



WE LOVE
BECAUSE
HE FIRST LOVED US.

1 JOHN 4:19

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 4	PALM SUNDAY	
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf
Tues April 6	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed April 7	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs April 8	7:00 PM	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
Fri April 9	12 Noon	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Communion
	7:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Communion
Sat April 10	8:30 PM	EASTER VIGIL
Sun April 11	EASTER SUNDAY	
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 5 Monday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. †Jackie Fabian (*Father*)

Tuesday, April 6 Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. †Mary A. Maniglia (*Husband Angelo & Daughters*)

Wednesday, April 7 Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. †Mary Grace Goss (*Gene & Barbara Stoltz*)

Thursday, April 8 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. †Mary Louise Hallinan (*Helen McDowell*)

Friday, April 9 GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 Noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 10 HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 p.m. †Robert Reilly (*Wife & Children*)

Sunday, April 11 EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. †Health of Erin Weaver (*Second Grade CCD*)
8:15 a.m. †Nicholas Orsena (*McLaughlin Family*)
10:30 a.m. †Frank & Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)
12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – March 27-28, 2004

Regular	\$ 7612.35	Christmas	\$ 105.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 148.00	Rose	\$ 167.90
Bishop's Relief	\$ 97.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 302.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 20.00	Holy Thursday	\$ 1.00
Candles	\$ 20.00	Good Friday	\$ 3.00
Easter	\$ 55.00	Peru	\$ 10.00
	\$	Total	\$ 8541.75

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

April 10	8:30 p.m.	Volunteers
April 11	7:00 a.m.	Ray & Kate Kline
	8:15 a.m.	Orsena Family
	10:30 a.m.	Mary Lou Moffitt
	12 Noon	Ushers Pick

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK APRIL 5-11, 2004

Altar Servers for the weekdays of April 5-7, 2004

8:30 a.m. Mon. Justin Bimle
8:30 a.m. Tues Eugene Ehredt
8:30 a.m. Wed Megan Mignogna

HOLY THURSDAY, April 8, 2004

7:00 p.m. Erica Wiley, Justine Shultz, Joel Bobetich

GOOD FRIDAY, April 9, 2004

12 Noon Jared Bimle, Steven Bettwy, Justin Bimle

7:00 p.m. Joshua Shultz, Molly McCall, Jonathan Smith

EASTER VIGIL, April 10, 2004

8:30 p.m. Loretta Bobetich, Steven Bettwy, Jared Bimle, David Horvath

EASTER SUNDAY, April 11, 2004

7:00 a.m. Maggie McCreery, Julie Fox

8:15 a.m. Kaitlyn Lersch, Marissa Previte, Jamie Novack

10:30 a.m. Elliot Haney, Nicole Altiero, Justin Bimle

12 Noon Taylor Villani, Eugene Ehredt, Tonya Lee

HOLY THURSDAY, April 8, 2004

7:00 p.m. Readers: Dave Karl, Ray Kline

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Engelman, P. Engelman, D. Housum, C. Housum, J. Brown

GOOD FRIDAY, April 9, 2004

12 Noon p.m. Readers: Ken Haney, Frances Hesser

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Stoltz, K. Zelnosky, R. Skupien

7:00 p.m. Readers: Michael Nazaruk, Jim Klueg

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Smith, J. Frena, M. Wiley

EASTER VIGIL, April 10, 2004

8:30 p.m. Readers: Kathy Ansman, Linda Wolf, Vi. Bettwy, Dave Karl, Chuck Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Bartley, A. Ansman, G. Bettwy

EASTER SUNDAY, April 11, 2004

7:00 a.m. Readers: Robert Fox

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Altiero, L. Altiero, J. Wustrow

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

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Engelman, S. Askey, R. Novack, P. Engelman, D. Smith

10:30 a.m. Readers: Ken Haney, Todd Cammarata

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Spinazzola, T. Heiss, K. Mrdjenovich, T. Goss, K. McGraw

12 Noon: Readers: Denise Watson

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Eberhardt, C. Anslinger, R. Skupien

FROM OUR PASTOR

PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg ~ Sunday, April 4, 5:00 P.M. is the last area communal penance service for Lent. The final pre-Easter times for individual celebration of reconciliation at St. Rose are following morning Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week. We are a pilgrim people in need of forgiveness and that as a community we celebrate God's saving grace.

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.

LORD'S SUPPER BROUGHT TO HOMES Following the Holy Thursday liturgy Eucharistic ministers will carry Holy Communion to homebound members of our parish family. If you know of a parishioner who is or are yourself homebound and no one is bringing you Holy Communion, call the rectory today to get on the First Friday communion call list.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

Correction from last week's bulletin: Ashley Mignogna's name was omitted from the list of winners in the Catholic Daughters of America education contest. Ashley received first place in the Art category and Elizabeth Hughes received first place in the Poster category.

The students will be dismissed at 11:45 on Wednesday, April 7th for Easter break. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 13th.

On April 6th at 1:00 pm in the Maria Parish Center, the seventh grade class will present *The Passion Prayer* as they recreate in silhouette form the Good Friday Gospel reading from John. Come; pray with us, and bring a friend.

