

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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
	1:00-3:00 PM	RETREAT GRADE 3
Mon. March 29	6:00 PM	Basket Bingo
Tues March 30	6:10 PM	Bingo
	7:00 PM	Liturgical Minister Sessions
Wed March 31	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thur April 1	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Council
Fri April 2	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sat April 3	9:00-11:00 AM	RETREAT GRADE 2
Sun April 4	Palm Sunday	
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 29

8:30 a.m. †Fritz & Mary Werkmeister (Family)

Tuesday, March 30

8:30 a.m. †Helen Landis (Erma Kauffman-Care Giver)

Wednesday, March 31

8:30 a.m. †Eva Eder Bettwy (Gene & Vi Bettwy)

Thursday, April 1

8:30 a.m. †Gerald Wustrow (Family)

Friday, April 2

8:30 a.m. †Albert & Paula Schoch (Paul & Mary Engelman)

Saturday, April 3

8:30 a.m. †Anna Ronan (Diane Ronan)

5:30 p.m. †Nicholas Fiore (Wife, Juliet)

Sunday, April 4 Palm Sunday

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

8:15 a.m. †Mary E. Fiore (Bob & Lucia Donnelly)

10:30 a.m. †Dorothy Skupien (Family)

12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – March 20-21, 2004

Regular	\$ 6491.50	Christmas	\$ 128.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 244.00	Rose	\$ 142.86
Bishop's Relief	\$ 326.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 142.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 15.00		
	\$	Total	\$ 7489.86

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

April 4	5:30 p.m.	Jim & Bea Shoenfelt
April 5	7:00 a.m.	Bob & Mary Ann Fox
	8:15 a.m.	Pat & Kim Irwin
	10:30 a.m.	Mary Lou Moffitt & Ron Skupien
	12 Noon	Ron & Mariann Eberhart

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK MARCH 29-APRIL 4, 2004

Altar Servers for the weekdays of March 29-April 3, 2004

8:30 a.m. Mon. Anthony Zelnosky

8:30 a.m. Tues Johnny Brown

8:30 a.m. Wed Taylor Villani

8:30 a.m. Thurs. Billy Beard

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross: Lucas Glass, Tim Link, Jamie Novack

8:30 a.m. Sat. Tim Link, Max Sheedy

Altar Servers for April 3-4, 2004

5:30 p.m. Joe McDermott, Johnny Brown, Nate Sanders

7:00 a.m. Julie Fox

8:15 a.m. Marissa Previte, Jamie Novack, Holly Mercer

10:30 a.m. Anthony Zelnosky, Nicole Altiero, Evan Fraundorfer

12 Noon Tonya Lee, Matthew Eberhart, Amerisa Watson

Eucharistic Ministers for April 3-4, 2004

5:30 p.m. S. Baker, B. Shoenfelt, M. Tillard, J. Shoenfelt

7:00 a.m. R., Skupien, Cindy Sharbaugh, L. Altiero

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

10:30 a.m. D. Ratchford, D. Ratchford, T. Goss, K. Mrdjenovich, B. Spinazzola

12 Noon D. Watson, R. Fiore, D. Shrift

Lectors for April 3-4, 2004

5:30 p.m. Joseph Maschue, Frances Hesser

7:00 a.m. John Kenny

8:15 a.m. Tom Irwin III, Frank Fochler

10:30 a.m. Pat Condrin, Chris Mingyar

12 Noon Jim Lane

FROM OUR PASTOR

PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION Cathedral ~ Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 P.M.; Our Lady of Fatima, Thursday, April 1, 5:30 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. 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.

HOLY THURSDAY ALMSGIVING Holy Thursday, the Day of the Lord's Supper, is also our special 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 28, in the school reading room, at 3:00 P.M. This session will help returning Catholics learn how they may return to the church. Our friendly Come Home Team assures even the shy, and 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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Please see and prominently post today's bulletin insert that shows our Holy Week schedule.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

The students in grades 2 through 8 will take the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills this week.

