

St. Rose of Lima Church

February 20, 2005



5514 Roselawn Avenue
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16602

Pastoral Team

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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. 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

Sun Feb 20	Second Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Feb 22	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed Feb 23	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
	6:30 PM	8:15 Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	10:30 Choir Rehearsal
Thurs Feb 24	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb 25	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sat Feb 26	9:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Sun Feb 27	Third Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian

8:30 a.m. †Betty Drabic (*Swim Friends*)

Tuesday, Feb. 22 Chair of St. Peter

8:30 a.m. †Carmel Mirabella (*Edward Mirabella*)

Wednesday, Feb. 23 St. Polycarp

8:30 a.m. †Elizabeth Donnelly (*Daughter, Maria Giovento*)

Thursday, Feb. 24

8:30 a.m. † Vitangelo Recchia & Giovana Recchia (*Nicoletta Recchia*)

Friday, Feb. 25

8:30 a.m. †Robert Hurm (*M/M Larry Repko*)

Saturday, Feb. 26

8:30 a.m. †Angela Cataldo (*Husband & Daughters*)

5:30 p.m. †Diane Stasky (*Tina & Jamie*)

Sunday, Feb. 27 Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †Mary Grace Ackerman (*Francis & Margaret Adams*)

8:15 a.m. †Tony Longo (*David & Roxanne Longo & Family*)

10:30 a.m. †Kyle Holtz (*Ryan O'Conner & Mike Bender*)

12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -Feb. 12-13, 2005

Regular	\$7391.51	Christmas	\$ 111.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 232.00	Peru	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1007.50	Black & Indian	\$ 241.00
Candlemas	\$ 66.25	Perquisites	\$ 100.00
		Total	\$9169.76

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for Stations of the Cross-February 25

5:30 p.m. Holly Mercer, Hannah Mercer

Altar Servers for Saturday, Feb. 26 8:30 a.m. Tim Link

Altar Servers for Feb. 26-27

5:30 p.m. Brianna Spayd, Brad Spayd, Molly McCall

7:00 a.m. Maggie McCreery

8:15 a.m. Sean Dillon, Joshua Kelley, Jonathan Smith

10:30 a.m. Sara Fromknecht, Megan Mignogna, Hanna Mercer

12 Noon Jarod Brumbaugh, Taylor Brumbaugh, Polly Macharola

Eucharistic Ministers for Feb. 26-27, 2005

5:30 p.m. J. Scarafone, B. Bartley, M. Tillard, S. Baker, G. Baker

7:00 a.m. R. Kline, B. Altiero, Leanne Altiero

8:15 a.m. M. Engelman, P. Engelman, Jill Heiss, R. Skupien,

R. Novack

10:30 a.m. S. Tirone, M. Frucella, T. Goss, J. Fromknecht,

R. Friedenberger

12 Noon M. Salvi, R. Fiore, E. Salvi

Lectors for Feb. 26-27

5:30 p.m. Chris Rickens, Vi Bettwy

7:00 a.m. Jim Glasson, John Kenny

8:15 a.m. Chuck Wolf, Joseph Campbell

10:30 a.m. Patrick Labriola, Chris Mingyar

12 Noon Denise Watson

FROM OUR PASTOR

LENT'S "SENSUAL" FAST Our eyes, ears, and touch sense Lent's call to fast. Dark purple and gray tell of our entrance to the forty days of Lent. These colors announce that we are in the desert preparing for the Lord's sacraments of new birth in the Spirit, mercy for penitents, and Eucharistic strength Empty water stoops brings our eyes to look and our fingers to reach for holy water yet weeks away at its Easter Vigil blessing. As we enter the "Passiontide" period (the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday), the cross proclaims our salvation onto forgiveness of sin and birth into eternal life. Its rough, saving wood succeeds the ashes of penitence that reminds all of death's dust. Out of sight, except for funerals is the Easter candle. Our ears hear only enough accompaniments to sustain our song. The goal of Lent's sensual austerity is our turning from sin and our focusing only upon our faithful to the gospel.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU February is census month. We invite you to complete both the census and ministry, time and talent portions of the census. With the publication of the pictorial directory, we want to include current and accurate addresses, family member names, and home phones (only for those who want their number listed). It has been nearly a decade since we gather other member information. We appreciate your cooperation in helping all of the Saint Rose Faith Community to learn who we are.

