

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun May 9 Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
MOTHER'S DAY
10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf
Tues May 11 6:10 PM Bingo
Wed May 12 5:30 PM Athletic Awards Mass
Thurs May 13 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri May 14 6:10 PM Bingo
Sun May 16 Sixth 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 10 Bl. Damien of Molokai

8:30 a.m. †Fred & Catherine Hunter (*Fred & Clemmie Hunter*)

Tuesday, May 11

8:30 a.m. †John Crum (*Irene Solensky & Family*)

Wednesday, May 12 Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras

8:30 a.m. †Edwin Beckel (*Greg & Faith Bartley*)
5:30 p.m. †Kyle T. Holtz (*Staff & Students of St. Rose of Lima School*)

Thursday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 a.m. †Eugene Andrews (*Bob & Rose Mary Wasylson*)

Friday, May 14 St. Matthias

8:30 a.m. †Ann Spinazzola (*Josephine Cichetta*)

Saturday, May 15 St. Isidore the Farmer

8:30 a.m. †Rita Callahan (*Husband Jim*)
5:30 p.m. †Mary H. Davis (*Bernie Miller*)

Sunday, May 16 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. †Anna Ronan (*Diane Ronan*)
8:15 a.m. † Joseph DeBuon (*Wife Evelyn*)
10:30 a.m. † Rose Basciani (*Vera Basciani*)
12 NOON † MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – May 1-2, 2004

Regular	\$ 10469.14	Christmas	\$ 124.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 515.00	Rose	\$ 165.86
Holy Thursday	\$ 2.00	Peru	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 40.00	Ascension	\$ 31.00
Candles	\$ 10.00	Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 198.00	Total	\$ 11560.50

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

May 15	5:30 p.m.	St. Rose School Children
May 16	7:00 a.m.	Jim & Linda Trexler
	8:15 a.m.	Religious Education Students
	10:30 a.m.	Dave & Tina Karl
	12 Noon	Fred & Phyllis McConnell

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK MAY 10-16, 2004

Altar Servers for the weekdays of May 10-15, 2004

8:30 a.m. Mon. Mark Wasciki
8:30 a.m. Tues. Joe Britz
8:30 a.m. Wed. Jarod Brumbaugh
8:30 a.m. Thurs. Ashley Mignogna
8:30 a.m. Sat. Loretta Bobetich, Max Sheedy

Altar Servers for May 15-16 2004

5:30 p.m. Brittany Spayd, Ethan Dombrowski, Billy Beard
7:00 a.m. Maggie McCreery
8:15 a.m. Tessa Donnelly, Daniel Lersch, Jamie Novack
10:30 a.m. Jeffrey Karl, Patrick Britz, Jared Bimle
12 Noon Thomas Myers, Sully McConnell, Erica Wiley

Eucharistic Ministers for May 15-16, 2004

5:30 p.m. M. Tillard, B. Bartley, S. Baker, B. Shoenfelt
7:00 a.m. R. Fox, D. Altiero, B. Altiero
8:15 a.m. S. Askey, P. Engelman, M. Engelman, R. Skupien, D. Smith
10:30 a.m. K. Irwin, E. Salvi, M. Salvi, D. Ratchford, T. Goss
12 Noon: R. Fiore, J. Eberhardt, C. Eberhart

Lectors for May 15-16, 2004

5:30 p.m. St. Rose of Lima School Children, Joe Maschue
7:00 a.m. Jim Glasson
8:15 a.m. Religious Education Students, Tony Labriola, Randy Donnelly
10:30 a.m. Todd Cammarata, Jim Klueg
12 Noon: Denise Watson

FROM OUR PASTOR

GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR OUR MOMS Good and gracious God, look with kindness on all mothers. Give them comfort in moments of sorrow and joy in their care for their families. Listen to their prayers in all they do for you in doing for their loved ones.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY Catholics throughout our diocese are participating today in our Annual Catholic Appeal. Our personal prayers and financial support makes us partners with the many ministries of our Diocesan Church. Every gift, regardless of amount, truly makes a difference. Thank you for your generous support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS The annual parish family picnic will take place Sunday, June 6 at Highland Park. We will begin the festivities with the outdoor celebration of the noon Mass at the park. Games, great food, and good fellowship will follow the Mass.

