

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun Dec 11</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</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>Mon Dec 12</b>	5:00 PM	Christian Mothers Mass
<b>Tues Dec 13</b>	6:10 PM	Bingo
<b>Wed Dec 14</b>	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
	6:30 PM	8:15 Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	10:30 Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thurs Dec 15</b>	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Fri Dec 16</b>	6:10 PM	Bingo
<b>Sat Dec 17</b>	9:30-10:30 AM	Children's Choir
<b>Sun Dec 18</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</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, Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 a.m. † Fr. Daniel O'Friel (*Gene & Vi Bettwy*)  
5:00 p.m. † Marie Elder (*St. Rose of Lima Christian Mothers*)

**Tuesday, Dec. 13 St. Lucy**

8:30 a.m. † Genevieve Banholzer (*Fran Prosperi*)

**Wednesday, Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross**

8:30 a.m. † Donald Basciani (*M/M Joseph Roberts*)

**Thursday, Dec. 15**

8:30 a.m. † Vito Gulino (*Mary Dodson*)

**Friday, Dec. 16**

8:30 a.m. † Al Mignogna (*Pat & Rosemary Ronan*)

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

8:30 a.m. † Minnie Ciccarella (*Dick & Sondra Frederick*)  
5:30 p.m. † James Nasralla (*Family*)

**Sunday, Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:00 a.m. † Clarence S. Adams (*Francis & Margaret Adams*)  
8:15 a.m. † Marie Trexler (*Carl & Shirley Palazzi*)  
10:30 a.m. † Mary E. Fiore (*Josephine R. Cichetta*)  
12 NOON 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Maude Yeatts

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING - Dec. 3-4, 2005**

Regular	\$8058.30	Christmas	\$ 281.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 736.00	Rose	\$ 92.80
Human Development	\$ 25.00	Register	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 48.00	All Souls	\$ 12.00
Perquisites	\$ 80.00	All Saints	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 878.00	Initial	\$ 6.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 10.00	Candle	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 41.00	Total	\$10293.60

**MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK**

Altar Servers for December 17-18, 2005  
Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005  
5:30 p.m. Alex Askey, Nate Sanders, Joseph Britz  
Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005  
7:00 a.m. Nicole Altiero  
8:15 a.m. Tessa Donnelly, Sean Dillon, Kyle Haney  
10:30 a.m. Zach Bracken, Erica Wiley, Megan Mignogna  
12 Noon Polly Macharola, Mark Wasicki, Nicole Bagley  
**Eucharistic Ministers** for December 17-18, 2005  
5:30 p.m. J. Scarfone, J. Frena, S. Baker, M. Tillard, S. Askey  
7:00 a.m. B. Altiero, G. Miller, D. Altiero  
8:15 a.m. D. Cree, S. Tirone, G. Stoltz, R. Novack, B. Stoltz  
10:30 a.m. K. McGraw, P. Fromknecht, B. Spinazzola, M. Wiley, K. Madariaga  
12 Noon D. Shrift, J. Eberhardt  
**Lectors** for December 17-18, 2005  
5:30 p.m. Jean Chirdon, Vi Bettwy  
7:00 a.m. John Kenny, Robert Fox  
8:15 a.m. Ken Haney, Randy Donnelly  
10:30 a.m. Pat Condrin, Chris Rickens  
12 Noon Jim Lane

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

**AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES** These opportunities exist for your celebration the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: St. Matthew's, Tyrone – Sunday, December 11, 2:00 P.M.; St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg – Sunday, December 11, 4:00 P.M.; Saint John's – Monday, December 12, 6:30 P.M.; Cathedral – Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 P.M.; Sacred Heart – Thursday, December 15, 5:30 P.M. Our parish reconciliation service is Monday, December 19, 6:30 P.M. The parish priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 A.M. Mass Monday, December 19, Tuesday, December 20, and Wednesday, December 21.

**NEW SANCTUARY APPEARANCE** The Advent sanctuary banners enhance the warmth, peace, solemnity, and prayer of our church. This first set is a gift from Fr. Spishak. He has a catalog that displays other banners of the highest handicraft and their reasonable price (\$100.00 each). Please contact him if you would like to donate banners for any other of the liturgical seasons.

**SAINT ROSE ENDOWMENT**

At each Mass last weekend a presentation was made to promote the establishment of an endowment fund to meet the long term financial needs of St. Rose of Lima Parish and School. Ways to consider funding the endowment fund at the present time or in the future would be

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individual gifts in any amount, donation of appreciated securities and mutual fund assets, memorial donations at the time of the loss of a loved one, and especially estate planning with Saint. Rose of Lima Endowment Fund being named a beneficiary in individual wills. Thank you for considering making the Saint Rose of Lima Endowment Fund a reality. The endowment trustees are Raymond Askey, Father Crookston, Kim (Shaner) Irwin, Marty Kooman, Patricia Ronan, Joseph Reilly, and Dr. Adam Trybus Sr.

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 17	5:30 p.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
Dec. 18	7:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	8:15 a.m.	Jim & Linda Trexler
	10:30 a.m.	Tom & Lenora Irwin
	12 Noon	Doug & Jennifer Bagley

### ST ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

- Our school **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 PM in the Maria Parish Center. **All are welcome to attend this delightful performance!**
- We are conducting our annual TOY / SMALL GIFT DRIVE to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Family Kitchen which is under the direction of Sr. Paula DelGrosso. We will be collecting **new, unwrapped** toys or children's gifts (**MAXIMUM \$20.00**) until Thursday, Dec. 15. You may give your donation to any St. Rose School student or bring it to the school office. We would appreciate your support.
- Thank you for your support of our Oxfam Hunger "Banquet". Our students raised \$1,100 for Oxfam and Sr. Paula's "soup kitchen".

