

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Mar 6	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Mar 8	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed Mar 9	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
	6:30 PM	8:15 Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	10:30 Choir Rehearsal
Thurs Mar 10	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Mar 11	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sat Mar 12	9:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Sun March 13	Fifth 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, March 7 Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

8:30 a.m. †James Leiden (*Rose Cardinal*)

Tuesday, March 8 St. John of God

8:30 a.m. †Nicholas Fiore (*M/M Joey DeBernardis*)

Wednesday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

8:30 a.m. †Edwin Beckel (*Joe & Heather Macharola*)

Thursday, March 10

8:30 a.m. †Mary S. Maniglia (*Matilda Lynch*)

Friday, March 11

8:30 a.m. †Ernest Unverdorben (*Family*)

Saturday, March 12

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

5:30 p.m. †William Eichenlaub (*Wife*)

Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

8:15 a.m. †William Costanza (*Milliken Family*)

10:30 a.m. †James Webb (*Neighbors & Friends*)

12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING - Feb. 26-27, 2005

Regular	\$6544.35	Christmas	\$ 93.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 160.00	Candlemas	\$ 11.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00	Black & Indian	\$ 24.00
Rose Collection	\$ 172.66	Peru	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 64.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Bishops' Relief	\$ 15.00	Total	\$7114.01

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for Stations of the Cross-March 4

5:30 p.m. Billy Beard, Stefan Beard, Eugene Ehredt, Loretta Bobetich

Altar Servers for Saturday, March 5 8:30 a.m. Max Sheedy

Altar Servers for March 5-6, 2005

5:30 p.m. Nate Sanders, Nicole Bagley, Brad Spayd

7:00 a.m. Nicole Altiero

8:15 a.m. Tai Irwin, Kaitlyn Lersch, Daniel Lersch

10:30 a.m. Megan Danison, Evan Fraundorfer, Patrick Irwin

12 Noon Mark Wasicki, Tonya Lee, Thomas Myers

Eucharistic Ministers for March 5-6, 2005

5:30 p.m. J. Shoenfelt, J. Frena, S. Baker, J. Brown, G. Baker

7:00 a.m. G. Miller, D. Leahey, J. Wustrow

8:15 a.m. P. Engelman, R. Novack, M. Engelman, D. Smith,

J. Heiss

10:30 a.m. D. Housum, P. Fromknecht, C. Housum, S. Tirone,

B. Gentile

12 Noon R. Fiore, C. Eberhart, M. Salvi

Lectors for March 5-6, 2005

5:30 p.m. Bea Shoenfelt, Joe Maschue

7:00 a.m. Ray Kline, Chris Rickens

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

10:30 a.m. Chris Mingyar, Tim Skarada

12 Noon Ernie Salvi

FROM OUR PASTOR

PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION Our Lenten reconciliation service is Sunday, March 13, 4:00 P.M. We will have three priests in the reconciliation rooms as well as a dozen other priests stationed throughout the school. **Other opportunities for your celebration of reconciliation are:** Cathedral ~ Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 P.M.; St. John's, Lakemont ~ Monday, March 14, 6:30 P.M.; Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Friday, March 18, 5:30 P.M. and St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg ~ Sunday, March 20, 4:00 P.M. These communal services heighten our awareness that we are a pilgrim people in need of forgiveness and that as a community we celebrate God's saving grace. Times for individual celebration of reconciliation at St. Rose are the usual Saturday times (Noon and after the 5:30 evening Mass), and following morning Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU March and early April are census completion months. We invite you to return your completed census **and** ministry, time and talent forms. 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). We thank all who have updated

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your census and ministry-related 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.

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 that helps the youth of Evergreen Manor. Be abundantly generous in your Lent and Holy Thursday almsgiving.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

-- All **re-registration forms** for the 2005-2006 school year are due in the school office on Monday, March 7th.

-- **Registration for next year's kindergarten is rescheduled for March 15th** 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.

-- **REGISTRATION and OPEN HOUSE for PRE K 3 and PRE K4** will be on Wednesday, March 16th during school hours. We will offer an optional full day program for our PRE K 4 students next school year. Please call the school for additional information.

