

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun Jan 9</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
	5:00-8:00 PM	Parables Retreat-Grade 9 Parents/Students -Social Hall
	6:30-8:00 PM	Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11
<b>Mon Jan 10</b>	7:00 PM	Christian Mothers Mass & Mtg.
<b>Tues Jan 11</b>	6:10 PM	Bingo
<b>Wed Jan 12</b>	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
<b>Thurs Jan 13</b>	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Fri Jan 14</b>	6:10 PM	Bingo
<b>Sun Jan 16</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
	6:30-8:00 PM	Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, Jan. 10**

8:30 a.m. † Carmel Mirabella (*Janet Azeles*)  
7:00 p.m. † Mary Kline (St. Rose of Lima Christian Mothers)

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**

8:30 a.m. † Ralph Kieler (*Rosemary & Patricia Ronan*)

**Wednesday, Jan. 12**

8:30 a.m. † Kyle Holtz (*Jack & Jan Stanek*)

**Thursday, Jan. 13**

8:30 a.m. † Pauline Schoch (*Paul & Mary Engelman*)

**Friday, Jan. 14 St. Hilary**

8:30 a.m. † Robert Hurm (*Mrs. Earl Repko*)

**Saturday, Jan. 15**

8:30 a.m. † Edward Dumm (*Cheryl Moore*)  
5:30 p.m. † Fulchiero Family (*Family*)

**Sunday, Jan. 16**

7:00 a.m. † Edith Altiero (*Ed & Beth Novack*)  
8:15 a.m. † Michael P. Roebuck Sr. (*Roebuck Family*)  
10:30 a.m. † Armidia & Antonio Santarsieri (*Dr. Joseph & Kathleen Santarsieri*)  
12 NOON Mass For The People

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -Jan. 1-2, 2005**

Regular	\$7403.51	Christmas	\$ 1160.55
Capital Campaign	\$ 245.00	Tsunami	\$ 4216.04
Immaculate Con.	\$ 27.00	Candle	\$ 5.00
Peru	\$ 7.00	Flowers	\$ 2.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 733.00	Total	\$ 13799.10

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -Dec. 26-26, 2004**

Regular	\$10361.47	Christmas	\$ 87.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 1351.00	Rose	\$ 177.24
Immaculate Concep.	\$ 56.00	Christmas Day	\$ 14594.75
Perquisites	\$ 25.00	Sol. of Mary	\$ 233.00
Peru	\$ 250.00	Flowers	\$ 30.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 51.00	Total	\$ 27216.96

**MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Altar Servers for January 15-16**  
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Tim Link, Max Sheedy  
**Altar Servers for January 15-16**  
5:30 p.m. Nate Sanders, Justin Bimle, Holly Mercer  
7:00 a.m. Nicole Altiero  
8:15 a.m. Alex Askey, Kaitlyn Lersch  
10:30 a.m. Jarod Brumbaugh, Joshua Shultz, Richie Zelnosky  
12 Noon Amerisa Watson, Joseph Britz  
**Eucharistic Ministers for January 15-16**  
5:30 p.m. J. Shoenfelt, J. Scarfone, M. Tillard, B. Shoenfelt  
7:00 a.m. C. Sharbaugh, D. Altiero, R. Kline  
8:15 a.m. R. Friedenberger, D. Cree, M. Engelman, S. Askey, P. Engelman  
10:30 a.m. J. Fromknecht, B. Gentile, Terry Heiss, D. Housum, P. Fromknecht  
12 Noon R.Fiore, J. Frena, C. Anslinger  
**Lectors for January 15-16**  
5:30 p.m. Vi Bettwy, Frances Hesser  
7:00 a.m. Jim Glasson  
8:15 a.m. Patrick Labriola, Laverne Previte  
10:30 a.m. Tony Labriola, Jim Klueg  
12 Noon Denise Watson

*FROM OUR PASTOR*

**CATHOLICS COMING HOME** Do you know someone who has been away from the Church for a while? Most of us do not have to look very far to find away Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we do not know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that we need to share with our away brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Many away Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. For a variety of reason, they think that the church has excommunicated them and does not welcome their return.

Many away Catholics carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church and are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of rejection. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at St. Rose of Lima we have a special process to help away Catholics return to the Church entitled "Catholics, Come Home." The sessions for the returning Catholics are 7:00 P.M. January 17 and 31. All the sessions will gather in the church foyer. These sessions help returning Catholics learn how they may return to the church. Please pass this article onto anyone who might be interested. For more information, Call Fr. Spishak or Fr. Crookston at the rectory or email [frjded@stroselima.com](mailto:frjded@stroselima.com)

Our friendly Come Home Team assures even the shy, the hesitant and the doubtful will all find a warm welcome.