We are continuing to accept registrations for **PRE K 3** and **PRE K 4** for the 2004-2005 school year. Please call the school office for information (942-7835).

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.

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: Colletta Lardieri, Helen Sanders

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

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 class before Easter 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.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE."

"The Gospel of Life must be proclaimed, and human life defended, in all places and all times. The arena for moral responsibility included not only the halls of government, but the voting booth as well. Laws that permit abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are profoundly unjust, and we should work peacefully and tirelessly to oppose and change them. Because they are unjust they cannot bind citizens in conscience, be supported, acquiesced in, or recognized as valid." (WU Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n.33)

Readings for April 4-11, 2004

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

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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. 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.

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

Presented by Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life will be held on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maria Parish Center. Admission: \$5.00. For tickets contact: Ann Zelnosky 942-2723 or Ron Skupien 942-0814. Fr. Pavone is a widely requested speaker who has traveled to every state and five continents, working with clergy and pro-life groups.

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.

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.

This show is a musical and features several exciting dance scenes choreographed by the students themselves. The performance is a parody of many children's fairy tales and features many members of St. Rose of Lima Parish - Chelsea Skidd, Jill Heiss, Mike Pehinec, and Anna Shrift.

Bishop Guilfoyle High School is a diocesan Catholic High School located at 2400 Pleasant Valley Blvd. in Altoona. Further information about the performance can be obtained by calling the school office at 944-4014.

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

St. Vincent DePaul Conference will meet on 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.

BETHANY RETREAT CENTER

Holy Week Triduum - April 8-11, 2004

Holy Thursday:

6:00 p.m. Seder Meal

7:30 p.m. Liturgy

10:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Good Friday:

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Stations

2:00 p.m. Liturgy

Holy Saturday:

9:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Participants may attend any or all the services. Please register for the Seder meal. Call 263-4855 for more information.

Liturgical Reflection... The Diocese will gather to celebrate with our Bishop the annual Chrism Mass this Monday, April 5 at 11:00 a.m. in the Altoona Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Oils are a traditional symbol in Catholic worship. Oil is a sign of strength and healing. Consecrated oils are used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. Each faith community will take these oils back to the parish for the celebration of these Sacraments throughout the year. Bishop will gather with his college of priests, and celebrate our unity in the High Priest, Jesus Christ. The entire diocesan household is invited to participate in this Mass

Families and the Gospel

April 4

Luke 22:14-23:56

At each mass the words, "This is my body which is given for you" challenge married couples to renew their vows of selfless giving (our body and blood) for each other. The generosity of Christ at the Last Supper continues today when couples daily lay down their lives for one another

Liturgical Reflection... Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. This is the beginning of Holy Week. The purpose of this most sacred week is the remembrance of Christ's passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. Christians take blessed palms and remember the Lord's glorious entrance into the holy city. Today the Church proclaims Luke's story of the passion of Christ. Take your blessed palm and hold tightly; the Savior is entering the holy city of our salvation where He will suffer and die for us. Take the palm home with you and place it somewhere visible to remind you throughout the year of this triumphant entry into suffering and death and, ultimately, resurrection

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 p.m. 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 St. Nancy 535-7118.

A workshop on story-telling techniques will be offered on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 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 (824-886-4098) or the Diocesan Education Office. Workshop is partially funded by !US. Cost: \$2.00/person to defray cost of printing materials.

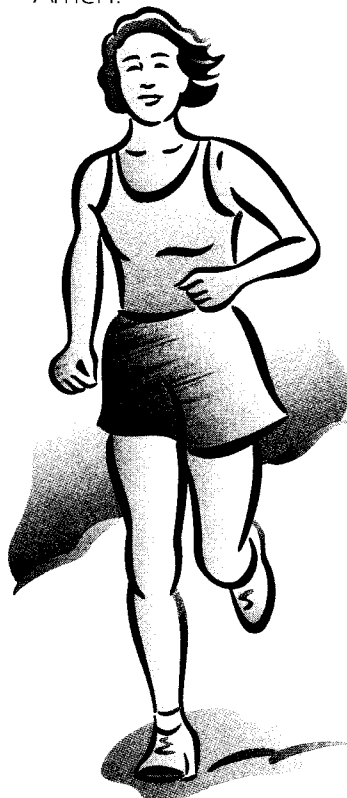
ARE YOU JUST TREADING WATER IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Jump right in and go deeper on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Attend the upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** this summer in Altoona. Register early! 1-800-882-5024.

Blessing on Entering into the Paschal Triduum

Holy God,
we thank you for bringing us
to this holy week.
Open our hearts and minds
to receive the fullness of your love.

In the washing of the feet
teach us the importance
of humility and service.
In our veneration of the cross
help us to embrace
the necessity of sacrifice.
May we know the rebirth of baptism
and the fullness of eternal life.
As we celebrate
the feast of Easter
give us voice to sing
the eternal song of praise,
through Jesus Christ,
the risen Lord,
who lives now and forever.
Amen.



