

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun March 21 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf
 5:00 PM **PENANCE SERVICE**

Tues March 23 6:10 PM Bingo

Wed March 24 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary

Thur March 25 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

Fri March 26 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
 6:10 PM Bingo

Sun March 28 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22

8:30 a.m. †Mary Grace Ackerman (*Florence Nagle*)

Tuesday, March 23 St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

8:30 a.m. †Alma Hooper (*Pearl Taylor*)

Wednesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. †John Crum (*Nancy & Kelly Collins*)

Thursday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. †Viola Fliegerbauer (*Sonja Stein*)

Friday, March 26

8:30 a.m. †Leo Skupien (*Ron Skupien*)

Saturday, March 27

8:30 a.m. †Ted Baxter (*Wife Millie*)

5:30 p.m. †Edna Peters (*Daughter Glaina & Son-in-Law*)

Sunday, March 28 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †Thomas Marshall (*Matzik Family*)

8:15 a.m. †Santa Maria Raia (*Husband Victor & Children*)

10:30 a.m. †Rose Basciani (*Mrs. Mary Fanelli*)

12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – March 13-14, 2004

Regular	\$ 11777.75	Christmas	\$ 90.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 546.00	Rose	\$ 183.50
Bishop's Relief	\$ 10.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00		
Black & Indian	\$ 10.00	Total	\$12642.75

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 27	5:30 p.m.	Mary Frederick & Children
March 28	7:00 a.m.	Harold & Alma Dumm
	8:15 a.m.	Victor Raia & Family
	10:30 a.m.	Joe & Gigi Campbell & Family
	12 Noon	Fred & Phyllis McConnell & Family

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK MARCH 22-28, 2004

Altar Servers for the weekdays of March 22-27, 2004

8:30 a.m. Mon. Erica Wiley
 8:30 a.m. Tues Tommy Myers
 8:30 a.m. Wed Richie Zelnosky
 8:30 a.m. Thurs. Molly McCall
 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross: Sean Dillon, Tim Link
 8:30 a.m. Sat. Loretta & Joel Bobetich

Altar Servers for March 27-28, 2004

5:30 p.m. Brianna Spayd, Kyle Haney, Billy Beard
 7:00 a.m. Maggie McCreery
 8:15 a.m. Tim Link, Nicole Altiero, Jamie Novack
 10:30 a.m. Richie Zelnosky, Joshua Shultz, Alyssa Lower
 12 Noon America Watson, Josef Maier, Justin Wiley

Eucharistic Ministers for March 27-28, 2004

5:30 p.m. G. Bettwy, K. McGraw, J. Chirdon, J. Scarfone
 7:00 a.m. J. Wustrow, D. Altiero
 8:15 a.m. P. Engelman, M. Engelman, R. Novack,
 R. Skupien, D. Smith
 10:30 a.m. K. Irwin, A. Anzman, T. Heiss, B. Spinazzola,
 K. Mrdjenovich
 12 Noon S. Askey, J. Eberhardt, D. Shrift

Lectors for March 27-28, 2004

5:30 p.m. Vi Bettwy, Bea Shoenfelt
 7:00 a.m. John Kenny
 8:15 a.m. Tony Labriola, Patrick Labriola
 10:30 a.m. Kathy Anzman, Todd Cammarata
 12 Noon Michael Nazarluk

FROM OUR PASTOR

LENTEN AND HOLY THURSDAY ALMSGIVING During Lent, 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. We gather your 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 offering gathered Holy Thursday to the Gloria Gates Foundation. The Foundation helps the youth of Evergreen Manor. Be abundantly generous in your almsgiving.

CATHOLICS COMING HOME At St. Rose of Lima we have a special process to help away Catholics return to the Church entitled "Catholics, Come Home." This process continues Sunday, 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. Our friendly Come Home Team assures even the shy, the hesitant and the doubtful will all find a warm welcome. For more information, Call Fr. Spishak or Fr. Crookston at the rectory or email frjded@stroselima.com

PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION Our Lenten reconciliation service is Sunday, March 21, 5:00 P.M. We will have three priests in the reconciliation rooms as well as a dozen other priests stationed throughout the school. **Other opportunities for your celebration of reconciliation are:** St. Therese ~ Saturday, March 27, 10:00 A.M.; Cathedral ~ Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 P.M.; Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Friday, April 2, 5:30 P.M. and St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg ~ Sunday, April 4, 5:00 P.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

School Council meets on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 P.M. in the computer room.

