

# St. Rose of Lima Church

January 23, 2005



5514 Roselawn Avenue  
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602

## Pastoral Team

Rev. James F. Crookston	Pastor
Very Rev. Carl A. Spishak, VF	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sylvester J. Bendzella	In Residence
Patricia Ronan	School Principal
Viola Bettwy	Catechetical Leader
Susan Cossitor	Liturgical Ministries
Bryce Cossitor	Choir Director
Patrick Irwin	Pastoral Council
Raymond Askey	Finance Council
Joseph Maschue	Liturgy Council
Larry Harker	Catechesis Council
Michael Kelleher	School Council
Leona Lanzendorfer	Secretary, Parish Office
Sandra Wesley	Secretary, School Office
Cathy Damiano	Maria Parish Center Mgr.

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Weekends:

Saturday	5:30 P.M.
Sunday	7:00 A.M. 8:15 A.M. 10:30 A.M. Noon

### Weekdays

Monday through Saturday	8:30 A.M.
Holy Day Vigil	7:00 P.M.
Holy Day	7:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**Reconciliation:** We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly on Saturday at noon as well as Saturday evening after the Mass.

**Baptism of Infants and Young Children:** Parents should contact the rectory well before an expected Baptism, before birth when possible, to prepare for and schedule Baptisms. Bonnie Frederick (942-7037) coordinates the Baptismal Catechesis Team.

**Christian Initiation Process:** Adults and older children considering becoming Catholic may contact Rose Marie Fochler (944-3906) or the priests.

**Marriage:** Couples interested in celebrating the sacrament of matrimony must meet with a priest at least NINE months before the proposed wedding date.

**Families of Sick or Disabled:** If illness has confined anyone to his or her home or the hospital, please call the rectory to arrange a visitation and sacramental ministry.

### Ministering to Children and Youth:

School of Religion - Children enrolled in public school, kindergarten to grade eleven, are to attend our Sunday School. Contact Viola Bettwy (696-1541).

Confirmation - Preparation begins in grade nine. For more information, contact Father Crookston.

**Newcomers:** Welcome to our parish family! If you wish to participate fully in our parish life, please register in the office at 5514 Roselawn Ave., Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 2:45 P.M. or complete a Parish Census Form provided in the church vestibule and return it in the offertory collection. To volunteer for parish ministries or discuss how St. Rose may be present to your faith journey, kindly schedule a meeting with either Father Spishak or Father Crookston.

**Eucharistic Exposition:** The heart of our parish family life is our communion with Christ. Foster our oneness with Christ at Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday morning: 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

**Rosaries to End Abortion:** Pray the Rosary with us in the Church every Wednesday at 5:45 P.M. to promote the sanctity of human life and an end to abortion in our society.

**Christian Mothers** meet the second Monday of every month. Contact: Mary Engelman (943-3796).

**Cristo el Salvador:** Please keep our medical mission in Lima, Peru, in your thoughts and prayers. Please use the special envelope for your offerings to the Mother/Child Clinic in Villa Salvador.

**St. Rose School Athletic Association** meets the third Monday of every month during the school year. Contact the School Office.

**Maria Parish Center:** Contact Cathy Damiano at the school or her home (943-7242) for information on scheduling the center's facilities.

**Web Site:** The Parish Web Site promotes our parish via the World Wide Web. Information regarding the Parish Liturgical Schedule, Sacraments, Family Life, Parish Ministry, Upcoming Events - parish and community, and the Sunday Weekly Bulletin are at [www.stroselima.com](http://www.stroselima.com). Contact: Pattie Fromknecht (949-9130)

**Ministry Directory:** This helpful, descriptive guide to our parish ministries is available at the rectory. Discover and celebrate Christ through service.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please submit articles by Tuesday, 9:30 A.M.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun Jan 23</b>	<b>Third 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
<b>Tues Jan 25</b>	6:10 PM Bingo
<b>Wed Jan 26</b>	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
	6:30 PM 8:15 Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thurs Jan 27</b>	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Fri Jan 28</b>	6:10 PM Bingo
<b>Sun Jan 30</b>	<b>Fourth 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>



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, Jan. 24 St. Francis de Sales**

6:00 a.m. †Ruth Springman (*Ann Chonko & Kathy Carey*)  
8:30 a.m. †James Webb (*Bob & Virginia Cronauer*)

**Tuesday, Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul**

8:30 a.m. † Robert Hoover (*Barbara, Pat, Karen, Bets, Joe Madigan*)

**Wednesday, Jan. 26 SS. Timothy & Titus**

8:30 a.m. †Sheldon Claar (*Wife & Daughter*)

**Thursday, Jan. 27 St. Angela Merici**

8:30 a.m. † Vincenzo Alberotanza (*Nicoletta Recchia*)

