

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf
Wed Dec 26	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Dec 27	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Dec 28	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun Dec 30	The Holy Family	
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Monday, Dec. 24 Vigil of Christmas

8:30 a.m.	†Patsy & Florence Labriola (<i>Americo Sinisi</i>)
5:00 p.m.	†Nick & Augusta Orsena (<i>Family</i>)
7:30 p.m.	†Mary Riccio (Michael & Martha Parisi)
Mid-Night	†Mary E. & Leonard S. Fiore (<i>Robert Burchfield Family</i>)

Tuesday, Dec. 25 The Birth of Our Lord (Christmas)

8:30 a.m.	†Mike Savino & Diane Stasky (<i>Olive Savino & Granddaughters</i>)
10:30 a.m.	†Patricia Shellenberger (<i>Family</i>)

Wednesday, Dec. 26 St. Stephen

†Phyllis Timpone (<i>Orsena Family</i>)
†Steven Donnelly (<i>Family</i>)

Thursday, Dec. 27 St. John

8:30 a.m.	†Angela Cataldo (<i>Husband & Daughters</i>)
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Friday, Dec. 28 Holy Innocents

8:30 a.m.	†Lou Bettwy (<i>Family</i>)
	†Viola Fliegerbauer (<i>Estate</i>)

Saturday, Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:30 a.m.	†Joan Bator (<i>Lucia Donnelly & Family</i>)
5:30 p.m.	†Ronald A. Geis Jr. (<i>Family</i>)

Sunday, Dec. 30 The Holy Family

7:00 a.m.	†Edith Altiero (<i>Richard & Jeanne Traficantae</i>)
8:15 a.m.	†Gloria J. Hurliman (<i>M/M William Luther</i>)
10:30 a.m.	†Helen Buda (<i>Fran Wachter</i>)
12 Noon	Mass for the People

MINISTERS FOR THE WEEK

Altar Servers

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. Matthew Eiman, Damon Rickens, Shaelyn Rickens, Brendan Trybus

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:30 p.m. Billy Beard, Jarod Brumbaugh, Taylor Brumbaugh, Jamey Brumbaugh

MID-NIGHT MASS Justin Bimle, Justine Shultz, Joshua Shultz, Megan Shultz

CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. Volunteers

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m. Kathryn Nazaruk

Saturday, December 29, 2007

5:30 p.m. Alexandra Sheedy, Joshua Shultz, Justin Shultz, Megan Shultz

Sunday, December 30, 2007

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

8:15 a.m. Karlee Fink, Kurtis R. Fink, Kaitlyn Lersch

10:30 a.m. Caitlin Berkheimer, Amanda Irwin, Patrick M. Irwin, Maya Irwin

12 Noon Matthew Eberhart, Frank Macharola, Pauline Macharola

Eucharistic Ministers

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. N. Altiero, B. Altiero, D. Altiero, G. Goss, T. Goss, K. McGraw

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:30 p.m. B. Gentile, D. Gormley, B. Bartley, M. Tillard

MID-NIGHT MASS: T. Heiss, M. Engelman, P. Engelman, D. Shrift, J. Woomer

CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. R. Friedenberger, J. Trexler, R. Spinazzola, V. Bettwy, G. Bettwy

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 A.M. C. Housum, D. Housum, J. Scarfone, K. Gburek

Eucharistic Ministers for December 29, 2007

5:30 p.m. J. Shoenfelt, B. Bartley, M. Kooman, B. Kooman, G. Bettwy

7:00 a.m. R. Skupien, R. Fox, J. Trexler

8:15 a.m. K. Woomer, R. Spinazzola, K. Gburek, M. Solimando, R. Novack

10:30 a.m. K. Irwin, R. Murphy, B. Gentile, K. Madariaga, D. Fraundorfer

12 Noon M.A. Eberhart, R. Eberhart, J. Wasicki

Lectors

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. Patrick Labriola, Chris Rickens

