

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun July 31	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Aug 2	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed Aug 3	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Aug 4	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Aug 5	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun Aug 7	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 a.m. †Kathleen Charlton (*Bernie & Peggy Yasulitis*)

Tuesday, August 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard

8:30 a.m. †Pete Alderisio (*Sam & Beth Britz*)

Wednesday, August 3

8:30 a.m. †Thomas W. Murphy (*Gene & Vi Bettwy*)

Thursday, August 4 St. John Mary Vianney

8:30 a.m. †Edwin Beckel (*Wife, Constance C. Beckel*)

Friday, August 5 Dedication of St. Mary Major

8:30 a.m. †James McKeon (*Family*)

Saturday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 a.m. †James Meintel (*Dan & Mary Jane Fanelli*)

5:30 p.m. †Sheldon Claar (*Wife*)

Sunday, August 7 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. †Nellie Roebuck (*Ann Chonko & Family*)

8:15 a.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Family*)

10:30 a.m. †Imogene F. Previte (*Bill & Lee Farnan*)

12 NOON Mass For The People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for August 6-7, 2005

Saturday, August 6, 2005

5:30 p.m. Tonya Lee, Alex Askey, Joseph Britz

Sunday, August 7, 2005

7:00 a.m. Nicole Altiero

8:15 a.m. Sean Dillon, Tim Link, Tai Irwin

10:30 a.m. Richie Zelnosky, Holly Mercer, Hanna Mercer

12 Noon Amerisa Watson, Josef Maier, Nicole Bagley

Eucharistic Ministers for August 6-7, 2005

5:30 p.m. G. Bettwy, K. McGraw, B. Bartley, M. Tillard, S. Askey

7:00 a.m. J. Heiss, C. Sharabaugh, J. Wustrow

8:15 a.m. T. Heiss, D. Smith, S. Tirone, J. Woomeer, K. Woomeer

10:30 a.m. K. Irwin, M. Wiley, C. Housum, D. Housum, B. Gentile

12 Noon D. Shrift, D. Watson, J. Eberhardt

Lectors for August 6-7, 2005

5:30 p.m. Vi Bettwy, Frances Hesser

7:00 a.m. Ray Kline, Robert Fox

8:15 a.m. Laverne Previte, Tom Irwin III

10:30 a.m. Dave Karl, Michael Nazaruk

12 Noon Bob Helbig

FROM THE PASTOR

CATHOLIC APPEAL- Goal exceeded: In the closing remaining weeks in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, 305 families have pledged a total of \$56,067. The participation of 34% of our families has pushed us \$3,636.20 beyond our diocesan goal. Many, many thanks to everyone who has pledged a contribution. A special thanks to the Appeal Captains that provided very well received friendly phone reminders. Your response to their calls has made this year's effort a good success.

Another fifty pledges will give us our best participation ever. Consider giving as you can. Gifts received now will go to cover the cost of replacing the rectory roof (\$16,575).

Fr. Spishak and I are inviting every parishioner's effort to give as abundantly as your means permit. Thank you for your prayers and your generous support for the Annual Catholic Appeal and parish improvements.

NEW MONEY COUNTERS Are you willing to give three hours (9:30 - 12:30) once every four Sunday mornings to help count the weekend offering? We continue to add helpers to our four counting teams. Please call Leona at the rectory or see Father Crookston.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING - July 23-24, 2005

Regular	\$5461.36	Christmas	\$ 51.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 118.00	Rose	\$ 289.39
Mission Co-Op	\$ 432.00	Peru	\$ 25.00
Perquisites	\$ 150.00	Candles	\$ 10.00
		Total	\$6937.25

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Aug. 6	5:30 p.m.	Sam, Beth & Patrick Britz
Aug. 7	7:00 a.m.	Connie Glunt & Doug
	8:15 a.m.	Mike & Debbie Dillon
	10:30 a.m.	Mark & Laverne Previte & Family
	12 Noon	Jeff, Janice & Daniel Maier

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

There are openings in our Pre K for three-year-olds for the coming school year. For more

information please call the school office (942-7835).

Any student who needs service hours and would like to help at school, please call the school office (942-7835).

Eighth Grade Graduation Pictures can be picked up in the Foyer of the Church.