During Lent the students will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:25. You are welcome you to join us.

Congratulations to our Forensics team on a job well done at the recent diocesan competition. Lerin Fultz placed first in Poetry, Megan McConnell took second place in Drama, in Persuasive Speech Maura Murphy placed third and Molly McCall took fourth. All four of these students will compete in the Diocesan Meet at B.G.H.S. in April. Congratulations to our entire team. We're proud of them! Ethan Dombrowski, Matt Eberhart, Morgan Figurelle, Lerin Fultz, Molly Glunt, Meagan Lenze, Molly McCall, and Maura Murphy. Thank you to their coaches Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Bimle.

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

A golf tournament to benefit St. Rose of Lima School will be held Saturday, May 1st at 1:00 p.m. at Park Hills. Entry forms are available in the vestibule of the Church. Hole and Cart sponsorship forms are also available. For further information or to volunteer assistance, please contact Joe McCreery 942-9875

WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITAL: Altoona: Evelyn DeBuon
Bon-Secours: Alfred Angstenberger, Mary K. Wagner, James Webb.

CANDLES: For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by The Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Joyce & Toby Kjarsgaard,

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Kline and Theresa McGregor whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to their families.

Retreat for Grade 3 will be held on March 28 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for the Easter Flowers in the Church, please use your Easter Flower Envelope (or a plain envelope) and drop them into the collection basket by April 4. Please print the name of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. Your memorials will be printed in our Easter Bulletin.

Adult Faith Enrichment Class will be held on March 21, 2004 9:15-10:15 in the school reading room.
Subject: *Liturgy of the Hours*

Christian Mothers News

The Christian Mothers has a **Prayer Tree** in the foyer of the Church. We ask that you take the envelope on which is the name of one of the First Communicants or Confirmation Candidates. Please Pray for this person during Lent. Place a card or small token of the sacrament in the envelope and return it at Easter. We will see that the person on the envelope receives it.

Miracle of Life billboard weekend, March 27 & 28.

Miracle of Life billboards volunteers will be here to seek your continued support for Life Saving billboards. Past donations have helped raise 13 and by the end of 2004 there will be 16 raised. Thanks to the parishioners of Saint Rose of Lima and others these billboards have helped save families from the horrors of Abortion. One family was urged not to have their child, due to what was considered future medical problems. That family saw one of these Miracle of Life billboards and today they have a son named Jacob. Nearly 50 Million Babies have been aborted. Please be generous.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE."

"One of our greatest blessings in the United States is our right and responsibility to participate in civic life. The Constitution protects the right of individuals and of religious bodies to speak out without governmental interference, endorsement, or sanction. It is increasingly apparent that major public issues have clear moral dimensions and that religious values have significant public consequences. Our nation is enriched and our tradition of pluralism enhanced when religious groups contribute to the debate over the policies that guide the nation."
(Administrative Board, US Bishops, *Faithful Citizenship*, 1999, p..8)

COMING SOON!! ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH LIBRARY!

As part of our Adult Faith Formation we are setting up a Parish Lending Library. At present we have about 100 books, some have been donated in honor of a loved one, others have been part of the rectory and/or convent library. We are now in the stage of asking for donations, these would take the form of religious books, either spiritual, meditative, Lives of the Saints, books on Mary and Jesus, etc. **THIS IS NOT A CLEAN OUT YOUR ATTIC-** type of donation, but rather we have a list of acceptable books, or you may simply make a donation to purchase a book in memory of a loved one. The Library committee will review any book donated and decide if it is to be part of our library. When we are completely set up few will then open the library to all parishioners, ages 5 to 105. This means we will also have children's books on religious subjects that may be checked out in due time. Contact the rectory or Vi Bettwy if you have a donation to make. Large print books appreciated.

BEHOLD THE LAMB BUS TRIP Come and join some of your St. Rose of Lima Choir members on a day trip to see the Easter Production of "*Behold the Lamb*" at the beautiful Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. Motor coach transportation from Altoona, continental breakfast enroute, ticket to show, and dinner after the show at Good N'Plenty Restaurant, taxes, and gratuity. Trip date is Saturday, April 24 and we will depart from the AAA Parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and be back by 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$100.00 per person. Please call Gigi Campbell at 946-1277 AAA Travel Agency for information.

