

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 29	First Sunday of Lent
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf
Tues March 2	6:10 PM Bingo
Wed March 3	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thur March 4	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri March 5	5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun March 7	Second Sunday of Lent
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
	5:00-8:00 PM Parables Retreat (Gr.10)
	10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 1

8:30 a.m. †Mildred Crookston (*Helen Glenn*)

Tuesday, March 2

8:30 a.m. †John Kuzminsky (*Bill & Angie Amerine*)

Wednesday, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel

8:30 a.m. †Daniel M. Flarkey (*M/M Howard W. Wigfield*)

Thursday, March 4 St. Casimir

8:30 a.m. †Patsy J. Labriola (*Mike Polito*)

Friday, March 5

8:30 a.m. †Eugene Meng (*D. J. Bragonier*)

Saturday, March 6

8:30 a.m. †Edwin Beckel (*Barbara Koehle & Kathy Frederick*)

5:30 p.m. †John Banholzer (*Family*)

Sunday, March 7 Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †Clarence S. Adams (*Francis & Margaret Adams*)

8:15 a.m. †Leota & Vincent Engelman (*Paul & Mary Engelman*)

10:30 a.m. †Joseph Buda (*M/M Joseph McNeal*)

12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – Feb. 21-22, 2004

Regular	\$ 6652.63	Christmas	\$ 121.75
Capital Campaign	\$ 947.00	Rose	\$ 130.77
Perquisites	\$ 25.00	Candlemas	\$ 13.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 19.00	Sol. Of Mary	\$ 2.00
Black & Indian	\$ 14.00	Total	\$7,925.15

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 6	5:30 p.m.	Mary Frederick & Children
March 7	7:00 a.m.	Francis Adams & Jack Corle
	8:15 a.m.	Paul & Mary Engelman
	10:30 a.m.	Thomas & Jean Ergler
	12 Noon	Robert & Karen Fiore

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK MARCH 1-7, 2004

Altar Servers for the weekdays of March 1-6, 2004

8:30 a.m. Mon. Holly Mercer

8:30 a.m. Tues Alyssa Lower

8:30 a.m. Wed Christopher Damiano

8:30 a.m. Thurs. Nate Sanders

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross: Holly Mercer, Marissa Previte, Nate Sanders

8:30 a.m. Sat. Joel & Loretta Bobetich

Altar Servers for March 6-7, 2004

5:30 p.m. Jeffery Vaughn, Lucas Glass, Alex Askey

7:00 a.m. Julie Fox

8:15 a.m. Julie Valent, Marissa Previte, Joe McDermott

10:30 a.m. Richie Zelnosky, Jeffrey Karl, Anthony Zelnosky

12 Noon Erica Wiley, Mark Wasicki, Taylor Villani

Eucharistic Ministers for March 6-7, 2004

5:30 p.m. J. Chirdon, K. McGraw, G. Baker, B. Bartley

7:00 a.m. D. Altiero, B. Altiero

8:15 a.m. P. Engelman, R. Novack, D. Smith, M. Engelman, D. Cree

10:30 a.m. P. Fromknecht, J. Fromknecht, D. Ratchford, M. Wiley, B. Spinazzola

12 Noon C. Anslinger, J. Frena, D. Shrift

Lectors for March 6-7, 2004

5:30 p.m. Frances Hesser, Ken Haney

7:00 a.m. Ray Kline

8:15 a.m. Dave Andrews, Tony Labriola

10:30 a.m. Todd Cammarata, Pat Condryn

12 Noon Denise Watson

FROM OUR PASTOR

CATHOLICS COMING HOME Do you know someone who has been away from the Church for a while? Most of us do not have to look very far to find away Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we do not know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that we need to share with our away brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Many away Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. For a variety of reason, they think that the church has excommunicated them and does not welcome their return.

Many away Catholics carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church and are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at St. Rose of Lima we have a special process to help away Catholics return to the Church entitled "Catholics, Come Home." This process starts Sunday, March 14 and continues March 21 and 28, in the school reading room, at 3:00 P.M. These sessions help returning Catholics learn how they may return to the church. Please pass this article onto anyone who might be interested. For more information, Call Fr. Spishak or Fr. Crookston at the rectory or email frjded@stroselima.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Our friendly Come Home Team assures even the shy, the hesitant and the doubtful will all find a warm welcome.