Holy Week

Sunday, April 4, 2004

RUNNING THE GOOD RACE

Last year, a friend of mine ran his first marathon. Vicariously, I shared his exhausting struggle to train, his perseverance in the face of discouragement, aching muscles, setbacks, and finally, with tears in my eyes, I shared his victory. After the marathon, my friend told me that the experience had changed him. He learned that he was capable of more than he had realized.

As we prepare for Holy Week, I remember my friend and wonder if I have trained this Lent with as much commitment and perseverance. Am I ready for this marathon week? Ready or not, it is here. Saint Paul tells us that we should run to receive the prize of eternal life: "Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we [do it for] an imperishable one" (1 Corinthians 9:25). We celebrate a victory this week. However great our efforts are throughout the days of Lent, the victory will be Christ's. Yet we are privileged to share in his struggle, his passion and pain, and, yes, in his final victory.

The Dominican theologian Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange writes that too many people take as a rule of conduct not the goodness of Christ, "which would demand too great effort, . . . but the lesser evil. They follow the current according to the law of the least effort. . . . Instead of helping others to reascend they assist them in descending, trying only to moderate the fall" (*The Three Ages of the Interior Life, Vol. I*, Tan Books, 1989, 189). This week, let us strive not for a perishable wreath, a human victory, or, God forbid, the lesser evil. Let us call on every gift, every grace, every shred of virtue we possess to realize our potential as Christians. Let us be able to say, at the end of Holy Week, "I've changed, thank God. I didn't know I had it in me!"

This Week at Home

Monday, April 5

COME AS A CHILD

Jesus says to us, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it" (Mark 10:15). Sofia Cavalletti writes, "The child is satisfied only with the great and essential things. The child's interior life is deeply serious and without trappings" (*The Religious Potential of the Child*, Liturgy Training Publications). Now we must clear away the clutter, physical and mental, and prepare to enter these holy days with childlike trust, openness, and simplicity.

Tuesday, April 6

HOT CROSS BUNS

These are eaten for Good Friday breakfast in England. To make, stir 1 package of yeast into 1 cup luke-warm water and set aside. In a large mixing bowl place 2 Tbs. each sugar, oil, and mixed dried fruit; add a pinch of salt and 2 cups flour. Add yeast mixture; blend. Allow dough to rise, covered, until double in size (about 1 hour). Pat dough into 8 buns. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Slice cross into the top of each. Set on greased cookie sheet, cover, and allow to rise again for 1 hour. Bake at 400° for about 16 minutes.

Wednesday, April 7

PASCHAL MEAL

Some Christians celebrate a paschal meal on this day, intended not so much to replicate the Jewish festival of Passover as to celebrate the important connection between the Passover seder and our eucharist. Serve matzo (unleavened bread) and grape juice. Read the stories of the exodus and the last supper. To learn more, consult Deborah Levine's *Teaching Christian Children about Judaism*, Liturgy Training Publications, 1995.

Holy Thursday, April 8

DOMESTIC CHURCH

The Triduum (meaning three days) begins with the liturgy of Holy Thursday evening and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Christ gives himself to us in his example of service, washing the feet of his disciples, and in the eucharist that feeds us. Celebrate the connection between the church and

the "domestic church," our homes, by making your family meal special today. Follow Christ's example and let everyone serve in some way (by cooking, cleaning, setting the table).

Good Friday, April 9

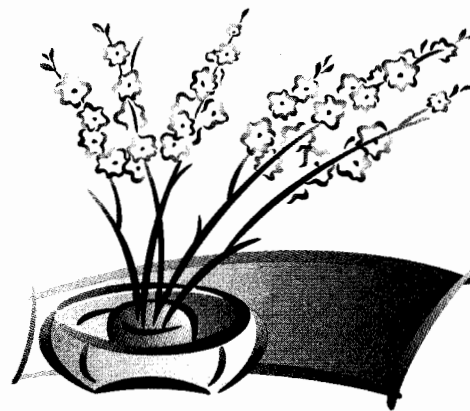
HOPE OF CHRISTIANS

As we commemorate the death of our Savior, we come together to listen to the words of scripture, to pray, and to venerate the cross with a loving touch and kiss. We fast from foods that would fill us and sounds that would distract us, turning off pagers, televisions, radios, and cell phones. After church services, venerate your family cross using this tenth-century African hymn: "The cross is the hope of Christians / the cross is the resurrection of the dead / . . . the cross is the staff of the lame / the cross is the guide of the blind / the cross is the strength of the weak / the cross is the doctor of the sick / . . . the cross is the water of the seeds / . . . the cross is the cloth of the naked. We thank you, Father, for the cross."

Holy Saturday, April 10

PREPARING FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

Everyone needs one new thing, preferably white, to wear as a reminder of the baptismal garment. It doesn't need to be expensive; new hair ribbons or a new tie will do. Bring a candle in a tall jar to carry home the Easter fire and a bottle with a tight lid for holy water. The candle can be lit at meal or prayer time throughout the Easter season. The water is saved for blessings on birthdays or during illness. Break your fast with the traditional Easter breads, eggs, milk, and honey (a reminder that we are entering the promised land of eternal life).



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