-- The Technology Committee will meet on Monday, March 7th at noon in the computer room.

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

YOUR FREE 8x10 PORTRAITS ARE HERE

Kindly stop to pick up your portraits at the table in the foyer of the church, or come to the office during the week, the pictorial directory will be printed and shipped here by the first week of June. The special orders for pictures that many of you made will be sent directly to your home. A sincere "Thank you" from Fr. Crookston and Fr. Spishak for your very encouraging response to our invitation to be photographed for our 2005 parish directory

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 12	5:30 p.m.	Sam & Beth Britz
March 13	7:00 a.m.	Francis Adams & Jack Corle
	8:15 a.m.	CCD Students
	10:30 a.m.	Joe & Pat Fromknecht & Family
	12 Noon	Steve & Pam Brumbaugh & Family

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT Our next Class will be held on March 13, 2005. We will meet in the St. Rose Computer Room from 9:15 -10:15. Topic: **Jesus: God and Man**. 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, Matthew P. Zakrzwski by Linda Zakrzwski, For all those suffering with drug abuse and mental illness.

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Christian Mothers are planning a bus trip to Washington during the Cherry Blossom Season, in our Nation's Capitol. Bus will leave 7:30 a.m. from St. Rose Parking Lot. We will visit the Viet Nam, Korean & WWII Memorials. Then travel to the newly opened John Paul II Cultural Center for a Tour. Included in the Cultural Center is a display of "Architectural Treasures of the Vatican." The exhibit takes the visitor on a journey from Imperial Rome, where St. Peter was crucified in 64 AD, all the way through to today. Michelangelo's large study model is the center piece of the exhibit. It was used in 1560 to build St. Peter's Massive dome. This 16.5-foot wooden dome model, a gem of Renaissance

craftsmanship and creativity in its own right, provides a rare glimpse at the process and people behind a masterpiece of western architecture. Included among the Vatican treasures are works of art, sculptures, models, engravings, photographs, rare documents and priceless volumes from the Fabbrica di San Pietro, the Basilica's architectural workshop. We will go then to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where Mass will be celebrated at 5:15. Please sign up within the next 2 weeks in the foyer for the April 2 trip. Cost is \$30.00. Covers cost of transportation, fees, drivers gift. Send check payable to the Christian Mothers to the Rectory, 5514 Roselawn Ave. immediately to reserve your seat. Call Mary Engelman 943-3796 or Rose Marie Fochler 944-3906 for questions.

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

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for the Easter Flowers in the Church, please use your Easter Flower envelope (or a plain envelope) and drop them into the collection basket by March 20. Please print the name of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. Your memorials will be printed in our Easter Bulletin.

Retreat for all Seventh Grade Students will be held on March 13 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. This retreat is for Parent (s) and Students.

ST. ROSE BINGO NEWS

We are now playing 30 regular games \$100.00 each and 4 Jackpot Specials with prizes up to \$2000.00. Admission triple board is only \$6.00 and extra tripleboards are only \$1.50. Join the fun while helping finance our projects.

“IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”

“Human life begins at conception when the male and female genetic material combine creating a new and genetically unique human life. It is simply a denial of basic science to say otherwise. We must find some way to break through the denial that allows people to pretend that prenatal human life is not really human, that there is

something called a ‘gray area’ is whether we are willing to accept the implications of this scientific knowledge, or whether we are willing to ignore it so that we can do as we please.” Cyril Jones-Kellett, *The Southern Cross*, 12/2/04,p.,30

PRAYER CORNER

LENT IS SOMETIMES CALLED A JOURNEY

We should expect to find ourselves somewhat different at the end of our journey than where we started. An important difference could be more prayer in our lives. During lent the prayer committee plans to provide a Lenten prayer for each week of lent.

Week Four:

Oh God, you called our ancestors to faith
And have given us grace to journey toward the
light of the gospel, open our ears to listen you
your son, so that accepting in our own lives the
mystery of the cross, we may be able to enter into
the glory of your kingdom.