LENTEN AND HOLY THURSDAY ALMSGIVING As we pray with God throughout our Lenten journey, we reach out to those in need and grow in solidarity with them. Our second collections are our alms for our brothers and sisters in Lima, Peru and the diocese of Mandeville. We also invite your daily home alms to Operation Rice Bowl. We gather your Rice Bowls during Holy Week.

Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl is yet another way to reach those in need both in our own community and around the world. 75% of your Operation Rice Bowl contribution helps fund Catholic Relief Services overseas development projects that bring clean water, small enterprise development and agriculture enrichment to the poor overseas. The remaining 25% stays here in our diocese to help the poor in our own community.

Holy Thursday, the day of the Lord's Supper, is also our occasion to honor the continuing good work done in the name of the rectory's former cook, Gloria Gates. We forward the gathered Holy Thursday offering to the Gloria Gates Foundation. The Foundation helps the youth of Evergreen Manor. Be abundantly generous in your Lent and Holy Thursday almsgiving.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, Feb. 21 due to the Presidents' Day observance.

The ATHLETIC ASSOC. will meet on Monday, Feb. 21st at 7:00 PM in the library

The students in grades K, 1, and 2 will attend a children's production at the Mishler Theater on Tuesday morning, Feb. 22nd.

The students pray the Stations of the Cross each Thursday during Lent at 1:25 in the church. All are welcome to join us.

Registration for next year's kindergarten is Feb. 28 from 8:30 to 10:30 and 1:30 to 2:30. The school nurse will be here to go over your child's immunization records with you. Please bring those updated records along with your child's birth certificate, Baptismal certificate and social security number. There is a \$50.00 registration fee payable at the time of registration.

The St. Rose of Lima School will be having their second annual **Longaberger Basket Bingo** on February 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets are now available in the school office or by calling Kim Irwin at 942-6892. This is a fun women's

night out so purchase your tickets soon – they are not available at the door. The price of the tickets is \$20.00 for admission (15 games) or \$55.00 for a value pack (15 games, door prizes, and special games). Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 26	5:30 p.m.	Olive Savino, Tina & Jamie
Feb. 27	7:00 a.m.	Francis Adams & Jack Corle
	8:15 a.m.	Irene Mishock & Shirley Cobler
	10:30 a.m.	Tim & Christine Holtz & Family
	12 Noon	Ron & Mari Ann Eberhart

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT Class will be held on Feb. 20 2005. We will meet in the St. Rose Computer Room from 9:15 –10:15. Topic: **Seven Last Words of Christ**. 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, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Joyce & Toby Kjarsgaard, Marie Elder by Katie Noel. My daughter and son-in-law wants to adopt a baby and needs financial help by Susan Trout

Congratulations to Isabella Rose Sapienza, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sapienza who received the light of Christ in the sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

On February 27, the Fun Afternoon for Kids will be held in the Social Hall for children up to age 12. Clown Bob Smith will entertain. Games –Prizes-Pizza and Punch will follow.

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

MUSIC NOTES

Children's Choir Rehearsals will take place in the choir loft on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning **February 19, 2005**. We are preparing to sing for Palm Sunday at the 8:15 a.m. Mass and Easter morning at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please note that a group picture will be taken at the first rehearsal for our Church Directory. New members ages 7 to 13 are always welcome – No experience necessary! For questions contact Bryce or Sue Cossitor at 943-0174.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 20

Matthew 17: 1-9

No matter where you are in life, the apostles in today's gospel remind us "it is good for us to be here". The Lord is leading us, just as he "led" the apostles in the gospel. Your life is not a coincidence. Be still and appreciate the Lord's guiding presence in your daily life.

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"

Research using adult stem cells is 20-30 years ahead of embryonic stem cell research and holds greater promise. No human being has yet been cured of a disease through the use of embryonic stem cells whereas adult stem cells have already cured thousands. Stem cell expert Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

PRAYER CORNER

O Lord, before Your crucifixion, the mountain became as Heaven,
And a cloud spread itself out to form a tent.
When You were transfigured, and the Father testified of you,
Peter with James and John with You,
Who were to be present with you also at the time of Your betrayal:
That having beheld you glory, they should not be afraid before Your sufferings.
Grant in your great mercy that we too may be counted worthy
To venerate these, your sufferings in peace
Amen. Byzantine Vespers

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.

