

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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
Tues May 18	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed May 19	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs May 20	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri May 21	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sat May 22	9:30 AM	Appreciation Workshop
Sun May 23	Seventh Sunday of Easter	
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 17

8:30 a.m. †Stephen Donnelly (*Family*)

Tuesday, May 18 St. John I

8:30 a.m. †Eugene Andrews (*Paul & Dorothy Andrews*)

Wednesday, May 19

8:30 a.m. †Ann Spinazzola (*Louise Benn & Carolyn Kline*)

7:00 p.m. †Helen Landis (*M/M Attilio Stefanon*)

Thursday, May 20 Ascension of the Lord

7:00 a.m. †Frances Andrews (*Ben & Jean Waslin*)

8:30 a.m. †Robert Hurm (*Faculty & Staff of St. Rose of Lima School*)

7:00 p.m. †Orlando DeCriscio (*Lou Grassi*)

Friday, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

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

Saturday, May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 a.m. †Mary Irwin (*Eugene & Lorraine Adams*)

5:30 p.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Family*)

Sunday, May 23 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

8:15 a.m. †Mary E. Fiore (*Joseph & Heather Macharola*)

10:30 a.m. †Rita Chverchko (*Greg & Ronna Lee & Family*)

12 NOON † MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -- May 8-9, 2004

Regular	\$ 8753.75	Christmas	\$ 131.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 400.00	Rose	\$ 148.50
Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00	Peru	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$ 65.00	Ascension	\$ 35.00
Perquisities	\$ 20.00	Holy Land	\$ 10.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 119.50	Easter Flow.	\$ 5.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 87.00	Total	\$ 9805.25

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

May 22	5:30 p.m.	Attilio & Rose Stefanon
May 23	7:00 a.m.	Dan & Brenda Altiero
	8:15 a.m.	Tom & Kim Irwin & Family
	10:30 a.m.	Fred Chverchko & Family
	12 Noon	Robert & Karen Fiore

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK MAY 17-23, 2004

Altar Servers for the weekdays of May 17-22, 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. Sat Volunteers

Ascension Thursday, May 20, 2004

- Anticipated Mass-Wed. 7:00 p.m. Tim Link
- 8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children
- 7:00 p.m. David Horvath, Marissa Previte, Holly Mercer

Altar Servers for May 22-23, 2004

- 5:30 p.m. Brianna Spayd, Molly McCall, Nate Sanders
- 7:00 a.m. Julie Fox
- 8:15 a.m. Jamie Novack, Jonathan Smith, Alex Askey
- 10:30 a.m. Lucas Glass, Steven Bettwy, David Horvath
- 12 Noon Joseph Britz, Mark Wasicki, Matthew Eberhart

Ascension Thursday Anticipated Mass, May 19, 2004

- Wed. 7:00 p.m. Readers: Chris Mingyar, Vi Bettwy
- Eucharistic Ministers: G. Bettwy, G. Stoltz, B. Stoltz

Ascension Thursday, May 20, 2004

- 7:00 a.m. Reader: Frank Fochler
- Eucharistic Ministers: R.M. Fochler, J. Wustrow
- 8:30 a.m. Readers: St. Rose School Children

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 7:00 p.m. Readers: Bea Shoenfelt, Dave Andrews
- Eucharistic Ministers: J. Chirdon, P. Fromknecht, J. Fromknecht

Eucharistic Ministers for May 22-23, 2004

- 5:30 p.m. B. Shoenfelt, J. Shoenfelt, G. Bettwy, B. Bartley
 - 7:00 a.m. R. Kline, R. Fox, R. Skupien
 - 8:15 a.m. P. Engelman, D. Cree, M. Engelman, D. Smith, R. Novack
 - 10:30 a.m. D. Housum, M. Kooman, C. Housum, K. McGraw, K. Irwin
 - 12 Noon: M. Wiley, R. Fiore, J. Frena
- Lectors for May 22-23, 2004
- 5:30 p.m. Vi Bettwy, Ken Haney
 - 7:00 a.m. Jim Glasson
 - 8:15 a.m. Chuck & Linda Wolf
 - 10:30 a.m. Patrick Labriola, Barbara Kooman
 - 12 Noon: Michael Nazaruk

FROM OUR PASTOR

ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you, thank you. We are off to an outstandingly strong start thanks to the generous gifts from 14% of our parish households. We have raised \$26,873 toward our parish goal of \$52,431. To support vitally needed diocesan ministries and to improve the quality of our church's audio system, we look forward to **every household's participation** in this year's appeal. By the end of May, fellow parishioners will make a friendly phone reminder to those who have yet to complete their pledge card. If you need a pledge card, they are on the window sills nearest the back pews. Fr. Spishak and I urge your gift matches – if possible exceeds – your previous generosity. First time participants to the Appeal may choose a gift of \$100 or you may want to match last year's average Saint Rose gift of \$191. Thank you for your generous support for the Annual Catholic Appeal and our parish audio system's improvement.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 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.

