

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

If you are unable to make a financial gift, please return your pledge card indicating that; we will see that you do not receive a second request.

**APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY** By mailing and by personal interview, parishioners are revisiting their beginnings and life-giving experience arising for our parish. They also are discovering the valued aspects, impact, essential spirit and life-giving images for the future of St. Rose. Ambitious, invigorating describes our appreciative inquiry experience. Many parishioners are giving well-spent time responding to six discovery questions. If you would like to join in our appreciative inquiry, return – through the offering basket or drop off at the rectory – your appreciative inquiry answers. Members of the appreciative Inquiry group will, if you prefer, meet with you. Call the rectory to arrange for a group member's visit. Your responses ought to be returned by May 17 to assure their inclusion in Morning of Appreciation Workshop, May 22, 9:30 to noon.

The appreciative inquiry questions are available on both the church window sills, the foyer's main table and our parish website: [www.stroselima.com](http://www.stroselima.com). Thank you for your participation

### ST ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

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).

Openings are available in grades 1 through 8 for 2004-2005. Please call the school office for information (942-7835).

The seventh and eighth graders will present the play, **PETER PAN**, on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Maria Parish Center

### 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.

**The Athletic Awards program for all students in grades 4 through 8 will be held on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> beginning with a Mass at 5:30 p.m. and the awards program immediately following in the Parish Center. All athletes and coaches are encouraged to attend.**

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 2004

Trevor N. Baker	Daniel R. Maier
John M. Berger	Alexandria Maniglia
Caitlin Berkheimer	Andrew Matzik
Jessica Boslet	Rachel McCloskey
Rebecca Bosak	Kristian Mirenda
Jamey Brumbaugh	Alexis Mirenda
Emily Brzana	Jude M. Myers
Mackenzie Conrad	Kathryn R. Nazaruk
Lauren Cossitor	Rose Pennington
Jordan Dambeck	Damon Rickens
Afton M. Dunkle	Jessica L. Sanders
Matthew Eiman	Connor Schmitt
Kathryn Elder	Alexandra Sheedy
Jacob Foose	Corey Simpson
Sarah G. Goss	Chloe E. Skarada

John Johnston  
Michael J. Kavalets  
Broc Kennedy  
Heather Lee  
Francis Macharola

Kyler Spochart  
Failon M. Sweeney  
Brendan E. Trybus  
Nicholas S. Villani  
Isabella Walstrom  
Maura Wilkinson

### WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Health South: Madelyn Garlena

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

### ANNUAL MAY CROWNING

Monday- May 3 following the 7:00 p.m. Mass, all children in the First Holy Communion Class are invited and encouraged to participate in this beautiful tribute to Mary. They will wear their First Communion outfits. Anyone who has garden flowers please bring them to the church on Monday. A container will be in the foyer to place them in.

### MAY HE REST IN PEACE

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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mr. Derek Fairman, our seminarian, will be presenting two comprehensive classes, May 2 & May 16, 2004 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on the Liturgy of the Hours, in the school reading room. Please plan to join us for this in depth look at this beautiful and spirit-filled devotion.

**BRICKS-** All Brick orders of last Fall are now in the "Walk of Faith". Now is the time to order for Spring 2004. Order forms are in the gathering area of the church with complete instructions.

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

**Offertory Gifts** – We are looking for families to take up the Offertory Gifts at Mass. If you are interested, please call Mary Ann Fox 944-0681.

The Rosary will be recited before all week-end Masses during the month of May, except the 8:15 Mass.

### Readings for the Week of April 25, 2004

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19  
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

### THANK YOU

"The St. Rose of Lima Pro-Life Committee extends a sincere "thank you" to all parishioners who helped to make the program with Father Frank Pavone a success. Whether you baked cookies, decorated the stage, sold a ticket or merely attended; your participation was deeply appreciated."