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:30 p.m. Volunteers

MID-NIGHT MASS: Anthony Labriola, Ken Haney

CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. Volunteers

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m. Michael Nazaruk

Lectors for December 29-30, 2007

5:30 p.m. Frances Hesser, Bernice Shoenfelt

7:00 a.m. John Kenny, Raymond Kline

8:15 a.m. Anthony Labriola, James Woomer

10:30 a.m. Patrick Irwin, Thomas A. Irwin

12 Noon Heather & Joseph Macharola

FROM THE PASTOR

WELCOME, YULE! We warmly welcome all who will come this Christmas Day to celebrate the glorious feast of the Messiah's birth. We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest! We welcome our students home from college for a good winter's rest! We welcome parishioners who moved far away but join us today as old friends! We welcome all who have not been active of late in their Catholic faith. We hope they will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again! We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—DEC. 15-16, 2007

Regular	\$5255.67	Christmas	\$ 100.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 92.00	Christmas Flowers	\$ 198.00
School Reserve	\$5994.03	Candles	\$ 25.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 35.00	Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.00
.		Total	\$11729.70

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

bles you for all you do! Welcome to all! May our gathering this Christmas gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are after all one People of God -redeemed by the Light. May we walk by the Light and live by the Light -- together in love.

SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT Thank you for your most generous response to the second collection for the third weekend of December. We received \$5,994.03 and forwarded it to the school. We appreciate your strong support.

ENDOWMENT GROWTH So far in 2007, our Parish and School Endowment has grown nearly \$91,000. In making your end of year gift decision, consider making a gift of lasting value to the St. Rose Endowment. Board members Ray Askey, Richard Fiore, Jr., Marty Kooman, Joe Reilly, Pat Ronan, Adam Trybus, Sr., and Fr. Crookston welcome your inquiries about gifting opportunities.

USHERS NEEDED:

If you can usher at any weekend Mass, especially at the 8:15, please see anyone of the Ushers at the entrance to church before Mass. Give him your name so that the usher will tell Fr. Crookston about your willingness to serve.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

The St. Rose School Family extends our sincerest wishes to our parish community for a joyous Christmas and a new year filled with God's blessings. Thank you so much for your support throughout the past year.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Children's Choir will sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. The children will sing Christmas Music beginning at 4:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN STORY RETREAT for Juniors of CCD and BGHS Mandatory for Confirmation Process

Place: St. Mary's Church, Hollidaysburg

Date: January 5, 2008

Retreat begins at 7:00 a.m. and concludes at 6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$15.00 per child payable to St. Rose of Lima.

The candidates will have Mass and Dinner with parents, pastors and chaperones.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no Religious Education Classes on December 23 & 30. Classes will resume on January 6, 2008

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Orsena Family
	7:30 p.m.	Richard & Jackie Riccio
	Mid-Night	Irwin Family
Dec. 25	8:30 a.m.	Olive Savino & Granddaughters
	10:30 a.m.	Volunteers

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 29	5:30 p.m.	Jeff & Mary Shultz
Dec. 30	7:00 a.m.	Altiero Family
	8:15 a.m.	Bill & Jennifer Lersch
	10:30 a.m.	Volunteers
	12 Noon	Ron & Mari Ann Eberhart

FIRST RECONCILIATION Many visitors, parishioners and priests joined the following young people in a joyous celebration of God's merciful forgiveness and love:

Thomas A. Ardrey
 Michael Berish
 Aleah P. Berkheimer
 Tyler Berkheimer
 Justin A. Charlton
 Mia M. Cooney
 Brynn E. Danison
 Mackenzie Detwiler
 McKenna Dugan
 Nicholas T. Fink
 Dominic G. Frucella
 Samantha Gburek
 Kaitlynne Gibson
 Jaden L. Horvath
 Dylan R. Kavalets

John M. Keating
 Morgan A. Kiesewetter
 Isaac T. McConnell
 Karlee K. Noel
 Tyler W. Novack
 Rebecca Paule
 Michaela Rogers
 Michael W. Schirf
 Madison J. Schmitt
 Teresa N. Solimando
 Madisyn I. Stockley
 Tyler J. Wagner
 Ethan Wesner
 Luke G. Wills
 Samuel M. Wyland

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.

January 14 and 28, 2008
 February 11 and 25

March 10 and 31
 April 14 and 28
 May 5 and 19

Who do you know who is hearing the call to serve the Lord in the Church as a Permanent Deacon...maybe you?