Today we will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. 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!

ST ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

The school students will attend the 8:30 AM Mass on the Feast of the Ascension, May 20th, but will not attend Mass on Friday.

The Athletic Association meets on Monday, May 17th, at 7:00 PM in the school library.

School Council will meet on Tuesday, May 18th, at 7:00 PM in the computer room.

There will be an orientation meeting on Monday, May 17th, at 7:00 PM for parents of students entering kindergarten and grade 1 next year. Please go to those classrooms.

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.

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

Werkmeister by Joyce & Toby Kjarsgaard, Sister Janet Servella by Don Serevella, Joseph Sukala by Thersa Sukala

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.

BAPTISM

Last weekend Logan James Kline son of M/M James Kline, received the light of Christ in the sacrament of Baptism.

ATTENTION SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION PARTICIPANTS

Please place your completed class evaluation survey in the collection basket on Sunday.

THANK YOU

The following have donated to the Parish Lending Library: Janette DiGiacobbe for books donated in memory of John Capriotti, DDS, Gary Mitchell, Anna Mae McGrory, Hugo R. DiGiacobbe, M.D. Edith DiGiacobbe Basile, John Fullchiero. And for her donation in Honor of her mother, Rae DiGiacobbe Mrs. Rae DiGiacobbe in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Angelo Maniglia M/M Robert O'Brien in memory of John & Dorothy Porta Mrs. Helen Webb in memory of her husband, James Webb Joseph & Carole Reilly in memory of Attilio & Vera Frasca Joseph & Carole Reilly in memory of John C. and Corolyn Reilly We also have had several anonymous donations.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

...embryonic human beings are alive...human, innocent and helpless, and therefore deserving of love and the protection of the state." John Mallon, The Washington Times.

Readings for the Week of May 16, 2004

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

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

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.

Liturgical Reflection...HOLY DAY

This Thursday is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Catholics of this Diocese are obligated to attend Mass on this holy day. Forty days have passed since Easter Sunday. The paschal mystery continues to unfold; the crucified and risen Christ now ascends to the Father's right hand. We watch and wait for Jesus' return in glory at the end of time. The ascended Lord gives us hope and joy as we continue to build up the kingdom of God until the end of time. The Easter season continues. The Church celebrates the redeeming love of our Savior. He is risen Lord! He is ascended Lord!

PARISH PICNIC AND OUTDOOR MASS

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. Plan to bring a lawn chair for Mass. We will have sign-ups the next three weekends.

Menu: The Parish provides Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns, Condiments, Beverages, Paper Plates and Utensils. Everyone should bring a dish to share, enough to serve 8 - 10 people.

Relish Trays (Veggie, Fruit, Cheese, etc) - Families S-Z ; Salads (Green, Pasta, Potato, etc) - Families M-R; Casseroles (Vegetables, Baked Beans, etc.) - Families G-L; Desserts (Cookies, Cakes, Brownies, etc.) - Families A-F. If you need transportation, call the rectory.

Please let us know if you can join us by detaching and returning this form in the collection basket or to the rectory by May 30:

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children _____

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.

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.

Families and the Gospel

May 16
14:23-29 John

Jesus makes an amazing promise: "My father will love you and we will make our home with you." Imagine the Creator of the universe living in your home, eating and watching TV with you, listening to your conversations, laughter, and disagreements; with you in the difficulties, the successes, and when you sleep. This is the promise made to families that "keep my word." What a security system!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS 6TH Sunday of Easter

"The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards." (*To Be A Christian Steward*; USCCB, 1993)

ATTENTION SINGLES: The Altoona Catholic Singles Club is an organization for Catholic singles 21 years of age and older who are free to marry in the church. The club is having a social gathering at The Dream Restaurant, route 22 east, Hollidaysburg on Saturday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are not required. Prospective members are invited to participate. For more information, call between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Beth Ann-942-1765 or Bill at 674-6181.