**TSUNAMI RELIEF** Your tremendous generosity enabled us to forward nearly \$4,300 to Catholic Relief Services. During the week, other donations have come into the rectory. Again,

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

this weekend we will forward all second collection monies to Catholic Social Services

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The Technology Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 10 at noon in the computer room. The Athletic Assoc. will meet on Monday, Jan. 10 at 7:00 PM in the library. There is no school on Friday, Jan. 14 due to an in-service.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Citizens Concerned For Human Life will once again be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 24, 2005. Cost is \$10.00. The bus will leave Altoona at 7:00 a.m. and return home about 9:30 p.m. For reservations call Patricia Forr 946-0681, Kathy Ansman 944-5431, Roxanne Blazewicz 695-8008, Beth Britz 696-2960.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Do you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you every heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you new to our church and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or to the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. We look forward to "seeing you in pictures!" This Sunday will begin the sign-up process for photography and portrait viewing sessions. Bring your calendar and stop by the tables in the vestibule to sign up. Early sign-ups will get the first choice of times!

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MASS

The Christian Mothers will have their Mass on Monday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will follow in the School Reading Room.

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT** Class will be held on January 16, 2005. We will meet in the St. Rose Reading Room from 9:15 –10:15. Topic: **What do Catholics believe? (The Apostle's Creed)**. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Adult Formation Team (AFF). Join us whenever you can. You are welcome to one or all of the gatherings.

### CANDLES

For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by the Christian Mothers. Daniel & Adeline Pringle by Deborah & Barry Criste.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of Matthew & Doris Creppage by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Creppage  
In Memory of Stanley Kawtoski by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Creppage  
Deceased Members of the Spinazzoli and Crisman Family by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Spinazzola  
Loved Ones by Mrs. Maude Yeatts

### Readings for the Week of January 9, 2005

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17  
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Jan. 15	5:30 p.m.	Fulchiero Family
Jan. 16	7:00 a.m.	Dan & Brenda Altiero & Family
	8:15 a.m.	John & Connie Glunt
	10:30 a.m.	Mark & Kitty Zelnosky
	12 Noon	Sam & Beth Britz

### FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 9

Mathew 3:13-17

For John the Baptist, it seemed like a reversal of roles that he should baptize Jesus. In families, if we are honest, we recognize that our children teach us as much as we teach them. We learn from one another.

### END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessings be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2004. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2004 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you!

### "IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"Even our brothers and sisters who are in the clinical condition of the 'vegetative state' maintain their human dignity in its entirety. The loving gaze of God the Father continues to watch over them, recognizing them as His children who are particularly in need of assistance." Pope John Paul II

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you or someone you know is being or has experienced sexual abuse on the part of anyone representing the Catholic Church, the victim Advocacy program of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown offers assistance in finding healing from this grave trauma. Contact: 814-886-8250 for access to a confidential answering service or contact this office by e-mail at [victimadvocate@dioceseaj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@dioceseaj.org). Your contact will be treated with respect and confidentiality.

### PRAYER CORNER

Lord, each me to silence my own heart  
That I may listen to the gentle movement  
Of the Holy Spirit within me and sense  
The depths which are of God.

Amen

### BGHS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

The Bldg II Cheerleading Tumbling Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. All levels will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Bldg II. This class is being taught by members of the Bishop Guilfoyle Varsity Cheerleading Squad. Cost is just \$4.00 per session and is open to all parochial school students in grades K-8. Please call Karen at 943-6120 for more information on this program

St. Matthew Church, Tyrone will sponsor its Eighteenth Annual Respect Life March on Sunday, January 23 at 12:00 noon. We will begin with a Prayer Service at St. Matthew Church then walk the 1.25 miles to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march. This is sponsored by the St. Gregory Council #1218 Knights of Columbus.