CANDLES For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by The Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Rita Chverchko by Lee Family.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of James Sanders and John Glunt whom we honored with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to their families.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Mary Elizabeth Irwin, daughter of M/M Joseph L. Irwin and Sylvia Jane Seymore, daughter of M/M Travis D. Seymore who received the light of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION, is in need of catechists for the new year. If you have a strong commitment to your faith and interested in helping our children learn about our faith, please contact Fr. Crookston at the rectory or Viola Bettwy at 696-1541. We will see that you obtain the Basic Catechism instructions that you need to teach as a catechist.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Our Vacation Bible School will be held this year on August 1-5, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon in the Maria Parish Center. We are in need of adult volunteers, if you can help or if you have any questions, please call Leigh McCall 943-6726.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day is actually a week of activities in Cologne, Germany. It is a gathering of thousands of Roman Catholic youths from all over the world. It demonstrates the unity of the youth of our faith, and pride in their Religion! The youth of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese can share the feelings of unity and pride in their faith by attending YOUfest, at St. Rose of Lima Maria Parish Center.

YOUfest will be celebrated on Aug. 20, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. For a fee of \$10.00 per person, youth ages 14 through 19 can enjoy a day of music, food, activities, Liturgy and the entertainment of MERCY SEAT. A logo T-Shirt is included in the fee. Registration forms are available in the church foyer and must be returned by Aug. 13, with payment.

COACHES NEEDED

Also, anyone interested in coaching a sport for any grade should contact the Athletic Association for possible openings. New coaches are always needed. Be reminded that anyone interested in coaching must have completed the "Protecting God's Children" series sponsored by the diocese and must provide the criminal background check provided by the state. If you have any questions, contact Patrick or Kim Irwin at 942-6892 or pirwin@lsfiore.com

FOOTBALL: Any boy in grade 4, 5 or 6 interested in playing football, please report to Eldorado Field on Monday, August 1 at 5:00 p.m.

PRAYER CORNER

Feast Day of St. Ignatius Loyola

For service

Teach us, good Lord.

to serve you as you deserve,

to give and not to count the cost,

to fight and not to heed the wounds,

to foil and not to seek for rest,

to labour and not to ask for any reward,

save that of knowing that we do your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saint Ignatius Loyola

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

During California's debate over a bill to legalize assisted suicide, the California Catholic Conference pointed out that if suicide become legal, "the pressure to make that 'choice' will increase with the burden of illness, age or

diminished economic status. Predictably and practically, the disabled, the elderly and the poor will not be fully welcome to partake in community resources when they have the 'other' option." *The Southern Cross*, Diocese of San Diego.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The Eucharistic Prayer, the center and summit of the entire Mass, summarizes what it means for the Church to celebrate the Eucharist. This prayer is the great act of blessing and thanksgiving that constitutes the Church's memorial offering of Christ's sacrifice. The Eucharistic Prayer is the memorial proclamation in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and in which the people are joined to Christ in offering his sacrifice to the Father. The Eucharistic Prayer is addressed to the Father through Jesus Christ, by the priest celebrant in the name of all who are present. The Faithful profess their faith and give their assent through dialogue, acclamations, and the Great Amen.

The Cathedral Parish Summer Festival will take place August 5, 6 & 7 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be a Fish Fry from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, August 5th. And a Chicken Barbecue Sunday, August 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be food, bingo, games.

St. Joseph Church, Coupon, is holding their picnic on Sunday, July 31 from 11:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. There will be food, games, flea market, baked goods, etc.

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 house party in Newry on Saturday, August 6, 2005. Reservations are required. Prospective members are invited to participate. For more information, call between 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Suzanne at 312-5414, Bill at 674-6181 or Steve at 693-9596. Square dancing in September. Call 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cory at 937-4815 or Donna & Howard at 742-7078.

FALL ADULT FORMATION & LAY MINISTRY CLASSES SET TO BEGIN

What is the Adult Formation & Lay Ministry Formation Process?

An opportunity for courses to enrich your faith.

Two years of intensive spiritual and theological formation with an opportunity for...

A third year of specialized training in Adult Formation Advanced Bible Study, Christian Initiation, Family Life, Hospital Visitation, Liturgical Foundations, Liturgical Music, Master Catechist, Peace & Justice, Prayer Companionship, Senior Adult Ministry, Tribunal

Advocate or Youth Ministry.

Where will Year 1 classes be offered?

Altoona: Sacred Heart Formation Center beginning Thursday, September 8, 2005, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Johnstown: Saint Patrick Parish (609 Park Ave.) beginning Thursday, September 8, 2005, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

For more information and registration, contact the Lay Ministry and Catechesis Office at 693-9605.

LIGHT THE FIRE "ALIVE 2005"

The Office of Youth and Campus Ministry Office is teaming up with St. Francis University and the St. Vincent DePaul Society to present a day that promises to be both spiritually engaging and fun. As the Church enters a new era in history, the theme for the day will be Light the Fire, which will inspire participants to live their lives to the fullest in Christ.