### "IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

With the challenges of abortion, and now human cloning and embryonic stem cell research, in front of us, the fight for life is an important today as it ever has been. LifeNews.com helps you stay informed about life issues and gives you the tools to get involved. Visit our web site at [www.LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com) for the latest pro-life news or email us at [news@LifeNews.com](mailto:news@LifeNews.com) for a free daily or weekly news update via email.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun May 2** Fourth Sunday of Easter  
 12:00 Noon First Holy Communion  
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9  
 10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf

**Mon May 3** 7:00 PM Mass & May Crowning

**Tues May 4** 6:10 PM Bingo

**Wed May 5** 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary

**Thurs May 6** 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

**Fri May 7** 6:10 PM Bingo

**Sun May 9** Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9  
 10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, May 3 SS. Philip & James**

8:30 a.m. †Mary Grace Goss (*Gene & Barbara Stoltz*)  
 7:00 p.m. †James Webb (*Ralph & Dolores Fabbri*)

**Tuesday, May 4**

8:30 a.m. †Viola Fliegerbauer (*Szymusiak Family*)

**Wednesday, May 5**

8:30 a.m. †Thomas Marshall (*Martha Leskowitz*)

**Thursday, May 6**

8:30 a.m. †Nicholas J. Fiore (*John & Lillian Cichetta*)

**Friday, May 7**

8:30 a.m. †Helen Landis (*Arlene Eyer*)

**Saturday, May 8**

8:30 a.m. †For The Safe Return of Our Troops (*St. Rose Christian Mothers*)  
 5:30 p.m. †Michael Savino (*Wife Olive*)

**Sunday, May 9 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:00 a.m. †Mary Grace Ackerman (*Francis & Margaret Adams*)  
 8:15 a.m. †Augusta C. Orsena (*Family*)  
 10:30 a.m. †Alma Hooper (*Family*)  
 12 NOON † MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – April 24-25, 2004

Regular	\$ 6696.27	Christmas	\$ 77.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 209.00	Rose	\$ 130.73
Good Friday	\$ 3.00	Peru	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 28.00	Holy Thursday	\$ 3.00
Candles	\$ 10.00	Home Missions	\$ 37.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00		
Perquisites	\$ 140.00	Total	\$ 7369.50

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

May 8	5:30 p.m.	Olive Savino & Granddaughters
May 9	7:00 a.m.	Juergen & Mary Joyce Wustrow
	8:15 a.m.	Religious Education Students
	10:30 a.m.	Roger & Margie Poske
	12 Noon	Ron & Marianne Eberhart

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK MAY 3-9, 2004

Altar Servers for the weekdays of May 3-8, 2004

8:30 a.m. Mon. Julie Fox  
 8:30 a.m. Tues Matt Eberhart  
 8:30 a.m. Wed Josef Maier  
 8:30 a.m. Thurs Ethan Dombrowski  
 8:30 a.m. Sat Max Sheedy, Tim Link

Altar Servers for May 8-9 2004

5:30 p.m. Kyle Haney, Alex Askey, Elliot Haney  
 7:00 a.m. Julie Fox  
 8:15 a.m. Sean Dillon, Daniel Lersch, Marissa Previte  
 10:30 a.m. Megan Mignogna, Jeffrey Karl, Ashley Mignogna  
 12 Noon Josef Maier, Matthew Eberhart, Amerisa Watson

Eucharistic Ministers for May 8-9, 2004

5:30 p.m. G. Bettwy, J. Brown, G. Baker, S. Askey  
 7:00 a.m. D. Altiero, B. Altiero  
 8:15 a.m. G. Stoltz, B. Stoltz, B. Spinazzola, R.M. Fochler, R. Skupien  
 10:30 a.m. T. Heiss, K. Mrdjenovich, K. Madariaga, K. McGraw, M. Wiley  
 12 Noon: J. Frena, Cory Eberhart, R. Fiore

Lectors for May 8-9, 2004  
 5:30 p.m. Joseph Maschue, Vi Bettwy  
 7:00 a.m. Ray Kline  
 8:15 a.m. Religious Education Students, Joseph Campbell, Frank Fochler  
 10:30 a.m. Ken Haney, Michael Nazaruk  
 12 Noon: Jim Lane

FROM OUR PASTOR

**ONE FAITH, ONE HOUSEHOLD** The Annual Catholic Appeal, our yearly opportunity unites diocesan Catholics sharing our financial blessings with nearly two dozen ministries of the Church. Your gift, no matter the amount, is vital to the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal not only for these ministries, but for our own parish as well. All gifts in excess of our diocesan goal will go to improving the quality of the church audio system. Every month various parishioners ask what can be done so that they and other can hear the Mass.