CAMP ZACCHAEUS 2004

Applications are being accepted for Camp Zacchaeus 2004. Camp "Z" is a cabin camping experience for boys and girls entering grades 4-9. Camp is scheduled for August 1-6, 2004 at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown. For more information or a brochure for Camp Zacchaeus, 2004, contact the Youth and Campus Ministry Office at 693-1401.

THE WORD AND THE ROCK BASKETBALL CAMP

Basketball camps are being held in 3 locations around the Diocese for young people entering grade 4-9. The dates are:

Bishop McCort High School - June 14-18

Bishop Carroll High School - July 12-16

St. Patrick, Newry - July 19-23

Also featuring a one-day Shooting Camp - Bishop Guilfoyle High School, Altoona - July 5

Cost for the camp is \$90.00 per camper. Cost for the one-day shooting camp is \$25.00. Camps will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. For more information or a brochure, contact Tom McConnell at 695-4555.

MINUTES -PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 1, 2004

The meeting began with a prayer this evening. Those in attendance were Dr. Frank Fochler, Dr. Adam Trybus, Sue Askey, Pat Ronan, Joe Eberhardt, Father Crookston, Sue Cossitor, Vi Bettwy, Derek Fairman, George Baker, Jim Shoenfelt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LITURGY -- presented by Sue Cossitor, a meeting was held in 3-23-04. There was a meeting for various ministries on 3-30-04. Pattie Fromknecht spoke about the upcoming ministries fair Oct. 23, 2004. There will be two representatives for each group of ministries. Ushers - Don Servella & Joe Eberhardt, Eucharistic Ministers - Regina Friedenberger & Ron Skupien, Lectors- Pat Condrin & Randy Donnelly, Cantors- Linda Turcovski
There are enough people for the Holy Thursday foot washing.

EDUCATION -Catechesis meeting is Mon. April 5. Children's retreats are being held. June High Youth Day was represented by eight youth and several chaperones. The library is coming along well and we continue to receive donations. The Adult Faith Formation is going along very well. April 18 is the Rite of Sending 8:15 Mass and April 20 is Confirmation. First Communion: May 2 May Crowning: May 3
Bible School is in the planning stages. Youth Ministry is at a standstill at present. There are several faith formation groups also and four people are interested in Catholics Come Home. Parish School - The report was presented by Pat Ronan. There have been many school activities during the month of March.

FINANCE- there is \$86,000 in the bank as of today. There will be letters sent out to people who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Some of these folks will become Captains and they will call parishioners and remind them to please give to the appeal. Phone calls can make the difference.

MAINTENANCE- Steve Koehle is working on improving the sound system in the Church. The school building needs to be more secure - proposal for security system will be heard on April 2. We may need a camera & "Buzz In" system to let people in. People are becoming more concerned with the safety of their children.

FAMILY LIFE ACTIVITIES-No representatives were here. Jim Shoenfelt received a brochure from the Family Life Center regarding activities April 19. Fr. Frank Pavone will speak in the Parish Center and tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each. He will speak on the message of Pro-Life.

SOCIAL JUSTICE - no report given

OLD BUSINESS- Appreciative Inquiry - Tony Labriola will be available for assisting in this parish project. The Discovery phase meeting will be April 17, 2004.

NEW BUSINESS- Jim Shoenfelt discussed the parish picnic to be held June 6 at Highland Park.

The next meeting will be May 13 and Judy Lockard will do the prayer

Sincerely Yours, Sue Askey, Secretary

Blessing for a Garden

God of life,
Creator of all that is good,
bless this earth, these seeds, bulbs, and
seedlings.
Send us water and sun to nurture and
sustain life.

Bless the hands that plant, water, and weed.
Bless the eyes that rejoice
in the beauty of flowers.
Bless all who eat this garden's produce:
family and friends, birds, squirrels, and bugs.

Bless all living creatures
who make their home here.
Help our garden to grow,
and help us to grow day by day
in your grace.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
who is the Source of life, now
and forever. Amen.



The Sixth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 16, 2004

GARDENING BEARS FRUIT

Gardening began with the fall. In Eden, Adam and Eve enjoyed the fruits and foliage of paradise without need of shovel, hoe, or pesticides. Gardening would teach these two and their descendants what paradise had not. Every gardener learns that without water, air, and sunlight no garden can grow. These necessary ingredients are God-given. Gardening can teach us, the descendants of Adam and Eve, the necessity of depending on God's grace.