ST. VINCENT SEMINARY

On March 6-8, 2005, St. Vincent's Seminary will host a "Live-In Retreat" for men age 18 and over who are interested in knowing more about seminary life and the life of a diocesan priest. There is no charge for the retreat. For further information and registration, contact Fr. John D. Byrnes at 814-472-5441 or email at jbyrnes@dioceseai.org

PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

On March 31 to April 3, 2005, the Office of Vocations will host a College Live-In at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio for young men who are seniors and juniors in high school and college students who are interested in knowing more about seminary life and the life of a diocesan priest. The Live-In schedule will include a tour of the campus, discussions, meals and prayer with the college seminarians, attendance at classes, and time for recreation. There is no charge for the weekend, and transportation will be provided. Parents are cordially invited to attend the Live-In along with their sons. Guidance will be provided by the Director of Vocations. For further information contact Father John D. Byrnes at 814 472-5441 or email at jbyrnes@dioceseai.org

One Day Women's Conference – "Heart's Afire" – May 14th

Catholic women face greater challenges from an increasingly secular culture. In today's world women search for ways to remain faith-filled in our day to day interactions. This conference's goal is to help us respond to these challenges and answer the call to live our lives as Jesus commands. Plan to join other women on May 14th at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson for the day of faith, intercession and liturgy. We will be joined by two dynamic speakers and musical ministry group, *Living Praise*. Watch the Catholic Register for more information or to register visit our website at www.Geocities.com/catholicwomenalleghenies/index.html or contact Carol Galioto at *814) 946-3796.

The Cathedral Parish will be celebrating Evening Prayer and Benediction throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons. During this Year of the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II has granted a plenary indulgence For Catholics who participate in veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please feel free to join us in our celebration Sunday evening at 6:30 PM; February 20 & 27, March 6, 13, & 20; April 3, 17 & 25; May 1, 8 & 15. The Cathedral Parish is located on Thirteenth Street and Cathedral Square in Altoona

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

You are invited to join Bishop Joseph with his priests in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the Church's season to remind the faithful of our need to turn from sin and seek God's mercy. We seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor. Gather with all who identify themselves as sinners joyfully proclaiming the love and forgiveness of God. A Communal Penance Service will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, at 6:30 p.m. This public gathering of believers is a great preparation for the celebration of the Easter mysteries. Plan to gather for this hour of prayer celebrating God's mercy in liturgy

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

2nd Sunday of Lent

In a society that frequently tempts us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures, many find it hard to accept the challenge to live as Christian disciples and stewards. May I make a genuine effort to discover the true meaning of Christian stewardship and live accordingly.

Consider as part of your Lenten Renewal:

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2005 from 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. at St. Catherine's Duncansville.

What does the church teach about life and justice issues, and why?

What can I as an individual, or as part of a group of parishioners, do to make a difference?

Bishop Joseph Adamec will close the day with Mass at 5:00 p.m. There will be a \$5.00 donation. Monies collected will be forwarded to relief efforts for tsunami victims. Call the Family Life Office to register 886-5551.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The EUCHARISTIC FAST of abstaining for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food or drink helps the communicant realize the sacred nature of the Eucharist. By specifying that the fast is to be *at least* one hour, the code of Canon Law appears to be encouraging the Faithful to fast for a longer period if the individual so desires. The one hour fast is computed from the time of the completion of the consumption of food or drink until the reception of Holy Communion, not the onset of Mass. Proper preparation for the reception of the great Sacrament of the Eucharist would have each Catholic abstain from food and drink for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. This abstinence makes the communicant more aware of the great gift about to be received in the Eucharist.

Plenary Indulgences for Year of the Eucharist

Pope John Paul II has granted a plenary indulgence for Catholics who participate in the veneration of the Blessed Sacrament during the Year of the Eucharist. His Holiness has also granted a plenary indulgence to those who pray the Liturgy of the Hours, particularly Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, before the tabernacle.

A plenary indulgence is the remission of all temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgences are subject to the usual conditions: (1) that the individual seeking the indulgence must make a Sacramental Confession; (2) be free from all attachment to sin; (3) receive the Eucharist at Mass; (4) and pray for the intentions for the Holy Father.

The Faithful may obtain the indulgence "each and every time they participate attentively and piously in a sacred function or a devotional exercise undertaken in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, solemnly exposed and conserved in the tabernacle." For those who through illness or just cause cannot visit a church to venerate the Eucharist, a plenary indulgence is possible if they "make the visit spiritually and with the heart's desire...and recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a pious invocation to Jesus in the Sacrament."

The second week of Lent

Prayer on the Mountaintop

Lord Jesus,
who talked with Moses and Elijah
on the mountaintop,
who shone with God's approval
before the eyes of the disciples,
hear our prayers as we climb that mountain
for a glimpse of you.

