Costumed Characters and Dancers.

The Concert is open to the public, there will be a free-will offering to help defray costs. We will serve refreshments after the concert.

"**Like Winter Waiting**" is a thought provoking musical play that tells the Advent story with humor, poignancy and joy. It celebrated the anticipation of Christmas the way an expectant mother joyously awaits the birth of her child—the waiting is a sacred time of reflection,, preparation and hope.

### ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES

This year St. Rose will offer Adult Enrichment Classes 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.

December 17	March 10 and 31
January 14 and 28, 2008	April 14 and 28
February 11 and 25	May 5 and 19

### Scrip Gift Card Volunteer Schedule

December 15-16 2007  
5:30 p.m. Amy Yahner, Jen Myrick, Kelly Dunkle  
7:00 a.m. Dan Altiero, Brenda Altiero, Greg Miller  
8:15 a.m. Kelly Charlesworth, Mary Reffner, Jim/Kathy Woomer  
10:30 a.m. Becky Bimle, Mark Zelnosky, Mary Wiley  
Noon: Chris Bracken, P.J. Bracken, Sherry Price

The Student Council of Bishop Guilfoyle High School and the American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, December 11 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call the office at Bishop Guilfoyle at 944-4014.

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL** invites parents of prospective students in local parochial and public schools to a "Parents' Coffee" in the high school library on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. or Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The program provides an opportunity to look at the spectrum of programs at Bishop Guilfoyle and to meet with students from all grades. Call 944-4014 for reservations ..

### December 9, 2007 Prayer Corner

#### An advent prayer by Henri J. M. Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send  
Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear  
Your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things, look forward to Your  
coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy  
of Your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence.

We are Your people, walking in darkness,  
yet seeking the light.

To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen

### Stewardship Reflections

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

May we recognize our dependence upon God and become as passionate about living our faith as John the Baptist in today's Gospel.

**The Diocesan Life & Justice Commission and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul** will sponsor a Lenten Program entitled "Through the Eye of a Needle" from Pax Christie USA, designed to heighten awareness of social justice issues affecting our world. Any parish or organization that would consider hosting the 5 week program can call St. Vincent dePaul at 539-4627 or the Family Life Office at 886-5551.

### Sunday Morning Book Club

Everyone is welcome to join our parish book club. Club members are currently reading and discussing "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd. We meet from 9:15 till 10:15 a.m. in the computer room on the following date: December 16. If you have any questions or need babysitting, please call Janette 946-4342.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### BAPTISM

Congratulations to Aidan Francis Novack, son of Todd Glunt & Kellie Novack who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

**Mount Aloysius College Community Health Studies Night, Dec. 11, 2007**—prospective students will have the opportunity to learn about Health Studies majors at Mount Aloysius. Professors from each health studies program will be there to answer questions. Admissions and Financial Aid representatives will also be available to answer questions. Health Studies night will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Wolf-Kuhn Gallery. For more information, please contact the Office of Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions at 1-888-823-2220.

### JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

**Place: St. Mary's Memorial Hall**

**Date: December 9**

**Time: 2:00 –5:00 Ages 11 thru 13**

Activities: Dance, Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, Basketball, Volleyball, along with many other activities. Please bring your friends. For information call George Baker 942-5623 or Jim at 942-0142.

### C.R.O.S.S Youth Group Christmas Party: December 15

**Time: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Place: St. Mary's Memorial Hall.**

We have a lot of new games and hope your children will attend and they are always allowed to bring their friends. Santa will be bringing gifts for everyone. Need not register to attend but helpful. For information call Jim at 942-0142.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY** will sponsor a Clem's Barbeque at St. Mary's Memorial Hall on December 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Take out only.** Chicken & Boneless Rib Dinner \$9.00. A Rack of Baby Back Ribs \$11.00. All dinners include 2 sides plus a dinner roll. For tickets call George Baker 942-5362 or Jim 942-0142.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hollidaysburg Veterans Home (514 residents), is seeking volunteers to spend some time with our war torn veterans who have given so much to our country. Our residents are veterans or spouses of veterans. Some do not receive visitors or their families live a distance away and only visit once or twice a year. Some residents are wheelchair bound, and some may not be able to get up and around at all. We are seeking volunteers to visit and talk with them, play games, do puzzles or sit in the smoking room and light their cigarette so they can smoke under supervision. Weather permitting they can be taken outside to the patio, fishpond or for a stroll around the grounds. We are also in need of a volunteer seamstress to perform minor sewing and hemming. We are seeking volunteers to give a little something back to these Veterans who have given so much to our country. If you are interested in Volunteering, please call Hollidaysburg Veterans Home, Volunteer Office at 696-5371 or 5571.

### GLORY TO THE FATHER

God of steadfastness and encouragement,  
grant me the grace to live in harmony  
With others,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus, you Son,  
so that I may glorify you as he did  
In all I say and o.

May I welcome others  
just as Christ has welcomed me.  
Amen.

### "IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"The world lies to us sometimes and tries to convince us that having our plans and lives disrupted or inconvenienced is not necessary and is to be avoided at all costs. But truly it is in these very disruptions and supposed inconveniences that the purest blessings may arrive." (Brenda Hanson, the mother of a Down Syndrome child, who resisted pressure to abort her daughter Sarah, *NRL News*, June, 2007)

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Seasonal decorations are maintained throughout the entire liturgical year. Fabric art in the form of processional banners and hangings can be an effective way to convey the spirit of the liturgical seasons. Objects such as the Advent wreath and the Christmas crib and other seasonal appointments proportioned to the size of the space and the other furnishings can enhance the prayer and understanding of the parish community. However, the altar, ambo and chair are always to remain visible to all within the church building.

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

### Families and the Gospel

December 9 Mt 3:1-12  
John the Baptism was not a slick person. He didn't have much but he did have **CONVICTION**. Armed with conviction a family can raise up children and "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts.