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY By mailing and by personal interview, parishioners are revisiting their beginnings and life-giving experiences arising for our parish. They also are discovering the valued aspects, impact, essential spirit and life-giving images for the future of St. Rose. Many parishioners are giving well-spent time answering 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 also are available

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

on the church window sills, the foyer's main table and our parish website: www.stroselima.com. Thank you for your participation.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Share Christ's love, Spread the Good News Around

Next week's the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign will be taken up. Half of all the money collected will stay here in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to support our own communications efforts. Please be as generous as you can. You can help the good news to get around. Please use the envelope that is located in your pack of envelopes.

ST ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

The Technology Committee meets this Monday, May 10th at noon in the computer room.

The St. Rose School Athletic Association's Awards Night is Wednesday, May 12th beginning with Mass at 5:30.

The 5:30 Mass on Saturday, May 15th will be a St. Rose School Mass. This will be the last Saturday "school" Mass of the school year.

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).

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 12th 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.

WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITAL: Altoona: Helen Sanders, Francis Ackerman

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, For those suffering from drug addiction and mental illness, Teresa Sukala by Theresa Sukala, Catherine Abretski by Theresa Sukala, Sophia Sukala by Theresa Sukala, For the Intentions of Katie Noel, For the Intentions of Cynthia Kiratzis, Lorraine Willebran by Daughters and Grandchildren.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mr. Derek Fairman, our seminarian, will be presenting a comprehensive class on 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.

Christian Mothers will have their meeting following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Monday. It will be held in the Kindergarten Room.

For all those who donated towards the Easter Flowers, you may pick up flowers in the Vestibule of the Church.

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.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights-for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture-is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights is not defended with the maximum determination." Pope John Paul II, 1988. *The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World.*

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2004

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23;
Jn 14:23-29

Garage Sale Extravaganza

St. Catherine of Siena Parish is participating in the Duncansville Garage Sale Extravaganza on Saturday, May 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Used treasures, Bake Goods and light refreshments will be available on the Parish grounds at Old Route 22, Duncansville.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men are invited to participate in the 8th annual Catholic Men's Conference, to be held on Saturday, May 22nd at the John F. Kennedy Student Center on the campus of St. Francis University in Loretto. The theme of this year's conference is *Answer the Call to be the Light of the World*, and will feature Catholic lay evangelist Charlie Osburn, as well as Father Clement Gardner, Monsignor Arnold Gaus and Monsignor John Little. Registration is \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for students (\$5.00 discount for early registration). Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the day concludes with liturgy of the Eucharist at 4:00 p.m.



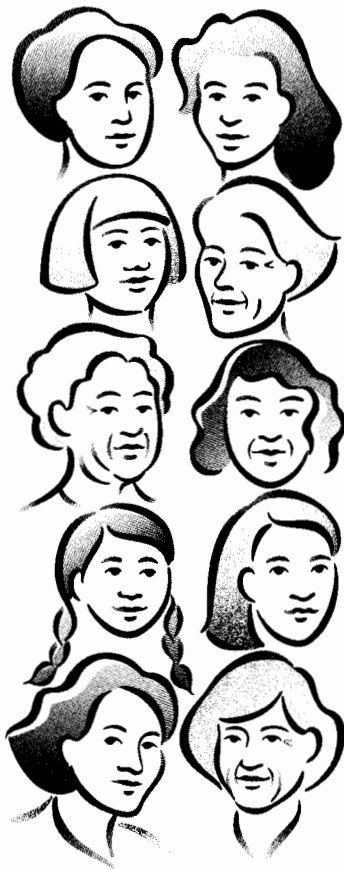
Blessing of Mothers (Parents)

Holy God,
creator of all life,
we give you thanks for our mother (parents),
for the life you give to us through her (them),
and for her (their) countless acts of love and
service.

Bless her (their) work of love,
lighten her (their) burdens,
renew her (their) strength,
and give her (them) joy.

We pray for all mothers (parents).
May they have the courage to live holy lives,
the faith to persevere in love.
May their children
be a blessing to them
and to the world.

This we ask through Jesus
Christ,
Son of God and Son of Mary,
who lives forever and ever.
Amen.