"SUPPORT BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS"

This weekend the annual National Collection for Black and Indian evangelization will be taken at Mass. It is an important National Collection, vital to the Church today, as it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Our Holy Father has stressed, over and over again, the importance of evangelizing. Your support will help the many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Please use the envelope that is in your pack of envelopes. Please be generous.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

The Technology Committee will meet at noon on Monday, March 1st in the computer room.

During Lent the students will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:25 (except Friday, March 19. That week Stations will be on Thursday, March 18 at 1:25). We welcome you to join us.

Registration for Pre K and grades 1 – 8 for the 2004-2005 school year is set for Thursday March 4th at 6:30 P.M. **or** Sunday March 7th at 4:00 P.M. **Kindergarten registration** will be on Thursday, March 4th from 8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. and from 1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. Kindergarten is a different time because those parents need to meet with the Altoona Area School District nurse. Please call the school office for registration details (942-7835).

PONDEROSA STEAK HOUSE REBATE

If you eat at the Ponderosa Steak House mention St. Rose School when you order your meal, and each month Ponderosa will send our school a check for 10% of the "St. Rose School sales". We would appreciate your support! Thank you.

St. Rose of Lima Home School Association will sponsor a Basket Bingo on Monday, March 29, 2004 at St. Rose of Lima Bingo Hall from 6:00 p.m. –9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 with an additional value pack available for \$35.00. You may purchase tickets at the St. Rose of Lima School Office during school hours or before/after the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RETREAT FOR SOPHOMORES

Parables Retreat will be held on March 7, 2004 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. This retreat is for candidates.

WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITAL: Altoona: Thomas Ardrey, Helen Sanders, Susan Trout, Vera Biel

Bon Secours: Marguerite Francella

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of Wallace Hoyer whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to his family.

CANDLES: For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by The Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Joyce & Toby Kjarsgaard, Vera Biel by Rose Messersmith (Daughter), Pappy Dugan by Jim Dugan Jr.

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.

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

Please remember 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 box of envelopes.

Readings for the Week of February 29, 2004

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Families and the Gospel

February 29

Luke 4: 1-13

The temptations in the gospel were about the basics: the use of POWER (turn stones into bread), POSSESSIONS (dominion of the world) and PRESTIGE (angels will bear you up). Like Jesus we are being "led by the Spirit" into Lent to reflect on the role of power, possessions and prestige in our lives. It is time to get back to the basics: are we using or misusing?

A special Red Cross Drive has been scheduled for Saturday, March 6th at Bishop Guilfoyle High School during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This drive will be a Bone Marrow Screening Blood Drive in honor of Josh Hanlon, the son of Bill Hanlon and the late Dr. Marianne Hanlon of Hollidaysburg. Josh is a Freshman at Villanova University and a 2003 graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle. Josh was recently diagnosed with a form of cancer that will require a bone marrow transplant. Students from Bishop Guilfoyle will be contacting Blair County Churches to place sign up sheets in the back of Church.

"IN DEFENSE OF life."

"For Catholics, public virtue is as important as private virtue in building up the common good. In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation. Every believer is called to faithful citizenship, to become an informed, active and responsible participant in the political process." (Administrative Board, US Bishops, "Faithful Citizenship," 1999, page 9). www.priests-for-life.org.

The following is a list of students who were judged to be the best entries in the categories of poetry, essay and posters expressing the theme, "Build Unity on the Life Principles."

POETRY: First Place –Molly McCall

Second Place – Taylor Brumbaugh, Third Place- Brittany Devine
Honorable Mention -Emily Kutch, Elisa Kutch, Chester J. Kowalski, Ashley Mignogna, Kayleigh Kirkpatrick Sebastian
Madariga, Toni Watt, Phillip Watt, Taylor Villani, Kelli Fockler

POSTERS: First Place – Johnny Brown

Second Place – Lauren Fultz, Third Place- Joe Britz
Honorable Mention – Taylor Brumbaugh, Matt Dorman, Stephanie Glass, Cullen Kirkpatrick, Elisa Kutch, Emily Kutch, Jimmy Mattern, Megan McConnell, Brad Skidd, Anne Zimmerman

ESSAY: First Place – Anne Nicolini

Second Place – Kyra Evans, Third Place-Maura Murphy
Honorable Mention: Samantha Strayer, Joseph Laskey

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS

Thanks to all who helped make the "Fun Afternoon for Kids" a great success. A big "Thank You to Patty & Todd Sanders for their donation of chips for all those present and to all who helped and to the enjoyable clown, Handi.