Congratulations to the following students for their winning entries in the Catholic Daughters of America Education Contest: Elizabeth Hughes – first place Art, Cullen Kirkpatrick and Loretta Bobetich – third place Art, Megan Mignogna – honorable mention Art, Joe Britz and Anthony Zelnosky – honorable mention Computer Art, Kyra Evans – second place Poetry

Congratulations, also, to our two teams for placing second in the regional diocesan "Power Point" competition. The team members are: Julie Fox, Lerin Fultz, Stephanie Glass, Jessica Long, Nicole Wills, and Toni Watt.

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

Thank you to Frank and Nancy Benfatta for their donation to the school library in memory of Mary Irwin.

TARGET'S "TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION"

If you apply for a Target credit card at any Target store, please ask to have St. Rose of Lima School designated as your "school of choice", and they will donate a percentage of your purchases to our school. Thanks for your support!

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: Bon-Secours: Alfred Angstenberger
Health South : Evelyn DeBuon

CANDLES: For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by The Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Joyce & Toby Kjarsgaard, For Those Suffering From Drug Addiction, Health of Vera Biel by Rose Messersmith, Mary Delozier by Ann Horomanski, Cheryl Moore & Helen Sanders by Lou & Marian Fanelli.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of William Kenneth Osmolenski and James Webb whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week.

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

Retreat for Grade 2 will be held on April 3 from 9:00-11:00 a.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

The Adult Enrichment Committee of the parish invites you to join us for our final two classes before Easter. On Sunday, March 28, 2004 we will discuss "How can the weekly Mass readings relate to our everyday lives?" and on April 4, 2004 there will be a discussion of the Easter Triduum. Classes are held in the reading room in the school, 9:15 to 10:15.

Christian Mothers News

Easter Flowers for Shut-ins will be delivered this week-end. Christian Mothers are asked to pick up the flowers in the Library. We would appreciate volunteers to help deliver these flowers.

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.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE."

"Catholics are called to be a community of conscience within the larger society and to test public life by the moral wisdom anchored in Scripture and consistent with the best of our nation's founding ideals. Our moral framework does not easily fit the categories of right or left, Democrat or Republican. Our responsibility is to measure every party and platform by how its agenda touches human life and dignity." (Administrative Board, US Bishops, Faithful Citizenship, 1999, p.8)

www.priestsforlife.org

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.

Bishop Guilfoyle High School Drama Club will present the musical comedy "Unhappily Ever After" in the school auditorium/gymnasium on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. and on April 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the school office weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

.BG Fact: Two-thirds of the families of Bishop Guilfoyle High School received financial aid from the diocese and alumni scholarships this year.

TRIP TO ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION CHURCH AT HART'S SLEEPING PLACE

Fr. Spishak and the Adult Enrichment Committee of the parish invite you to join us for an outing to Hart's Sleeping Place. Hart's Sleeping place is named for the trader, John Hart, who traveled the Kittanning Path in the 1700's, sleeping in a hollow tree which stood there. It is said that when there was likely trouble from unfriendly Indians passing through, that the friendly Indians would stick a red tomahawk in the tree, thereby warning Hart and he should sleep elsewhere until it was safe. The tree is long gone, and today there is a monument standing where the tree stood 2 centuries ago. In 1830, St. Joseph's Mission Church was built on that site and was blessed in October of that year by the Prince-Priest of the Alleghenies, Demetrius Gallitzin. This tiny old log church served as the cradle of Catholicism in Northern Cambria County and Prince Gallitzin often celebrated Mass there. The church is now maintained by the diocese and is one of Cambria County's notable historic landmarks. Standing alone in the countryside, it is surrounded by graves of early settlers.

Although the church is open to the public only on very special occasions. Fr. Spishak has obtained permission to take a group of people and celebrate Mass in this holy site where Prince Gallitzin celebrated Mass. After Mass, Fr. Spishak will give a short talk on the history of the place, and sandwiches and beverages will be served.

Date for the Mass at St. Joseph's Mission Church is April 27, 2004. We will meet in the parking lots between Kopp's Drug and Bennigan's at 5:15 p.m. and will then car pool to the church. Reservations are limited to 50 people. Call Leona at the Rectory (944-8509). No charge for this pilgrimage.