Your strong, positive response to our call for increase giving has removed debt worries. Again thank you for your generous response. Now our need is for all parishioners to either renew their gifts of initiate giving to the annual appeal. Our parish leaders see that sometimes a friendly parishioner's reminder brings about renewed or initial gifts to the annual appeal. These leaders and others will be making phone calls in later May to remind parishioners that their gift is vitally important for diocesan ministries and parish improvements. The caller will give a friendly reminder. The caller will not know personal financial information.

The Saint Rose diocesan goal is \$52,431. Often parishioners ask what is the expected gift. First time participants to the Appeal may choose a gift of \$100 or they may decide to match last year's average gift parish gift of \$191. Recognize God's many blessings upon you and be as generous as you are able. Previous year givers, consider renewing your best gift. Please place your completed pledge card that accompanied Bishop Joseph's letter in the offertory collection next weekend.

## **APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY: DISCOVERY PHASE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION #1 (BEGINNINGS)**

What attracted you to this parish? What were your initial impressions of the parish?  
What excited you about the parish?

### **QUESTION #2 (MOST LIFE-GIVING EXPERIENCE)**

What was your most life-giving experience with the parish? Recall a time when you felt most alive, fulfilled, or enthused about being a parishioner and what made you feel so?

### **QUESTION #3 (PERSONAL VALUES/MOST VALUED ABOUT THE PARISH)**

Describe something you value deeply about yourself. What do you value most about the parish? What about the parish is most central to you in your attachment to it?

### **QUESTION #4 (IMPACT OF THE PARISH)**

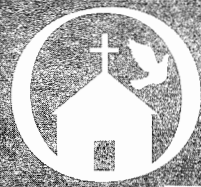
What is the single most important thing the parish has contributed to your life in the past year?

### **QUESTION #5 (ESSENTIAL SPIRIT)**

What represents the essence of this parish? What is its most life-giving force, without which it would cease to exist?

### **QUESTION #6 (IMAGES OF THE FUTURE)**

If you could enhance or transform this parish in any way you wished, what three things would you do to heighten its vitality and overall health?



2004 Annual Catholic Appeal

# One Faith- One Household

**Soon, Catholics in the 100 faith communities of the Church of Altoona-Johnstown will receive an invitation to advance the mission of Jesus Christ with a gift through the Annual Catholic Appeal.**

Christian stewards recognize that all good gifts come from God. They express their gratitude by sharing a sacrificial portion of what they have received with others. This sharing through the Church extends beyond the parish to include both the Universal Church and the Local Church of Altoona-Johnstown. Your Annual Catholic Appeal gift will directly impact the lives of people from all walks of life who seek spiritual nourishment or temporal aid from any one of these ministries:

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| Adult Formation & Lay Ministry  | Finance Office                  |
| Campus Ministry                 | Fulton County Catholic Mission  |
| Catholic Social Service         | Information Technology          |
| Chancery                        | Inter-Faith Minister            |
| Christian Initiation            | Liturgy Office                  |
| Communications                  | Office of the Bishop            |
| Delegate for Religious          | Ongoing Formation of the Clergy |
| Diaconal Formation              | Priests' Vocations              |
| Diocesan Shrines                | Religious Education             |
| Disciples on Mission/Come Home  | Scouting                        |
| Dmitri Manor Priests' Residence | Stewardship & Development       |
| Ecumenical Officer              | Temporalities                   |
| Education Office                | Tribunal                        |
| Family Life                     | Youth Ministry                  |

Announcement Weekend ... April 24 & 25  
 Education Weekend ..... May 1 & 2  
 Commitment Weekend ..... May 8 & 9

*Learn more about your Diocesan Church with a virtual visit to [www.DioceseAltJtn.org](http://www.DioceseAltJtn.org).*

## Blessing of Tools for Work

God, our Creator;  
when we see the work of your hands,  
the planets you set in motion,  
and the beauty of this earth  
teeming with life,  
we are filled with awe.

Humbled, we ask you  
to bless our work  
and these, our tools.  
May our hard work bear fruit,  
providing a good life  
for ourselves, our families,  
and those in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Fourth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 2, 2004

### DOING GOD'S WORK

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, the foster father of Jesus. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of himself in his role of shepherd: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish" (John 10:27). Joseph did not raise his son to be a shepherd. Obeying rabbinic teachings that encourage parents to teach their offspring a trade, Joseph taught his son to be a carpenter. Jesus learned and practiced his foster father's trade. Others identify Jesus as a carpenter; but we do not hear Jesus describe himself this way. Jesus calls himself "the good shepherd." Carpentry may be his trade; but he is a shepherd by vocation.