The Fifth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 9, 2004

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In today's gospel, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: that we should love one another as he has loved us. It is a fitting gospel for a day on which we honor mothers. For most of us, our first experience of love is the love of our mothers, and this experience will profoundly influence our capacity for love throughout our lives. We know how to love others because we have first been loved. Christ understood the importance of a mother's love. Why else would he, in the last moments of his earthly life, choose to give us his mother to be our own?

The book of Genesis compares God, the Creator, to a mother eagle who gently beats the sides of the nest to stir her offspring into flight. God is not Father only, God is also mother, nurturer, life-bearer. The gospels compare God to a mother hen, a surprisingly homely and tender image. God's love is the source of mother love, and mother love is an experience of God's love. It is vitally important, therefore, that mothers do this work of love well.

Mothers face great challenges in today's world. Many juggle the demands of motherhood with those of work outside the home. Others raise their children without the support of spouses. Many mothers live in poverty or suffer debilitating illnesses. Mothers must attempt to protect their children in a violent society where a family's front porch or a child's school can be a dangerous place. Every year a million mothers in the United States end the lives of the children in their wombs, and many mothers suffer crippling depression at the time of birth. Today's mothers need our prayers.

We say a prayer of blessing for our mothers today. (This prayer can be used to bless both parents). We also pray for all mothers. May God support and guide them in their ministry of love.

Easter Week at Home

Monday, May 10

MYSTERIES OF LIGHT

On the 24th anniversary of his papal election, Pope John Paul II issued an apostolic letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, in which he proposes five new mysteries to the rosary. These mysteries of light include the baptism of Christ in the Jordan, the wedding feast at Cana, the announcement of the kingdom of God, the Transfiguration, and the institution of the holy eucharist. The Holy Father asks that the rosary be prayed especially for world peace and the strengthening of family life. Easter, the season of light, is a wonderful time to begin praying these mysteries, privately or as a family.

Tuesday, May 11

THE DESERT TRANSFORMED

Lent is a desert, an arid place where we discover our thirst for God. Easter is a New Eden where we rejoice in God's abundance. An Ashanti prayer praises God's abundance simply: "You are a mighty tree with big branches laden with fruit. When children come to you, they find something to eat." Easter people, radiant with God's love, make deserts blossom, figuratively and literally. Each year, in the coastal desert of Peru, young people plant 8,000 algarroba seeds into ten barren acres and expect a miracle to transform them. And it does! Algarrobo trees spring up, providing shade and tons of sugar-rich pods to feed both people and animals. Would you like to help? Find out how at www.heifer.org.

Wednesday, May 12

JESUS THE VINE

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Reflecting on this passage, Saint Catherine of Siena writes, "Keep in mind that each of you has your own vineyard. But every one is joined to your neighbors' vineyards without any dividing line. They are so joined together, in fact, that you cannot do good or evil for yourself without doing the same for your neighbors." Christians cannot assume that "as long as I'm hurting no one but myself, it's okay." Grafted onto the vine who is Christ, we live in solidarity with all of humankind.

Thursday, May 13

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Mary, appearing near Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, declared herself "Our Lady of the Rosary," asking that we pray the rosary daily for peace. Trappist monk and author Basil Pennington makes this startling statement in his book, *Mary Today* (Doubleday, 1987): "I do not think anyone can be faithful to the rosary and not become a saint." What a remarkable and humbling thought!

Friday, May 14

SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Matthias was chosen to fill the place left vacant by Judas Iscariot because he had been a witness to the Lord's resurrection. The Liturgy of the Hours gives a lovely antiphon for this feast day: "You have not chosen me but I have chosen you and have appointed you to go forth and bear fruit, and your fruit will remain." How has the Lord chosen us?

Saturday, May 15

SAINT ISIDORE

Saint Isidore, the patron saint of Madrid and of farmers, was a farm laborer. His employer resented the time the saint spent praying and doing charitable works, and went into the field intending to reprimand him. When he got there, he was amazed to find two angels ploughing while the saint prayed. Isidore would also make a good patron for working mothers and everyone who has too much to do; he reminds us that if we make time for prayer, God will invariably help us do whatever needs to be done.



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