Italian sacramentary

Lord God, you offer to us this “acceptable time” to
recover a sense of what life means and to be
reconciled to you and to our neighbor. Grant that
we may walk together, day by day, in the
footsteps of Christ toward the paschal feast of joy.

Italian sacramentary

Families and the Gospel

March 6

John 9: 1-41

Like the blind man in the gospel, we have our blindspots. In families we just don't see each other clearly, so we don't appreciate each other fully. Could routine, familiarity or old wounds be the cause of your blindness? This lent, let the Lord heal your blindness. If “seeing is believing” then “believing is also seeing.”

One Day Women's Conference – “Heart's Afire” – May 14.

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 14 at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson for the day of faith, intercession and liturgy. We will be joined by two dynamic speakers and musical ministry

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group, *Living Praise*. Watch the Catholic Register for more information or to register visit our website

www.Geocities.com/catholicwomenalleghehies/index.html or contact Carol Galioto at *814) 946-3796.

RING OF HONOR

Bishop Guilfoyle High School has announced the following candidates to be honored at the **Ring of Honor** banquet on April 2, 2005: Sister Beverly Hmel, IHM, Mrs. Louise Brunhuber, Mr. Anthony (Sonny) Consiglio, Sister Pauline Kawtoski, CCW, J. Kirk Kling, Esq., and Mr. Anthony (Tony) Misciagna. The candidates were nominated by alumni and friends of Bishop Guilfoyle for their various contributions to the high school over the years. Since its inception in 1992, thirty-one recipients have been inducted in the Ring of Honor. The awards dinner will be held at the High School on April 2, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., preceded by a silent auction. Friends, family members, colleagues, and associates of the nominees are encouraged to attend the banquet. Tickets are \$40.00 each and are available at Bishop Guilfoyle High School or by calling 944-4014. Proceeds from the event will benefit the scholarship program at the high school.

FOUNDATION NOTES

The Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is a nonprofit, charitable organization established to provide a source of permanent funding for the parishes, schools and ministries of our Diocesan Church. It is a separate 501 © (3) organization independently managed by a Board of Trustees made up entirely of laity. There are currently more than 110 endowments managed by the Foundation and a record \$285,000 were distributed this fall. If you would like more information about the Foundation call 696-9514 or visit its website-www.fdtndioceseaj.org.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. With your help we were able to pack and send six more boxes to the Honduras. Thank you for your support. We are still in need of light clothing and personal items.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Reception of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion in a state of grace increased the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that reception of the Eucharist also reinforces the unity of the communicant with the Church Number 1416. As a baptized member of the Catholic Church, believers confirm their unity in the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ through the celebration and reception of the Eucharist. The Church, the Body of Christ, is strengthened when her members gather in unity and charity at the Eucharistic altar.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

4th Sunday of Lent

May I be the light in the darkness of this world by generously sharing my time, my talents, and all of my resources.

FISH DINNER

The Kittanning Trail Volunteer Fire Company is having Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent. Adults \$7.00, children \$3.50. Baked or Fried, Macaroni and Cheese or French Fries, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Dessert. Take-outs available.

Asera Care Hospice is currently seeking volunteers in the Altoona area to assist patients who face life-shortening illnesses, as well as provide support to their families. Volunteers are needed to provide direct care through visits that may include talking, reading, handholding, and listening. Volunteers are also needed to provide indirect care by helping with office work, making craft projects as gifts to patients, and providing some extras to brighten up someone's day. Groups may also volunteer to provide special one-time projects to benefit hospice patients and their families. Volunteers are offered free training appropriate to their area of interest. In order to volunteer or for more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 941-2900 or (800) 598-1704.

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The fourth week of Lent

Prayer for the Family of Church

Gracious God, source of all life
and giver of all things,
bless the people of your Church
that they may come
to see themselves as family.

Watch over them as they grow.
Nourish their identities
as brothers and sisters,
every one a child of God
worthy of your love and ours.

At the end of the age,
bring all your people into your presence
along with Jesus, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
forever and ever. Amen.