Kittanning Trail Volunteer Fire Company will have **FISH DINNERS** each Friday during Lent 4:30-6:30 p.m. Prices \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The location of the Fire Department is on Poland & Edison Avenues, Altoona near Ebner School. Take outs available

St. Demetrius Parish – Gallitzin will have a Roast Beef Dinner & Mini Bazaar in the Church Cafeteria on Sunday, March 14. Dinner will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. Adults \$6.50, Children \$3.00, under 4 free. Take out \$7.00. Games, Theme Baskets, Bake Sale, Flea Market.

Theology on Tap: "The Lenten Journey" is a four week educational program that will take place every Thursday in March at St. John's Catholic Church, New Baltimore. This program will feature speakers and invite adults from the area to attend an informal talk, participate in discussions, enjoy refreshments, listen to music and socialize!

Theology on Tap is directed at the basic issues of life that adults experience as we get settled into jobs, relationships and families. Through this four-week series of talks, we will explore the different ways that our faith affects us, how it fits into our busy lifestyles, and how to understand the many ways that God can make a difference in our lives. We would like to invite you to come to St. John's Parish, New Baltimore and share in the celebration of faith and fellowship on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement, March 4th-March 25th – Free Babysitting will be provided!

Thursday, March 4, 2004: "**The Roadway of Life: "From Potholes to Possibilities"**" (Speaker: Lisa Ice-Jones)

Thursday, March 11, 2004: "**The Quest for Happiness**" (Speaker: Mr. Tom McConnell)

Thursday, March 18, 2004: "**Innocence Maintained**" (Speaker: Mrs. Mary Helmrich, DRE)

Thursday, March 25, 2004: Topic is still to be announced (Speaker: Dr. Chuck Kormanski)

ATTENTION – ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-8

Come and be a part of Junior High Youth Day 2004!
"You Are the Light of the World"

Sunday, March 21, 2004- Bishop Carroll High School, Ebsensburg. The day will consist of an uplifting keynote featuring popular Christian musician, Shawn Smith, 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. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 12, 2004. For more information call 693-1401, Office of Youth and Campus Ministry.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION... This Monday, March 1, is a diocesan Day of Prayer, for penance and renewal. The revised Roman Missal recommends that each Diocese establish such days of prayer. March 1st is the anniversary date of Father Demetrius Gallitzin receiving his letter of appointment as Pastor of Saint Michael Basilica in Loretto, dated March 1, 1799. Make this Lenten day particularly penitential and sacrificial. Attend daily Mass and pray for God's mercy. Go without something for the sake of a renewed commitment to the Lord. Pray the rosary for a true sense of penance in you heart. Pray the Stations of the Cross for the forgiveness of sins. Please join the Local Church in praying the following prayer this Monday:

Father in heaven, we are called to return to your love. We celebrate your love and mercy in our midst. As we recall the great sacrifice of our pioneer priest, Father Demetrius Gallitzin, help us these Lenten days to also practice sacrifice and penance. Everything we say and do is the name of the crucified and risen Lord. Like Father Gallitzin, make us untiring in our commitment to make Christ known among all people, for He is Lord and Savior of all, forever and ever. Amen.

YOUNG ADULT FORUM 2004

For Young Adults age 18 and over

All young adults 18 and older are invited to join us for a one day conference on Saturday, March 20th at the beautiful and spacious Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on the Campus of Penn State University. The day kicks off with popular Christian musician Shawn Smith and is followed by workshops that are relevant for young adults. They are "How to be Catholic on Thursday Morning and Saturday Night!"; "What's Love Got to Do With It?"; "Stress-How to Remain in the Midst of our Busyness?"; "Why We Believe What We Believe!"; "Science and Religion: Strangers or Friends?"; "Radical Gratitude-Thanks Be To God". The day starts at 10:30 a.m. and ends with Mass at 4:00 p.m. and the cost is only \$15.00. For more information contact Tom McConnell in the Office of Youth and Campus Ministry at 693-1401.

LENTEN PRAY RETREAT: Do you feel a lack in your prayer life? Do you need to take some time away in order to give your spiritual life a boost? St. John the Baptist Retreat Center, New Baltimore, and the director, Fr. Allen Zeth, would like to invite you to come and spend time to renew yourself during the Lenten season. The retreat will begin Friday, March 19th with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening, March 20th, with an option to stay Saturday night. The cost for the overnight is \$55.00 and you can make reservations by calling 814-733-2210.