**Friday, Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas**

8:30 a.m. †Dr. Hugo DiGiacobbe (*Janette DiGiacobbe*)

**Saturday, Jan. 29**

8:30 a.m. †Rose Misko (*Dolores Robine & Family*)  
5:30 p.m. †Nick Orsena (*Family*)

**Sunday, Jan. 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 a.m. †Sarina Fiore (*Evelyn & Larry Hanelly*)  
8:15 a.m. †Hilda Blendl (*Dr. & Mrs. J. Donald Hensler*)  
10:30 a.m. †Stanley Kawtoski (*Steve Steinbugl*)  
12 NOON Mass For The People

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING –Jan. 15-16, 2005**

Regular	\$7529.17	Christmas	\$ 311.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 329.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 12.00	Total	\$ 8360.00

**OFFERTORY PRESENTERS**

Jan. 29	5:30 p.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
Jan. 30	7:00 a.m.	Frank & Rose Marie Fochler
	8:15 a.m.	Adam & Jean Trybus
	10:30 a.m.	Chris & Karen Rickens & Family
	12 Noon	Robert & Karen Fiore

**.MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Altar Servers** for January 29  
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Tim Link, Volunteer  
Altar Servers for January 29-30  
5:30 p.m. Brad Spayd, Joshua Kelley, Jared Bimle  
7:00 a.m. Maggie McCreery  
8:15 a.m. Tessa Donnelly, Jamie Novack  
10:30 a.m. Holly Mercer, Kevin Condrin, Jillian Lemme  
12 Noon Amerisa Watson, Matthew Eberhart  
**Eucharistic Ministers** for January 29-30  
5:30 p.m. B. Shoenfelt, G. Bettwy, J. Brown, J. Shoenfelt, J. Scarfone  
7:00 a.m. J. Wustrow, G. Miller, D. Altiero  
8:15 a.m. P. Engelman, M. Engelman, R. Novack, A. Ansman D. Cree  
10:30 a.m. B. Spinazzola, K. Madariaga, R. Friedenberger, K. McGraw, M. Salvi  
12 Noon C. Eberhart, J. Eberhardt, R. Fiore  
**Lectors** for January 29-30  
5:30 p.m. Joe Maschue, Vi Bettwy  
7:00 a.m. Linda Wolf  
8:15 a.m. Chuck Wolf, Tom Irwin III  
10:30 a.m. Ernie Salvi, Tony Labriola  
12 Noon Denise Watson

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

**NEW LOOK** The expanded bulletin has fresh look that highlights our patroness and the Fatima Shrine at our Walk of Faith. We hope you like the new cover and fuller information inside and welcome your suggestions for further improvements.

**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 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 next session for the returning Catholics is 7:00 P.M. January 31 and gathers 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)

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 \$8,000 to Catholic Relief Services. We will accept additional donations. Simply memo your check or mark the envelop 'Tsunami Relief'.

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Schools Week is from Jan. 30 – Feb. 4, 2005. This year's theme is "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: FAITH IN EVERY STUDENT". Here at St. Rose we will begin our celebration at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. All our friends and parishioners are welcome to join us at Mass to celebrate the mission of St. Rose School.

### OUR 2005 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

HAVE YOU SELECTED A DAY AND TIME TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY PICTURE TAKEN? January 22/23 is the last scheduled time to make your appointment. You may do it after Mass by speaking to one of the volunteers in the church vestibule. Remember that you receive a free 8" x 10" color portrait and a free 2005 pictorial directory for coming in to be photographed. I promise you that there will be no high pressure salesperson trying to sell you additional photographer. Please participate. The 2005 book will be incomplete if your picture or your family picture is not printed in it.

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT** Class will be held on January 30, 2005. We will meet in the St. Rose Reading Room from 9:15 – 10:15. Topic **Formation of an informed conscience**. 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. Special Intentions by Rose Marie Creppag, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Joyce & Toby Kjarsgaard,

### FUN AFTERNOON FOR KIDS

The fun afternoon for children will take place on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 2-4 p.m. in the social hall. Clown- Bob Smith will entertain.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Because of the several collections in March, the Envelope Company has changed the Altar Society envelope to January. Please use this envelope to become a member of the Altar Society. It helps to purchase items for the altar and ceremonies.

### FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 23 Matthew 4:12-23  
My heart goes out to Zebedee who looked forward to the day when he and his sons would spend all day working side by side. Then Jesus came along and they "immediately left their father and followed Jesus." As painful as it is, parents raise children to let them go.

### 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!

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH**, 519 58<sup>TH</sup> St. Altoona will have a "Prayer Service For the Unborn" on Sunday, January 23, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. as part of Sanctity of Life Sunday. This service offers prayers and intercessions for the victims of abortion and support for those who are seeking to bring an end to this sinful act. Please come and join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship, encouragement and refreshments.