Sunday, March 6, 2005

REJOICING SUNDAY, MOTHERING SUNDAY

Laetare means "rejoicing." The name comes from the first word of the opening prayer in Latin: "*Laetare, Jerusalem,*" or "Rejoice, Jerusalem." In the midst of traditional Lenten disciplines, this Sunday provides a breather. In many churches, flowers are permitted in the sanctuary, and the Lenten color of the vestment changes from penitential purple to a deep rose, signaling the ending weeks of Lent and hinting at the rejoicing that is to come. In those churches where instruments are silenced during Lent, the organ is again put into use. For some European traditions in days past, the severe fast of bread and soup was broken to include meat and sweets on this day.

In England, for the past several centuries the Fourth Sunday of Lent has been known as Mothering Sunday. In spite of the similarity of names, it is not quite the same as the American

Mother's Day. Originally it was the day when people would make a pilgrimage to their "mother" church, usually the cathedral for their area. Obviously, this became an occasion of family reunions when children who worked away from home were given permission to visit their families at the church. Often bouquets of flowers or small gifts were brought to give to their mothers when they arrived.

People often confuse *Laetare* and *Gaudete* Sundays, since both words mean very similar things. If you remember that *Laetare* begins with L, like Lent, you will never confuse it with *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent. Take some time today to pray for the people in your diocese or archdiocese. They are your Church family today and every day.

This Week at Home

Monday, March 7

SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY

Perpetua was a young mother and Felicity was a pregnant slave when they were arrested for defying the emperor's ban on conversion to Christianity. The story of their martyrdom is an early account of the life of Christians. The African churches regarded it as an inspired text nearly as influential as scripture. Excerpts can be found in Butler's *Lives of the Saints* (unabridged). Saints Perpetua and Felicity (along with several other saints) are named in Eucharistic Prayer I of the Roman liturgy. Theirs is a great story of faith unmoved by secular demands.

Tuesday, March 8

JOHN OF GOD

John of God was born in the sixteenth century in Spain. He became known both for his visions of the infant Jesus and for his charity to the poor and disenfranchised. Among his miracles, he rescued the patients in the Grand Hospital of Granada from a fire, passing through the flames without being burned. Because of this and his unceasing work for the sick, Pope Leo XIII named John of God patron of hospitals and the dying.

Wednesday, March 9

GOD'S WORK AND OURS

One of the most intriguing lines in the Gospel today is Jesus' acknowledgment, "My Father is at work until now so I am at work (John 5:17-30)." Jesus cures a lame man on the Sabbath and when the Jewish authorities want to persecute him, he answers with this simple statement. God has never stopped working in the world and in our lives. Because of this, we, like Jesus, must continue caring for others, showing compassion and mercy, forgiving when necessary, and asking for forgiveness when we sin.

Thursday, March 10

MOSES' PRAYER

In today's reading (Exodus 32:7-14), when the Jews left Egypt, they promised to worship God exclusively. In a moment of weakness the people made a gold calf to worship. When God became rightfully angry, Moses asked God to relent and, in a gesture of generosity and mercy, God did relent.

Prayer is a conversation with God that incorporates praise, thanksgiving, complaint, and petition. Moses shows us that we can trust God enough to say what we feel and ask for what we want. We are not expecting that God will always answer exactly as we would like, but God does often answer us with what we need.

Friday, March 11

ABSTAINING FROM MEAT

Why do Catholics abstain from meat? In ancient and medieval Europe, meat was eaten by the wealthy, and Christians were to eat the food of the poor. Older teachings said that we avoid bloody meat because Jesus gave his blood for us. Finally, abstinence is a way of practicing self-denial. We take in less of what we like to give more room to God. Older Catholics remember abstaining from meat every Friday of the year. The Church encourages this practice still, but does not require it except on the Fridays of Lent.

Saturday, March 12

THE SYMBOL OF THE WILDERNESS

The desert or wilderness plays a big role in both the Old and New Testaments. The Jews were brought into the wilderness when they left Egypt. Jesus was brought into the desert to be tempted at the beginning of his ministry. Jesus often withdrew into the wilderness to pray by himself. Undistracted by the sights and sounds of daily life, we can come closer to God. During your last week of Lenten reflection, create a mental wilderness for your daily prayer.



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