Healing and Reconciliation: A Communal Response to the Abuse of Our Children within Our Church

The scandal of sexual abuse of children and youth within the Church has been a devastating experience for all of us. Lent is a time when we search for spiritual healing and growth. We desire our personal conversion. We also yearn, at this time in history, for the re-establishment of trust and confidence within our Church. For this reason the annual diocesan Lenten Penance Services will specifically address the needs of individuals and the Catholic community to pray for healing from the pain and suffering caused by the sexual abuse of children, particularly within our Church. All are invited to join together as a household of faith in praying for healing, penance and reconciliation not only in regard to the sexual abuse of children but for all the ways that we each inflict harm upon another. Penance Services will be held at 7 p.m. on March 29 at Good Shepherd Parish in State College, on March 30 at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon, on March 31 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Altoona and on April 1 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

STATEMENTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CATHOLICS WHO AWAY FOR A WHILE

Is it True? Or is it False?

There's lots of confusion about what the Church teaches. Here are some statements we've heard people make. Are they true? Or are they false? Consider each question before reading the final sentence.

- | True | False | Don't Know | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | You are automatically excommunicated once your divorce decree is final. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | An annulment costs \$3,000. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | You need "connections" in order to get an annulment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Once an annulment is granted, the children automatically become illegitimate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | It's impossible to get an annulment if one of the ex-spouses refuses to cooperate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If you are denied an annulment, you can never reopen the case and apply again. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If you confess that you had a tubal ligation or vasectomy, the priest will make you have the processed surgically reversed before he will give you absolution. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Someone who committed suicide cannot have a Catholic funeral. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Someone who is divorced and remarried cannot have a Catholic funeral. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The church offers no reconciliation to persons it considers unworthy of God's love because of abortion. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Catholics are not allowed to be cremated. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no salvation outside the Catholic Church. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A Catholic priest cannot baptize the children of people who are divorced and remarried. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any Catholic who gets married by a Protestant minister or a Jewish Rabbi is automatically excommunicated. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Before a priest will marry a Catholic and a non-Catholic, the non-Catholic has to sign a pledge that the children will be raised in the Catholic faith. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Everything the Pope says is infallible. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Catholics must register in the parish closest to where they live. |

All the statements are false. If you could not resist looking here first, please consider the statements and see under what circumstances each is false.

Blessing of a Place of Prayer

Holy God,
you call us out of slavery into freedom,
out of sinfulness into holiness.

We thank you for this season of Lent,
a time of rebirth and renewal.
We thank you for giving us a place
in the heart of our home
where we can go to receive
our daily bread.

Bless this place of prayer
and all who seek you here.
Nourish us with faith,
guide us with hope,
strengthen us with communal love,
and so prepare us to receive
the promise of Easter.

We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.



The First Week of Lent

Sunday, February 29, 2004

THE LONG ROAD TO FREEDOM

Why did God take the people of Israel on a 40-year journey through the wilderness instead of taking the short cut to Canaan? The people's behavior gives us a clue: They longed for the slavery of Egypt, receiving their daily gift of manna with grumbling rather than gratitude. They longed for "the fleshpots of Egypt," ready to trade their freedom for a pot of meat stew. The wilderness, not Egypt, proved to be the real battleground for a people called to freedom but accustomed to slavery. The Pharaoh and his charioteers could be conquered in a matter of days, but the enemy within the hearts of God's people is a more formidable foe.

The 40 days of Lent is, for us, a battleground where we, too, must face the fear, pride, and love of comfort that prevents us from experiencing the freedom and fullness of God's love. What am I willing to trade for the freedom God offers? What bad habits enslave me? What thoughts undermine my faith? Like the Jewish people, we need to take the long road through the desert of Lent. Relying on God's guidance and sustenance, we battle the enemy within. It is on this interior battleground that we experience most fully our need for God, the source of all love and peace.

Create a space for prayer, a small "desert," in your home. Use this place of prayer throughout Lent. Here, with God's help, you can confront the thoughts, feelings, fears, and temptations that compromise your freedom. Pick a quiet corner of your house for your prayer place and furnish it with a Bible, cross, prayer book, icon, and candle. Bless your prayer place and use it throughout Lent, confident that the God who calls us to freedom will nourish and guide us on the way.

This Week at Home

Monday, March 1

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS

During Lent, we want to enter more deeply into relationship with Christ. How will we know if we are growing closer to Jesus? Today's gospel tells us that we meet Christ in the hungry we feed, the stranger we welcome, the sick we care for, the prisoner we visit, and the naked we clothe. How can your family love Christ by caring for the needy this Lent (Matthew 25:40)?