St. Vincent DePaul Conference would like to thank everyone who supported their Sandwich Sale. With your support we were able to help families with their heating supplies and others with food, etc. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 14, at which time we will be filling Banana Boxes for the people in Honduras. We are still in need of light clothing for children and personal items, toothpaste, combs, etc. If you have any of these items, please drop them off by April 13, and put them in the bin in the Church entrance.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS – Benefits Kittanning Trail Vol. Fire Dept. will be served on Fridays during Lent. April 2nd is the last one. Dinners will be served from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Adults: \$7.00 – Children: \$3.50

Located on Poland & Edison Avenues, Altoona near Ebner Elementary. Baked or Fried Haddock, Macaroni & Cheese or French Fried, Apple Sauce, Cole Slaw or Stewed Tomatoes, Roll and Dessert.

Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, Pa. will have Spring Open House on Saturday, April 25 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and on Friday, July 23 with a Summer-Picnic Open House. For more information call 888-823-2220 or www.mtaloy.edu

Families and the Gospel

March 28

John 8:1-11

Stoning a person still happens but now we use the vicious stones of ridicule and criticism. "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Today Jesus asks us to stop the verbal stoning in our families.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS...5th Sunday of Lent

Christian stewards and disciples practice improving upon their thoughts, words, and actions to proclaim their belief that Jesus Christ is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)

Liturgical Reflections...

The words and actions of the Liturgy give verbal and physical expression to the mystery celebrated at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Liturgical ministers, like all gathered for Mass, must be conscious of the sacred words and actions called for at the Sacred Liturgy. When speaking or singing, liturgical ministers use a strong, clear voice and strive for a measured delivery. By reverent posture, gesture, and movement, liturgical ministers reinforce the words of the Liturgy and help to facilitate the response of the faithful. When not performing particular duties, liturgical ministers join with the rest of the assembly in their actions and responses. At these times they listen, respond, and sing with all present and so continue to contribute to the worship of the whole body.

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2004

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

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Lk 22:14--23:56

Preparing for the Pasch: O Pasch, sanctify all believers

Reconciliation Services

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	March 31	6:30 PM
Our Lady of Fatima	Thursday	April 1	5:30 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes	Friday	April 2	5:30 PM
St. Mary's Hollidaysburg	Sunday	April 4	5:00 PM

Palms Announce the King of Glory

Palm Sunday, April 4

Solemn Procession from the Maria Parish Center 10:30 AM

Triduum: The Three Holiest Days

Holy Thursday, April 8

The Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Solemn Procession to the Maria Parish Center
for Adoration following Mass until Midnight
Night Prayer 11:45 PM

Good Friday, April 9

Morning Prayer (Maria Parish Center) 8:30 AM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Communion Noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Communion 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil, April 10

Morning Prayer (Maria Parish Center) 8:30 AM

Blessing of Easter Table Food (Maria Parish Center) Noon

Easter's Fire, Readings, Baptism Renewal, Eucharist
All begins at the Walk of Faith 8:30 PM

Easter Day

Easter Sunday, April 11

Sunday of the Pasch: Masses 7:00, 8:15, 10:30, and Noon

When Placing Palms in the Home

Holy God,
let these palm branches
remind us of your victory
over sin and death.
We ask you to conquer our sinfulness
and bring us to eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When Exchanging Palm Branches

Holy God,
we exchange these palm branches,
asking the forgiveness
of all whom we have harmed.
Prepare us to enter into
the mysteries of Holy Week
by reconciling us to one
another
and to you, our God,
through your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Fifth Week of Lent

Sunday, March 28, 2004

A WEEK FOR CLEANING HEART AND HOME

This week we prepare our homes and hearts for Holy Week by cleaning house, a tradition based on the Jewish Passover custom of cleaning out all the leavened foods from the home. Most of us will want to do some interior house cleaning as well by making an examination of conscience, participating in the sacrament of reconciliation, and making peace with anyone whom we have injured.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The Palm Sunday liturgy is one of stark contrasts. We begin by commemorating Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, waving palm branches and singing Hosanna. The people of Jerusalem expected a king who would bring them a human victory. The exultant crowd that acclaims Jesus will curse him a few days later. The mood of the liturgy changes as we hear the reading of the passion. We are challenged to ask ourselves, "What do I expect of Jesus?"