Vocation is always more than a job, more than something that puts food on the table and a roof over our heads. A job can be done without interiority, without recourse to prayer. A vocation, on the other hand, can only be lived out of one's relationship with God. A vocation cannot be accomplished by human effort alone but requires divine grace. A vocation is a life work, chosen as a response to God's call. Marriage, as a sacrament, is a vocation. Parenthood, priesthood, religious life, and all forms of ministry are vocations. Some of us earn our livelihood through our Christian vocation, but many do not. It can be tempting to take the work that pays the gas bill more seriously than the work of our Christian calling.

Today we acknowledge the value of work, blessing the tools of our various trades. In a world where many are unemployed or are unable to earn a living wage, we are grateful for gainful employment. Let us also re-commit ourselves to the tool most essential for our vocational work, the tool of prayer.



# Easter Week at Home

## Monday, May 3

### **SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

Philip was first a disciple of John the Baptist and later became a follower of Jesus. James led the church in Jerusalem and wrote an epistle. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, tells us that the household of God is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ as the cornerstone. Today we pray for the help of the prayers of these apostles in building up the household of God.

## Tuesday, May 4

### **MAY IS MARY'S MONTH**

A Byzantine hymn sings: "Hail, for through thee joy shall shine forth; /Hail, for through thee the curse shall cease / . . . through thee the fields of Eden flower again." We rejoice with all of creation in this season of new life, for the fruit of Mary's womb heralds the rebirth of creation. Honor Mary and celebrate the joys of new life by making a shrine for Mary in the garden, or surrounding her image with flowers on your mantle or place of prayer. Sing the Magnificat or Salve Regina for bedtime prayers.

## Wednesday, May 5

### **LIGHT OF CHRIST**

In today's gospel Jesus tells his followers, "I have come as light into the world so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness." Accounts from the second century tell of how Christians would give thanks for Christ, the light of the world, when they lit their lamps at dusk. This evolved into evening prayers called *lucernarium* (from the Latin *lucerna*, "lamp"). The Easter season is a wonderful time to give thanks for the Christ light. Light candles and pray using a book of evening prayers or pray Psalm 141. Sing an Easter hymn. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer and kiss of peace.

## Thursday, May 6

### **CHRIST, THE PASCHAL LAMB**

Lamb dishes such as *Arni Yemesto* (Greek stuffed lamb) are popular Easter fare. Preheat oven to 325°. Cook 1 cup of rice. Melt ½ cup butter in skillet and sauté 1 lb. lean ground beef, ½ lb. ground or finely chopped calf liver, and 1 grated onion. Remove from heat and add 1½ tsp. salt, ¾ tsp. pepper,

1 cup raisins, 1 tsp. cinnamon, and 3 Tbs. chopped mint leaves. Stir well, adding cooked rice. Rub pocket of 4 lb. lamb shoulder with salt and pepper. Stuff with rice mixture, securing with skewers. Place in shallow roasting pan, dot with butter (about ¼ cup), sprinkle with ⅓ cup lemon juice. Roast, basting often, for 2 hours or until meat thermometer reads 182°.

## Friday, May 7

### **DAY OF PRAYER**

For Danish people, the fourth Friday after Easter is called *Store Bededag* and is observed as a day of prayer. The day begins on Thursday evening with the pealing of church bells. A square bread called *hvedebrød* is eaten with the evening meal. This is a good day to begin a family book of intercessions. Before dinner, family members write down whomever they want prayed for. The family consults the book before saying their night prayers.

## Saturday, May 8

### **GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

It is customary to pray the glorious mysteries of the rosary during the Easter season. These include the resurrection, the ascension, the assumption of Mary into heaven, the descent of the Holy Spirit, and the crowning of the Mary as Queen of Heaven. Saint Peter Canisius wrote in his commentary on the Gospel of Saint Luke, "When we think of the Mother we know we are all brothers and sisters of the Son; we know that the Spirit, the divinity, of our Brother passes mysteriously into us, and enables us to understand these hidden and wonderful truths."