1ST CHICKEN BARBEQUE OF THE SEASON

to Benefit St. Vincent DePaul Society Soup Kitchen
March 28, 2004 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the Soup Kitchen, 2201 Union Ave. Donation: \$6.00 per person Meal Includes ½ Imler's Chicken, Murf's Famous Potato Salad (from DelGrosso's Park). Applesauce & Roll.

HEALING MASS

All are invited to a Healing Mass at Bon Secours-Holy Family Hospital at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2004. Mass will be held in the Infant of Prague Chapel and includes sacramental anointing of the sick. Praise and worship music begins at 1:30 p.m. Intended for who are in need of physical, spiritual or emotional healing. For more information call the Pastoral Care Office a 941-3832.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL, NO. 4245

Parish members of The Star of the Sea Council of the Knights of Columbus will be greeting parishioners before and after all Masses on April 3rd & 4th 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 who are mentally challenged. Please support this worthwhile effort!

Readings for March 21, 2004

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Stewardship Reflections 4th Sunday of Lent

The Father gives us an abundance of gifts much like the prodigal son in today's parable. It is up to us to use our time, abilities, and finances wisely so as to not squander our eternal inheritance!

Liturgical Reflection...

Every faith community should make periodic opportunities for liturgical ministers to pray together and to receive continuing formation for their tasks. These occasions provide liturgical ministers with ongoing training in their particular role within the Eucharistic assembly. Also, such gatherings invite the improvement of the abilities of these ministers to better facilitate the liturgical celebration. Parish liturgy committees could plan to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer or Midday Prayer or Evening Prayer) with liturgical ministers. This prayer could perhaps be followed with an invitation to discuss and break open the Scripture readings of Sunday Mass. In addition, the parish liturgy committee could plan ongoing formation for all the different ministries at Mass.

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

As Catholics we are called to be "compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate." We need to stand with survivors of sexual abuse as they search for healing. We are called to abandon our judgments of victims and their families in

how they struggle to deal with their experience. We are commissioned through our Baptism to imitate the Jesus who welcomes all who seek his help into his healing embrace. All are invited to join together as a household of faith in praying for healing, peace 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, Huntington, on March 31 at Blessed Sacrament in Altoona and on April 1 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. Let us gather together in communal sorrow and seek healing, peace and sacramental reconciliation.

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

The Carmelite Community of the Word will sponsor the 2nd Annual Paschal Festival – "A Celebration of Saints" on April 23, 2004 beginning at 6 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall on Barron Ave. in Johnstown, Pa. The event includes a dinner, silent auction and a hilarious and energetic performance by Barbara Freeman an internationally famous story-teller. She will delight the audience with narratives and true legends of Christian saints and heroes and other stories to entertain and inspire. Reservations are required. Tickets are available for \$30/person through any CCW Sister or by calling Sr. Jane –684-3553 or Sr. Nancy 535-7118.

A workshop on story-telling techniques will be offered on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. –11:30 a.m. at St. Aloysius Parish Hall in Cresson, Pa. The presenter: Barbara Freeman has published numerous educational publications and audio video recordings as well as has conducted fun and informative in-service programs for educators, child-care providers and anyone interested in learning more about story-telling. Advance reservations are required. Registration forms may be obtained from the Carmelite Community of the Word (814 886-4098) or the Diocesan Education Office. Workshop is partially funded by IU8. Cost: \$2.00/person to defray cost of printing materials.

Families and the Gospel

March 21 Luke 15: 1-3,11-32
Some people complained that Jesus "welcomes and eats with sinners." Jesus is present with us each day even though our families are groups of sinners. Take advantage of the presence of Jesus at your table and "draw near and listen" to each other. Like the father in today's gospel, accept and celebrate each other.

FRESH AIR FUND

Volunteers Needed: Are you looking for a wonderful way to provide a service to children in need? The Fresh Air Fund needs families in the Altoona and Hollidaysburg areas to open their hearts and their homes to New York City children this summer. As a volunteer host family with the Fresh Air Fund, you will help a child enjoy the simple pleasures of a summer away from hot city streets. Call 1-800-367-0003 or visit www.freshair.org to volunteer.

Blessing for Travelers and Pilgrims

Holy God,
you led Abraham
out of the idolatry of his father's house
to a new land where you blessed him
with descendants as numerous as the stars.
You led your people out of slavery in Egypt
into the freedom of the promised land.

Bless your pilgrim people
on our lenten journey.
Give us courage for the journey,
compassion for our fellow travelers,
and faith to persevere
until we come at last
to the holy joy of Easter.