The "Alice 2005" – Young Adult Day Conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2005. It is designed for youth and young adults age 17-30 – married or single. There will be compelling speakers, workshops relevant to youth and young adults. Eucharistic Adoration, confessions and an upbeat Liturgy. After the conference, there will be a social gathering with a series of musical performances.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Does your method of family planning strengthen your emotional intimacy with your spouse?

Nurture a loving relationship with God and the Church? Increase your self-respect and growth as a person/couple? The Billings Method of NFP (<http://www.boma-usa.org>) is the result of decades of scientific research by medical specialists. NFP honors the Church's respect for the unitive and procreative purpose of married love-making. If you haven't checked out NFP, you haven't made an informed choice. Certified diocesan instructors are available throughout our diocese. Introductory presentations to groups also available. Contact our diocesan Family Life Office, 814 886-5551; familylife@dioceseaj.org.

FOUNDATION NOTES...

Would you like to learn more about how you could support the parish or other charities through your Will? Do you have an interest in donating stock or another appreciated asset as part of your tax planning activities. For details contact the Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at 814 696-9514 or visit its website at www.fdtndioceseaj.org.

OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES

All are most welcome to join us each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the Outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Mass will be celebrated every Sunday and continue through Labor Day Weekend, September 4. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. Some benches are available, however, to insure seating, please bring a lawn chair. The Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, adjacent to the Shrine, will also be open to the public on Sundays, beginning at 1:00 P.M. and closing at Mass time.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

St. Anthony, what a wonderful life you lived for your short thirty-six years on this earth! As a very young priest and Franciscan Friar, your great talents were hidden from many around you. Then under obedience to your superior you preached for a festive occasion and amazed all the people with your eloquence and learning. That was the beginning of your career as a noted preacher, teacher, and eventually a Doctor of the Church. Your love for our Lord was so great that you were privileged to hold the Child Jesus in your arms. Today, dear St. Anthony, you are needed in our world. Give to our youth some of your zeal that they may use their talents and not become victims of laziness. Teach them the spirit of obedience that they may listen to their parents and to all lawful authority. Share with parents your learning that we may with open minds listen to the views of young people. Over the years people have prayed to you to recover lost articles. In your goodness, please continue to assist us as you always have. Our even greater need is that you would help to recover those souls who have drifted away from Holy Mass and the Sacraments and are in danger of being lost for all eternity. Amen.

With ecclesiastical approbation

WHERE IS THE YARDSTICK TO MEASURE?

When the courts of this country banned the posting of the Ten Commandments in classrooms and public buildings many were upset, and rightly so. It makes no sense at all! They call it "separation of Church and State", as though morality were a church. One might just as well ban the teaching of the Law of Gravity from the classrooms on the grounds that it was discovered by a Jew, Sir Isaac Newton. Following that same logic, we should restrict the teaching of the Law of Relativity only to the synagogue, because it too was discovered by a Jew, Albert Einstein. But then, because the Ten Commandments came to us through a Jew, Moses, it's a religion and needs to be banned. That is insane thinking!

Is it any wonder?

Take a look at the Ten Commandments from the viewpoint of common sense and good reason. Ask the question, "Why?" Why must a person pray? Why can't I kill? Why can't I lie, or steal? The Ten Commandments are rooted in common sense and good judgment. They are basically justice and rights that defend the dignity of man and woman and are geared to protecting parents, life, spouses, property and reputation. A nation that is committed to law and order is committing civil suicide by outlawing the Ten Commandments from the public arena. To deprive our youth of the Ten Commandments is like taking a road map from someone traveling in a foreign country, or like smashing the compass on a transatlantic flight. It removes the yardstick (objective standard) needed to measure where a person is, and where he is going. Once a pilot loses his sense of direction, the flight is in great jeopardy. Our country is losing its sense of direction. All we have to do is look around at what is served up to us in the daily news broadcasts: growing violence, loss of the value of human life, life is cheap. Lawlessness grows. Is any wonder.

WHY DID GOD GIVE US THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

When the chosen people trekked through the desert of Egypt, they were living among the Egyptians who were pagans: they worshipped false gods and goddesses. God's people lived among them for 400 years. What happened? Sure enough they were affected by the errors all around them. These rubbed off on them so that they lost their sense of right and wrong, of good and evil. So when Moses led them out of Egypt, God had to give them directions as to what was right and what was wrong. On Mount Sinai, God did just that:

He gave their leader, Moses, the Ten Commandments. Today we are like God's people in Egypt, we have lost our way. So many make themselves the judge of what is right and what is wrong. So many condone hideous sins today, like abortion, greed, malice, spite. The young are insolent and rebellious toward their parents. These false standards are in the air we breathe, and our families are infected with it.

Jesus came to the clearest expression of God's love. He did not remove the Ten Commandments but he build on them. "I have come not to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them..." (See Matthew 5:17-20)