God continues to call men between the ages of 32 and 59 to participate in service ministry to God's people in the Diaconate.

Members of our diocesan diaconal community will host a meeting to outline the role of the permanent deacon in the Church in the ministries of the word, the liturgy and charity. The steps to admission and of the formation process leading to ordination will be explained.

It is essential for a married man to be accompanied by his wife.

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2008:

January 12, 2008—1:00 PM

Good Shepherd Parish, (Conference Room)
867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, State College

January 13, 2008—1:30 PM

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, (Seton Suite)
One Cathedral Square, Altoona

January 19, 2008—1:00 PM

St. John Gualbert Cathedral, (Activity Center)
110 Adams Street, Johnstown (corner of Adams & Railroad Sts.)

If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, please contact:

Deacon Gene P. Neral, Director of Diaconal Formation
124 Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648
Telephone: 814-696-9870 or E-mail-
gneral@dioceseaj.org

CANDLES

Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard,
Dorothy Reilly by the Family, Irma L. Mort by Anne C. Sukala.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

SUPPER CLUB will meet on

January 6—5:00 p.m. at King's on 6th Ave.
Please call Mary 946-3449 for reservations.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

The Christmas story is one of the greatest pro-life stories of all time! How much clearer could God make the statement that an unborn child is a human being whose passage through the womb has been sanctified by Jesus' similar journey?

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB will be held on January 6, 2008. Everyone is welcome to join our parish book club. Club members are finishing "The Long Loneliness" autobiography of Dorothy Day. We meet from 9:15 till 10:15 a.m. in the computer room

December 23, 2007  Prayer Corner

A Christmas Prayer

By Robert Louis Stevenson

O God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, That we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Liturgical Reflection...

When constructed and maintained well, the outside of a church can proclaim the Gospel to the city, town or village in which it is located. Even before the members of the parish enter through the church doors, the external environment with its landscaping, artwork and lighting can contribute to a gracious approach to the place of worship. Creative landscaping that separated the entrance of the church from the parking area as well as well-placed religious art can facilitate the spiritual transition as people move to a sense of communal worship.



Liturgical Reflection... Christmas, December 25

Today the Church celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation, when the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us. In celebrating the Lord's incarnation and birth, the Church makes these sacred events present to the people gathered for Christmas Mass. The mystery of this annual celebration is recalled in prayer, music, seasonal decorations, and the sacred environment of the worship space. The Church is jubilant in proclaiming the good news that the Savior has come to us and the Eternal Word is our salvation.

Families and the Gospel

December 23
1:18-25

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Emmanuel means "God with us." Christmas is a reminder that God is with us in every child. Don't just look at the Baby Jesus in the crib; look into the eyes of every child and see the face of God.

BIRTHRIGHT OF ALTOONA

Dear Father Crookston and the Parishioners of St. Rose of Lima,

There is great need this year in the families where there has been a crisis pregnancy.

You have helped Birthright of Altoona to meet this need—more than words can say.

We know that you don't get to see the faces of those you have helped, but be assured that your gifts of clothes, infant supplies and diapers have given much relief and joy to expectant mothers and those with newborns.

The theme of this year's Birthright Convention was "where Love is, Miracles Happen." Our thanks goes out to all of you for showing your love.

God bless you for your kindness.

In the love of Jesus & Mary,
Birthright of Altoona
Pat Forr, Sec.

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.

Stewardship Reflections

4th Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph carried out God's will and embraced his fatherhood as a stewardship. May you allow God to change your plans in order to fulfill His.

IMMANUEL! GOD WITH US!

Lord God, Father of all,

You sent your only Son to scatter the darkness
of the world

And to fill the world with the light of your
goodness.

Send your Holy Spirit to give me the grace of open
eyes

To see you when darkness in its many forms
surrounds me, and

To follow your Son, the true and only light
who is the source of my hope. Amen.

**Young Adults Ages 21-39: Theology on Tap is
Coming this Spring!**

Theology on Tap is a 4 week speaker series aimed at single or married Young Adults in their 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. For more information and to get on our e-mail list, sign up at www.theologyontap.info.

Christmas
Blessings