Tuesday, March 2

DON'T MISS OUT

From the earliest days of Christianity, Easter was preceded by a period when catechumens prepared for baptism, imitating the 40-day fast of Jesus in the desert (Matthew 4:2). Eventually, those already baptized realized that they were missing out and began observing this period of preparation. Pray for the catechumens who are preparing for baptism this Easter. Write notes of encouragement to catechumens in your parish and let them know you are praying for them. But don't miss out on what this season offers. Resolve to make Lent a time of preparation for yourself as well.

Wednesday, March 3

THE SIGN OF JONAH

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the crowds, "Just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation" (Luke 11:29-30). The monk and author Thomas Merton, reflecting on his own struggle to live his Christian calling, writes, "Like the prophet Jonas, whom God ordered to go to Nineveh, I found myself with an almost uncontrollable desire to go the opposite direction." Yet, Merton notes, Jonah "was thrown overboard, and swallowed by a whale who took him where God wanted him to go." During Lent, we may discover that we, too, have a perverse desire to run in the opposite direction. Willpower proves insufficient to meet the demands of a spiritual life. Fortunately, we rely on God's grace, not mere human effort, to get the job done. Merton suggests that "every Christian is signed with the sign of Jonas, because we all live by the power of Christ's resurrection" (*The Sign of Jonas*, Garden City, NY: Image Books, 1956, 20-21).

Thursday, March 4

SAINT CASIMIR

Born in 1458 at Kraków, Casimir was named patron saint of Poland in 1602. In his honor, serve this Polish lenten dish (adapted from the recipe given in Evelyn Birge Vitz's *A Continual Feast*, San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1985, 176). Chop 1 lb. mushrooms and sauté in 3 Tbs. butter with 1 cup chopped onions. Cut 2 hard rolls into cubes and soak in ½ cup milk for 10 minutes. Add to mushroom mixture. Blend in 3 lightly beaten eggs, 2 Tbs. chopped parsley, ½ tsp. salt, pepper to taste. Shape into patties. Press onto bread crumbs and fry on both sides until crisp and brown.

Friday, March 5

BEDTIME STORIES

Lent is a great time to read Bible stories to young children at bedtime or family prayer time. There are many lovely picture books to choose from. Children will enjoy the story of Jonah, especially appropriate for Lent, and stories in which Jesus interacts with children, such as the story of the loaves and the fishes where Jesus multiplies a child's lunch. Encourage children to act out the stories after dinner.

Saturday, March 6

A TIME TO GROW

The word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for springtime, *lencten*. Lent is a season of growth. Birds lay eggs. Gardeners plant seeds. Trees begin to bud. The custom of making lenten resolutions can help us grow this Lent. Do we want to become more patient? More generous? More prayerful? Reflect on what will help you grow. Do you need more solitude or more fellowship? More silence? More time for spiritual reading? Post resolutions on the refrigerator to help you remember.



Blood Drive/Marrow Testing ***In honor of*** ***Josh Hanlon***

Josh Hanlon, son of Mr. Bill Hanlon and the late Dr. Marianne Hanlon of Hollidaysburg, was recently diagnosed with Myelodysplasia Blood Syndrome, a cancerous condition which in many cases, requires a bone marrow transplant. Currently, Josh is waiting to find a match. His present treatment is chemotherapy and regular blood transfusions.



Please Join Us!
Saturday, March 6th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bishop Guilfoyle High School Gym

To join the National Marrow Donor Program, the fee is \$65.00. Currently, we are accepting contributions for this cause to cover costs—hoping that it is free for all interested. Our goal is \$9000.00 for 200 marrow tests. To send your tax-deductible donation, please include a return address and mail to:

Leap Lewis, P.C.
FBO Josh Hanlon Blood Drive
1798 Old Route 220 N
Suite 301
Duncansville, PA 15635

You will be recognized publicly for your contribution.

Options:

- **Donate blood (test for bone marrow while donating)**
- **Test for bone marrow**
- **Donate blood only**

Sponsored by family and friends of Josh Hanlon and Bishop High School Student Council.

Great refreshments donated from local businesses! Drawings for prizes provided by BGHS Student Council!

Appointments are recommended !

Contact Georgette Ostinowsky at 1-800-542-5663 ext. 2706 to schedule.

Leave name, phone number and appointment time desired.

www.redcrosslife.org



www.marrow.org