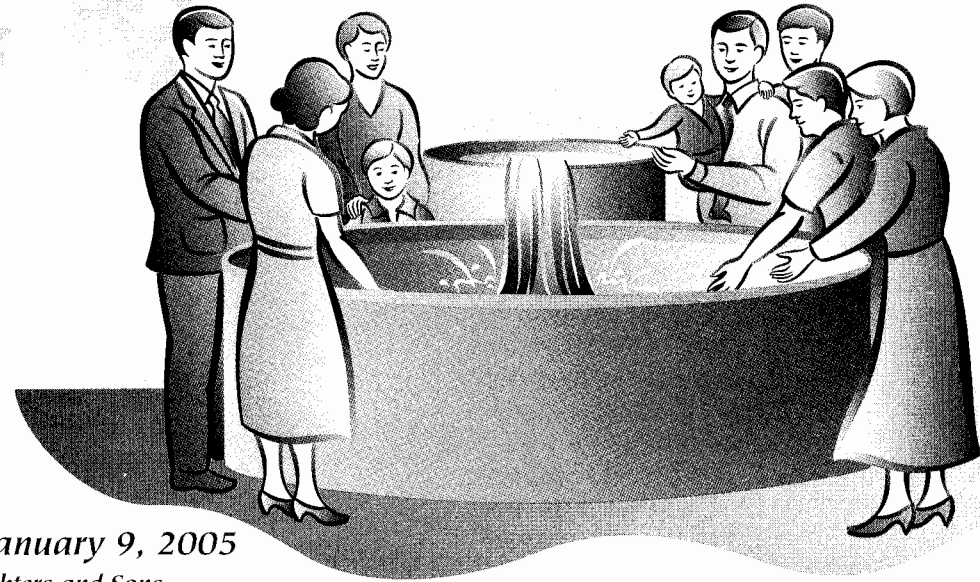
# The Baptism of the Lord

## *A Blessing Prayer*

Lord Jesus,  
you stood before John in the Jordan,  
waiting for Baptism,  
waiting to begin your ministry to the world.

We, too, entered the waters of Baptism  
and ask your grace every day  
to continue our ministry in the world:  
loving you by loving those we meet,  
praising you by inviting others  
to know you,  
worshiping you in prayer and song with  
the Church.

Lord, let us hear the voice of God  
echo through you and into our hearts:  
“You are my beloved child; in you I am  
well pleased. Amen.”



*Sunday, January 9, 2005*

*Beloved Daughters and Sons*

When Jesus was baptized, he entered publicly into his ministry as a child and servant of God. Though he had no need of the ritual cleansing, he submitted himself as a sign of his full participation in our lives. Today, as infants or children or adults, we come to Baptism as a sign of our participation in the life of God. We use the rich symbols of water, oil, fire, and a white garment to express the newness of this life. Our prayers speak about our freedom as children of God. We are free to turn away from sin and make different choices for life in the Spirit. We are free to become children of God. Baptism makes us pilgrims on the journey back to God. We are privileged to make that trip together.

Whatever joy or sorrow we may endure, whatever temptation we may face, we do not face it alone. This is one of the great truths of the Gospel message. Jesus was like us in all things except sin. He acknowledged his obedience to the Father just as we do. He lived out his call, just as we must. Matthew records that, at the baptism of Jesus, the heavens opened and a voice said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (3:13–17). No one doubts that the voice was God the Father telling Jesus how much he was loved before he began his public ministry. At the Baptism of every child or adult, God rejoices as much as the parents and godparents do. Through his baptism, Jesus made us all the beloved daughters and sons of God—eager to do what God asks.

## This Week at Home

### Monday, January 17

#### *Martin Luther King Day*

In his wonderful book, *All Saints*, Robert Ellsberg calls Martin Luther King an “apostle of freedom.” King’s belief that all people were created equal and his insistence that everyone understand this truth brought him face to face with one of the most profound evils of our time—racism.

Racism continues to exist not just in individuals, but also in the social structures they create. Racism exists wherever human services, jobs, and compassion are systematically denied because of the color of someone’s skin, the shape of a person’s nose, or the language someone speaks.

Fighting racism frees all of us to live as God’s children. We honor the memory of Dr. King by taking some time off from school or work for special programs and speeches. We can do more by renewing our commitment to cherish every human being as a child of God and by treating everyone with dignity and respect. We can teach our children to do the same. And we can become aware of the many places that racism lies hidden in our society and culture.

### Tuesday, January 18—Tuesday, January 25

#### *The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity*

This week is set aside for all Christians everywhere to come together in prayer that “all may become one in Christ.” It began in 1908, on what was then the feast of the Chair of Peter and ended (as it still does) on the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. In many dioceses, joint Bible studies, prayer services, and pulpit exchanges

mark this week. In 1968 the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, composed of Roman Catholic and other Christian denominations, began to develop, adapt, and publish prayer texts and themes for churches in the United States. You can obtain a copy of their prayers for your own use by writing: Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, PO Box 300, Garrison, New York 10524-0300.

### Ordinary Time

#### *January 10—February 8 (Mardi Gras!)*

During this relatively short period of Ordinary Time, we take the opportunity to rest from the Christmas and New Year’s rush and reflect on the miracle of Christ in our lives. Our spiritual lives move from the richness of the nativity back to the everyday business of living, and yet each day is filled with the presence of God if we know where to look. Evening prayers with the family are a good time to examine each day and recall those special moments of kindness, silence, or compassion in which God moves.

Mardi Gras is the traditional festival before Ash Wednesday. Sometimes called Fat Tuesday (the literal translation) or Carnivale, Mardi Gras is set apart in many cultures as a last fling before the solemn season of Lent. In New Orleans, Mardi Gras lasts for several days during which parades, costume parties, and other festivities take place. Make your own Mardi Gras celebration with a special food or cake and a thanksgiving prayer for the blessings of God.