### "IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"Roe v. Wade cannot stand as the law of this great nation, a nation founded on the self-evident truth that all people are created with an inalienable right to life. We are committed, no matter how long it may take, no matter the sacrifices required, to bringing about a reversal of this tragic Supreme Court decision." Statement of Archbishop William Levada of San Francisco, January 2004

### PRAYER CORNER

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God,  
Grant us the desire to do only what pleases you,  
And the strength to do only what you command.  
Cleanse our souls, enlighten our minds, and  
Inflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit,  
That we may follow in the footsteps of your  
Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

St. Francis of Assisi

### CCD NEWS

The Religious Education 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and their teacher, Mrs. Carole Housum, are studying the commandments this year. The students have put posters in the vestibule stating the First Commandment, "I am the Lord, Your God, You Shall Not Have Strange Gods before Me." Then using words, pictures, and symbols have decorated the poster with reasons why God is to be number one in our lives. Take a moment to look at their posters.

### Readings for January 23, 2005

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3:1; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17  
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31;  
Mt 5:1-12a

### ECUMENICAL SERVICE

On Sunday, February 20, 2005, Bishop Gregory Pile of the Lutheran tradition will host an ecumenical service at Simpson-Temple Church, 2212 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Altoona. The service begins at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Joseph will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

Organ Recital, Friday, Feb. 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, Pa. Kevin M. Clemens, a native of Altoona, will play a program on the Steinmeyer Pipe Organ of Bach, Mandelssohn, Elgar, Langlais, Gigout and Widor.

The **Lenten Season** is just around the corner. Are you interested in being involved in the small group study of the Lenten Sunday Readings **Disciples on Mission**? Return you information in the collection or call Leona at the rectory, 944-8509.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one:    participant    or    leader

**MILITARY PORTRAITS** of our parishioners are being gathered for printing in our 2005 Pictorial Directory. Color black and white photos are being accepted for a special "military page" in the book. Those of our parishioners who are on active duty or in the reserves may submit their picture to our parish office or by dropping them in the collection basket. Please attach the name of the individual to the photo. The deadline for submitting the pictures is February 26, 2005.

**GROUP PICTURES** (Choirs, Ushers, Council Members, etc.) for our Pictorial Directory are being taken in the Maria Parish Center according to this schedule. Please be on time and dressed appropriately:

P.M.	Monday, Jan. 24	Wednesday, Jan.26
6:00		Ushers
6:20		Altar Servers
6:40		Cantors
7:00		Stewardship Committee
7:20		
7:40		Adult Choir (1)
8:00		Adult Choir (2)

These above empty spaces will be filled as chairpersons or leaders of each group make their phone calls. This bulletin went to press on Wednesday morning. If group members have not been contacted by Monday morning, January 24, please get in touch with your group pleader to learn the time of your photo shot. Children's Choir will be photographed on Sat. Feb. 18, during their rehearsal.

**YOU NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**  
When you do the Sign of Peace – Do you know the person beside you – Come join the Christian Mothers and learn about one another.  
Are you new in the parish, Come join the Christian Mothers and learn about one another.  
Are you new in the parish who needs info on the resources our parish offers, Come join the Christian Mothers and learn about one another.  
Are you newly retired and want to feel your time still has value, Come join the Christian Mothers and learn about one another.  
Are you a mother who likes to know ways to pass her values on to your children, Come join the Christian Mothers and learn about one another.  
Are you single, widowed or divorced who would like to help with the needs of the parish, Come join the Christian Mothers and learn about one another.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS**

This past week the Christian Mothers laundered the Altar Server robes and donated \$100.00 to Birthright.

Minutes  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
December 2, 2004, 7:00 PM, Computer Room

**Opening Prayer** Cindy Boslet opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Members present were:** Father Crookston, Diane Gormley for Pat Ronan, Vi Bettwy, Sue Cossitor, George Baker, Pat Irwin, Adam Trybus, Frank Fochler, Judy Rossi, Cindy Boslet, Todd Cammarata, and Tom Goss.

**Guests present were:** D. C. Knokes, Diocese Foundation; and Joe and Patty Fromknecht, Ministry Fair Chairpersons.

**Minutes** The minutes of November 11, 2004 were approved.

**Formation** Father Crookston introduced D. C. Knokes from the Foundation Board of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Mr. Knokes gave an informative presentation about the workings of the Diocese Foundation and how an endowment plan can be established through the foundation. There is an interest in the parish to establish a Saint Rose Endowment Plan that may possibly be managed by the Diocese Foundation. Mr. Knokes will send samples of endowment agreements to Father Crookston in the near future for the council to peruse.