Help us to walk
in the footsteps of Christ
who shows us the way,
now and forever. Amen.



The Fourth Week of Lent

Sunday, March 21, 2004

LIVING WATER KEEPS MOVING

Living things are always moving. A telescope reveals the movement of the planets and a microscope shows the miraculous movement of minute organisms. Fear of change, resistance to growth, the shock of trauma can make us want to stop time and stand still, but living beings can't stand still. If we aren't growing, we're disintegrating. If we aren't moving forward, we're falling backward. This Lent we need to ask ourselves, what will help me move forward in my life as a Christian?

Pilgrimage is symbolic of our human journey toward God. Jesus himself went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover (Luke 2:40–50) and during his public ministry (John 2:13–24, 6:4, 19:42). Since the first century, Christians have gone on pilgrimages, journeying to the tombs of martyrs. In the fourth century, pilgrims began retracing the steps of Christ's passion in the Holy Land. Those who couldn't travel such distances began using the Stations of the Cross in their home churches to journey deeper into their faith. In recent times, the medieval practice of using labyrinths to make an interior pilgrimage has gained popularity.

As Christians, we can't let ourselves stagnate. Still water becomes stale and muddied. Like streams of clear, living water, we need to keep moving. Our faith must be ever renewed. A pilgrimage can renew our faith as we encounter Christ in the holy places we visit but also in the holy men and women who make the journey with us. This Lent, make plans to journey to a holy place (a church, a shrine) or make the Stations of the Cross. Choose companions for your journey, saying a prayer of blessing together before you begin.

This Week at Home

Monday, March 22

SPRING CLEANING

Mothers who are about to give birth begin nesting, making the home a welcoming place. Spring inspires the same impulse. Windows are washed, floors scrubbed, and clutter cleared away. Pay special attention to the receptacles for fire and water, Easter symbols of Christ. Polish candlesticks, clean the fire place, clean a container for holy water. Get ready to welcome our risen Lord.

Tuesday, March 23

LENTEN FISH

Fish is often eaten during Lent, especially on Fridays when we abstain from meat. The Greek word for fish, *ichthus*, was understood as an acronym for the Greek words for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." Fish thus became a symbol for Christ. This is a traditional Filipino recipe, *escabeche*. Clean and dry a 2 lb. fish (red snapper or bass are good). Sprinkle with salt, coat with flour, and fry in butter and oil (about ¼ cup), turning so that fish browns on both sides. Sauté 1 thinly sliced medium onion until translucent, add 2 cloves minced garlic, ½ cup sliced green pepper, and ½ cup sliced red pepper. Stir in 1 Tbs. flour until well mixed. Add 1 cup water, ½ cup rice wine, 1 Tbs. rice vinegar, 1 Tbs. sugar, 2 Tbs. soy sauce, and ½ tsp. powdered ginger. Bring to a boil, return fish to skillet and simmer 8 minutes or until fish flakes with fork. Sprinkle with chopped green onions and fresh ginger.

Wednesday, March 24

COMFORTING WORDS

Ever feel frustrated when you pray? Clement of Alexandria writes, "Even if we speak with a low voice, even if we whisper without opening the lips, even if we call to him only from the depths of the heart, our unspoken word always reaches God, and God always hears."

Thursday, March 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the glorious moment when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive by the Holy Spirit and bear our Savior (Luke 1:26–38). Read this beautiful passage for family

prayers, lighting a candle before a statue or picture of Mary. Pray Mary's response, the Magnificat. Or listen to a recording of one of the many beautiful musical settings of this prayer.

Friday, March 26

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We pray this devotion to walk with Jesus through the last hours of his life, to stand with him in his passion and at his death. As Christians, we understand that to be baptized is to die with Christ in order to rise in him. As we pray the stations we not only join Jesus on his journey, but we enter more deeply into our own. Pray the stations at church or make pictures you can set up around the house to pray the stations at home. Before each station pray, "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

Saturday, March 27

LENTEN VEIL

Isaiah prophesied that on the day God swallows up death forever, the veil between God and humans will be removed (Isaiah 25:6–10). In ancient times, a cloth hid the altar from view during Lent, coming down on Easter eve. In the Middle Ages, the cross was veiled. The custom of veiling crosses and statues during the latter part of Lent was widely practiced until the 1960s, and was more recently reintroduced in some places. Families can cover a cross, statues, or pictures of saints, unveiling them after the Easter Vigil.