The garden has much to teach us about the patience and love of Jesus. In agony before his passion, Jesus prayed in a garden, utterly dependent on his father's grace. It was in a garden that he was buried, the seed of resurrection planted in the dark earth of death. Mary Magdalene, the first to see the risen Christ, mistook him for a gardener. Truly the risen Christ is a gardener, patiently tending the seed of eternal life planted in us at baptism.

Saint Paul draws on gardening images when he writes to the church of Corinth: "So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7). Paul was not talking about his vegetable garden but about the church. Like any good gardener, Paul knew he had to rely on grace, not ego or self will, for growth.

The Easter season is a wonderful time to plant a garden. If you don't have a garden, plant a windowsill garden or a container garden. Try including plants that will help scripture come alive such as vines (Jesus tells us that he is the vine and we are the branches), lily of the valley (Song of Solomon 2:1), and crocuses (Isaiah 35:1). Grow plants that can be used for holy days such as lilies for Easter, or thyme, a manger herb, for the Christmas crèche.

Easter Week at Home

Monday, May 17

NEAR TO GOD'S HEART

Saint Fiacre once said, "One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth." Consider planting some of the plants traditional for saints' gardens. Columbine, named from the Latin word for dove because its flower resembles this bird, symbolizes the Holy Spirit. Sage, or *Salvia* (which means "to save") was sometimes called "sage, the savior" because of its healing properties. A symbol of immortality, it was planted on graves. Roses and lilies are Mary's flowers. Butterfly bushes attract butterflies, symbols of the resurrection.

Tuesday, May 18

VALUING LITTLE BEE-INGS

Even the smallest of creatures that visit our garden speak to us of the risen Christ. Drawings of bees can be found in the catacombs; early Christians saw them as a symbol of the resurrection. An ancient Latin version of the Exsultet, the hymn of Easter Vigil in honor of the Paschal candle, thanks the bee that produces the wax from which the candle is made. Saint Augustine called the newly baptized a "colony of bees." And Cyril of Jerusalem tells us to look at how hard the bee works, flying from flower to flower making honey: "With a like dedication you should read page after page of the holy Scriptures in order to gather salvation for yourself. In the end, you will exclaim to the Lord in amazement: 'How sweet are your words to my taste: sweeter than honey to my mouth!' " (Psalm 119:103).

Wednesday, May 19

MILK AND HONEY

In some places in the early church it was traditional to give the newly baptized milk and honey after they received the eucharist in celebration of their entrance into the promised land of the church. Celebrate the promised land of Easter by drizzling honey over ice cream or serving these honey-milk smoothies. In a blender, combine 1½ cups low-fat milk, 2 peeled ripe bananas, 1 cup vanilla yogurt, ¼ cup honey, ½ tsp. cinnamon, and a dash of nutmeg. Process until creamy. Add, one at a time, five ice cubes, blending until smooth.

Thursday, May 20

THE ASCENSION

In many places this solemnity has been transferred to this coming Sunday, while in other areas the solemnity is celebrated today. Coming 40 days after Easter Sunday, it is one of our most ancient feasts. Traditionally, this has been a day for hikes, mountain climbing, and picnics. Saint John Chrysostom writes, "Through the mystery of the Ascension we, who seemed unworthy of God's earth, are taken up into heaven. . . . Our very nature, against which cherubim guarded the gates of paradise, is enthroned today high above all cherubim."

Friday, May 21

PENTECOST NOVENA

The followers of Jesus spent the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost in prayer (Acts 1:14). This is the origin of the custom of making novenas, prayers that are said for nine days. Gather with family and friends to pray together on these nine evenings. You might say a prayer for peace, invoke the Holy Spirit, pray a decade of the rosary, or sing a hymn such as *Veni Creator Spiritus* or "Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest."

Saturday, May 22

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

Born in 1381, Rita wanted to be a nun but married to please her parents. Her husband proved to be an ill-tempered, dissolute man who came to a violent end after their twentieth year of marriage. Saint Rita then joined a convent of Augustinian nuns, devoting herself to a life of prayer. She died a holy death at the age of 76. Today we remember in our prayers all those who suffer in unhappy marriages. We also pray in support of those with religious vocations.