**Liturgy**

Sue Cossitor reported the following:

The Children's Choir for the 5:00 PM Christmas Mass now has increased to thirty-two members. Details are being worked out for the Children's Choir to solo possibly after communion at the altar front.

Father Crookston reported the following:

The Audio Enhancement Task Force is still waiting to receive suggestions and recommendations from an architect and an acoustician regarding a new sound system for the church.

**Education**

Diane Gormley reported the following for Pat Ronan:

A Thanksgiving food collection was gathered for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

The Oxfam Hunger Banquet was a huge success. About 250 meals were served and several hundreds of dollars were raised for Oxfam America and Sister Paula's soup kitchen.

The annual Christmas Toy Drive for Sister Paula's soup kitchen is in progress and will end December 17. Toys or small gifts of no more than \$20.00 are being collected for this annual project that Sister Paula and St. Rose School started more than 12 years ago.

The Student Council officers will go Christmas shopping for the "Adopted Family" project. The project is done in conjunction with diocesan Social Services.

Lenora Irwin requested that K-8 students make Christmas cards for prisoners. The students will be making 300 Christmas cards.

During Advent the entire school gathers each morning for prayer and the lighting of the Advent wreath.

The school Christmas program **Miracle on Bethlehem Street** will be on Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 PM in the Maria Parish Center. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.

A special school Mass will be held to support students and their families who have a parent or relative serving in the military.

Christmas vacation begins December 22. Students return to school January 3.

Catholic Schools Week is January 30 through February 4. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith in Every Student." The Saturday evening Mass on January 29 will be a "school" Mass.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **Catechesis**

Vi Bettwy reported the following:

The Catechesis Council met November 1 at 7:00 PM in the computer room.

Religious Education reported that Baptism retreat was held for the ninth graders along with their parents on October 31. There were three retreats scheduled for November. The eleventh grade would be attending an all day retreat at Laurel Lodge. All catechists were reminded that Penance services would be held during Advent for the students. They were also reminded to take the students to the Ministries Fair. No classes were held on November 28 due to the holiday.

"Operation Outreach" with Kentucky has begun.

Religious Education Mass was Sunday, November 14 with the students participating in the ministries.

Father Spishak is conducting training classes for Marriage Preparation. Four new couples are participating.

Cathy Damiano has resigned as Head of Youth Ministry citing a full agenda and lack of time to do justice to the program.

Father Spishak spoke of the planned trip to the Carmelite Monastery, the Basilica and the Chapel House.

Father Crookston is looking for additional altar servers among the fourth graders and the upper classes.

The Christian Initiation process has three members who received the Rite of Welcoming on November 7. They were "signed" and were given the gospels. The three members will be admitted to full communion during the Easter Season.

Tenth and Eleventh grade students are participating in the Gloria Gates Foundation.

Catechesis Council will meet Monday night, December 6, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the computer room.

### **Finance**

Stewardship Renewal: Joe and Patty Fromknecht presented the Ministry Fair final report to the council. Their report indicated that the overall opinion expressed of the Ministry Fair has been more than positive. Set goals were accomplished and an approximate 28% increase has occurred in the involvement in the ministries. The successful goals are:

Identify what Stewardship and Ministry are and how parishioners can incorporate them both into their daily lives.

Identify and make known to the parishioners all the various Parish Ministries available at Saint Rose.

Identify the needs of the parishioners we serve and those within our boundless reach and offer a helping hand to those who didn't know we were here.

Increase the active membership within the various Lay Ministries at our Parish.

Please note the Parish Council Ministry Fair Report is attached for each council member's file.

### **Maintenance**

George Baker reported that the church's outside Christmas lights will be hung in the very near future. George also reported that he will be working on the pews in the church.

### **Family Life/Activities**

Father Crookston reported that Father Spishak has selected a directory publisher for the parish pictorial directory. The company will be at St. Rose for three weeks in February.

Scheduled appointments will occur Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Saturday, 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Father Spishak will be forming committees to help with the project.

### **Social Justice**

The Grocery Bag Project was a tremendous success.

### **Old Business**

Father Crookston asked the council to review the Appreciative Inquiry Action Plan and determine two things: (1) What "percolates" to the top? And (2) What social activities should be considered?

**New Business** There was no new business.

### **Pastor's Comments**

Father Crookston stated that two openings have occurred on the council. He asked members to bring names to the next meeting for nomination. Also, Father will be announcing to the parish members that openings have occurred and replacements are needed.

**Schedule of Meetings** January 6 (Ministries Dinner), February 10, March 10, April 7, May 12, June 5 (Parish Picnic, Noon Mass).

**Next Meeting's Opening Prayers** George Baker will give the next meeting's opening prayer.

**Closing Prayer** Father Crookston gave the closing prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Judy Rossi*