We stumble as we try to follow.
We falter and take wrong turns.
Do not let us lose sight of the vision;
help us to ponder the light.
Teach us about your glory,
then send us back down to the world.
Give us grace to live what we learn.
In Jesus' name. Amen.



Sunday, February 20, 2005

WITH JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN

Just as the First Sunday of Lent always tells the story of the temptation in the desert, the Second Sunday of Lent always tells the story of the Transfiguration. This mountaintop experience stunned Andrew, James, and John into a new understanding of Jesus and it did so also for those who heard the story later. Jesus appears with the two icons of the Jewish Law and the prophets: Moses and Elijah. When the cloud overshadows them and the disciples hear the voice of God, it becomes clear that Jesus is even greater than those two and that he is, indeed, the fulfillment of the Jewish Scriptures. In Jesus' Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9), the disciples (and we) get a glimpse of the glory of Jesus in his fullness as divine and human being. Some scholars hold that this is a post-Resurrection appearance placed in the middle of Matthew's

Gospel (and in Luke and Mark as well) to signal the divine nature of Jesus' mission. The prediction of his Passion and death immediately follows this passage in the Gospel.

We journey with the disciples to the top of the mountain. Our experience tells us that we can see a great distance and in that holy company we feel secure. With Peter, we might wish to pitch some tents so that we can remain in the midst of such glory. But we cannot hang on to the Transfiguration; discipleship with Jesus demands that we live our lives in the world, taking on the world's cares and sorrows. We must walk down the mountain and back into the reality of everyday life. Jesus rightfully tells us, "Do not be afraid." After all, he is coming with us.

This Week at Home

Monday, February 21

THE AMAZING ABUNDANCE OF GOD

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 6:36–38) reminds us that the more generous we are in the gifts of love and mercy, the more generous God will be with us. Jesus describes gifts that will be poured into our laps until they overflow—a wonderful image of God's abundant love! Because God's love is part of us, we will never run out of love and compassion that can be given to others. In your prayer this evening, ask God to help you show that love to someone who has a special need.

Tuesday, February 22

THE CHAIR OF PETER

The Church celebrates the Chair of Peter on two days. January 18 commemorates the first service of Peter in Rome. Today celebrates Peter's declaration that Jesus is the Son of God and also his appointment by Christ to be the "rock" of his Church. Later the Church defined that position of leadership as pope and traced its authority back to this moment. Offer a prayer that God may continue to guide the pope in his service to the Church and the world.

Wednesday, February 23

WAYS OF GIVING ALMS

Realizing that the law of love obliges us to share what we have with those who do not have, people often want to connect their gifts concretely to the sacrifice of a privilege they enjoy. One way is by giving up some pleasure—a piece of candy or a cup of coffee at the local coffee house—and donating the price of it. Another way is to contribute a set amount of money for each item in your house that impoverished people do not have, a nickel or a dime for instance, for every book you own or a dollar or more for each mattress you have. In this way, children and adults quickly realize the disparity between the wealth we take for granted and the poverty of others.

Thursday, February 24

REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE

On Ash Wednesday, many of us heard, "Remember you are dust and into dust you shall return." Remembering who we are and how we began

allows us to make a choice again to follow God for the rest of our lives. Remembering allows us to choose discipleship under Jesus Christ as the path of our lives. Take time today to remember your life as a child of God.

Friday, February 25

EASY PRETZELS DURING LENT

As early as the seventh century, monks were making and giving pretzels to children who had learned their prayers and memorized Bible verses. The special twisted shape looks like the folded arms of a child praying. The three holes represent the Christian Trinity. The word *pretzel* comes from the Latin *pretiola*, meaning "little reward."

Thaw 2 16-oz. frozen packages of whole wheat bread dough. Roll each loaf into 12 balls (24 balls in all). Roll into ropes and shape into pretzels by forming a knot and looping ends through. Place 1 inch apart on well-greased cookie sheet. Let stand for 20 minutes. Brush with combination of egg whites and water. Sprinkle with coarse salt and bake at 350° F for 20 minutes.

Saturday, February 26

GOD'S WILD AND WASTEFUL LOVE

Today's Gospel (Luke 15:1–3, 11–32) tells the story of the prodigal son who wastes his inheritance on hard living. When he returns, repentant, his father does not cast him out but embraces him warmly, and the elder brother is resentful. This story teaches us that God spends love wildly on everyone, including those we may not think are worth it. Give thanks today for the gift of God's love to you and everyone.