The palms blessed are symbols of triumph, but a far greater triumph than the people of Jerusalem could have imagined. They represent Christ's victory over death and will be burned later to make the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday services. We return home from next week's liturgy in solemn silence to place the blessed palms behind our crucifix or in our place of prayer as a sign of our faith in Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death. Use the prayer on this page when placing palms in your home next Sunday.

It is an Italian tradition to give bouquets of palms as a peace offering to anyone with whom you have quarreled during the year. (Some of us will need a lot of palms for this.) If you wish to adopt this practice in your family, try exchanging palms before your family meal next Sunday, saying the prayer on this page.

This Week at Home

Monday, March 29

BREAKING EGGS

Cascarones are a delightful Hispanic Easter custom, more sport than decoration. Begin with raw eggs. Carefully make a ½-inch hole in narrow end of shell and remove the insides (you may need to make a pinhole on the wide end and blow through it to remove the inside). Soak the shells in soapy water, rinse, and air dry. Decorate on Holy Saturday with egg dye or glitter, being careful not to break them. Fill half full with confetti. Seal by gluing colored tissue over hole. On Easter, *cascarones* are gleefully broken on someone's head! Ideally, this is done outside, at an Easter egg hunt or picnic.

Tuesday, March 30

CHRIST CANDLE

At the Easter Vigil, the paschal candle is lit as a symbol of Christ. Many families make or purchase a special candle to be lit for the first time after the Easter Vigil and used during the Easter season for family meals and prayers. Purchase a candle-making kit at a craft store (beeswax is traditional) or order a special candle from Sheep Ranch, a Catholic Worker Farm, to help support their work with disabled adults and AIDS patients. Write to them at Box 53, Sheep Ranch, CA 95250.

Wednesday, March 31

RECONCILIATION

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that "everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin." He promises, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-33). Our lenten observance helps us to face the truth about ourselves, awakening sorrow for our sins, and increasing our desire for freedom from selfishness, anger, and indifference. Needing to mend our ways and heal our relationships, we seek the forgiveness of loved ones we have harmed, by apologizing and making amends. Many Catholics make a practice of going to confession during Lent.

Thursday, April 1

EASTER DECORATIONS

It is not too soon to begin preparing decorations (decorating eggs and pots of lilies), although they

should be kept out of sight (on the back porch perhaps) until Easter eve. A German tradition, adopted by many families, is to prepare an "Easter tree" on which hollow, decorated eggs are hung. A large branch, dried and spray-painted white, in a pot of sand or dirt makes a good tree that can be used year after year. Children can decorate the branches with glitter. Or use a tall branch of an early flowering tree or bush such as forsythia or cherry.

Friday, April 2

GROWING PAINS

In today's reading, the prophet Jeremiah laments, "O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous." A friend, struggling simultaneously with serious family illness and car trouble, confided, "They say God never gives you more than you can handle. If that's true, God must have a pretty high opinion of me!" Often, it is not only the challenges we choose to take on, but also the unexpected trials which help us grow. What growth opportunities has God given us this Lent?

Saturday, April 3

LAZARUS SATURDAY

Today parishes celebrating the scrutinies with those preparing for baptism will read the gospel of the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44). It was news of this miracle that resulted in the triumphant welcome Christ was given on his entry into Jerusalem only days before his crucifixion. In Greece, Yugoslavia, and Russia, children go from house to house ringing bells and singing about the miraculous raising of Lazarus. In Cyprus, children enact the dramatic story, and buns twisted like a man in a sheet are served. In Russia, pussy willows are placed before home icons. This is a good day to read (or act out) the story of Lazarus. Cut pussy willows, symbol of new life, to put in your home altar or place of prayer.