### HOSS'S COMMUNITY NIGHT --- 20% REBATE for SCHOOL

On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Hoss's on VALLEY VIEW BLVD. St. Rose School will receive 20% of your food bill. If you would like to have a coupon please stop in the school office. We would be grateful for your support!

### BAPTISM

Congratulations to Ava Elizabeth Maser, daughter of M/M Andrew Maser who received the light of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend

### MUSIC NOTES

The St. Rose of Lima Combined Choirs & Orchestra will present "Agnus Dei", a concert of worship for Christmas featuring the songs of Michael W. Smith, on Sunday evening, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Maria Parish Center. The concert will feature a 70-member choir of adults and children and a 15-piece orchestra under the direction of Bryce Cossitor, with accompaniment by Susan Cossitor, and narration by Christopher Mingyar. Dancers and a Nativity Pageant by St. Rose of Lima Parish Youth will be a central focal point of this year's concert. A free will offering to help defray costs will take place during the Concert. Following the Concert, refreshments will be served.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**The Children's Choir will sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. The children will sing Christmas Music beginning at 4:30 p.m.**

**Our combined Adult Choirs with accompanying Wind, Brass and Percussion will offer a Music Prelude beginning at 11:30 p.m. for the Christmas Midnight Mass.**

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS

Once again during Advent, Christian Mothers will have the Angel Tree in the foyer. Please take an angel, put the name or intention to be prayed for and place it back on the tree.

The Angel Tree will be shared with our Homebound members of St. Rose. Untie the Ornament, place the Ornament on the tree and take the card. Please visit the person whose name is on the card during the Advent season. Maybe take a small gift to the Shut-in. Members of the Prayer Chain will be in the foyer after Mass to help you.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Any parishioner that would like a Christmas Flower on our altar dedicated for a loved one is asked to use your Christmas Flower envelope or use a plain envelope. Kindly drop the envelope in the collection basket by Dec. 18. Your memorial will be in our Christmas Bulletin. **PLEASE PRINT YOUR REMEMBRANCE.**

**CANDLES** – For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by the Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard.

**"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"**

For all the world to see, a 41 year old woman who committed no crime died of dehydration and starvation in the longest public execution in American history. While lawyers and judges engaged in a minuet of death, the American Civil Liberties Union, which would have passionately criticized state court decision and demanded due process if Terri Schiavo were a convict on death row, shamefully served as co-counsel for Terri's husband in his insistent desire to have her die." Nat Hentoff, "Terri Schiavo: Judicial Murder, **San Diego Union Tribune**, June, 2005.

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

**PRAYER CORNER**

**Tomorrow is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. We can honor her with this special prayer:**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, Intercede for the Church, protect the Holy Father, and help all who turn too you in need. Since you are the ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, obtain for me from your most Holy Son, the grace of a firm faith and sure hope amid the bitterness of life, as well as an ardent love and precious gift of final perseverance. Amen

**PROJECT RACHEL**- For women and men who have been involved in abortions: "The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace...you will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost." Pope John Paul II. Contact Project Rachel 814-884-8000. All calls are confidential!

**POINSETTIA SALE**, sponsored by Bishop Guilfoyle High School Athletic Department will be held on Sunday, December 11 at Bishop Guilfoyle High School from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Cost \$7.00 6" pot 5 or more blooms 15" to 19" tall 15" wide.

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Bishop Guilfoyle High School invites parents of prospective students in local parochial and public schools to a "Parents' Coffee" in the high school library on Thursday, December 15, 2005, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The program provides an opportunity to look at the spectrum of programs at Bishop Guilfoyle and to meet with students from all grades. Call 944- 4014 for reservations.

The Bishop Guilfoyle Ice Hockey Association will be sponsoring a "Parochial School Hockey Night", December 22, 2005 at Galactic Ice during the Bishop Guilfoyle Marauder vs Central Dragon game. All Parochial grade school students will be admitted free and those in attendance will also receive a free public skate pass. Admission for adults will be \$3.00. Game time is 7:50 p.m.

**Families and the Gospel**

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Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Today the Baptist cautions us: "Among you stands one whom you do not know." Question! Do you see the presence of the Lord in the hugs of children, in the sacrifices of parents, in the patience offered to a perplexed teen, in the supportive arm given to a failing parent, in the forgiveness received and apologies given?? Jesus promised to be always with us. Believe it – expect him. The Lord is with you.

**Protecting God's Children**

Very often a person who has been sexually abused by a trusted adult finds it very hard to reveal his/her experience to another. This fact is the reason why the Charter requires that diocese provides instruction not only to adults, but also to children. Hopefully by participating in the instruction offered through the "Teaching Touching Safety Program" our children will be able to voice their concerns and experiences as soon as they arise. If you or someone you know has had such an experience as a child or youth with a member of the clergy or a church employee and has been unable to share that experience or to seek help, we encourage you to all the Children & Youth Protection and Advocacy Office, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at 814 886-8250.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Just as the pink candle of the Advent Wreath symbolizes joy, may our light shine as we share our blessings in cheerfulness and gratitude.

## FAMILY RITUAL

Preparing for Christmas is a busy and hectic time for some families. For others it can be a very lonely time. Think of someone who would enjoy helping your family by stringing popcorn and cranberries, decorating cookies, or trimming the tree. Invite them over and enjoy the time together.

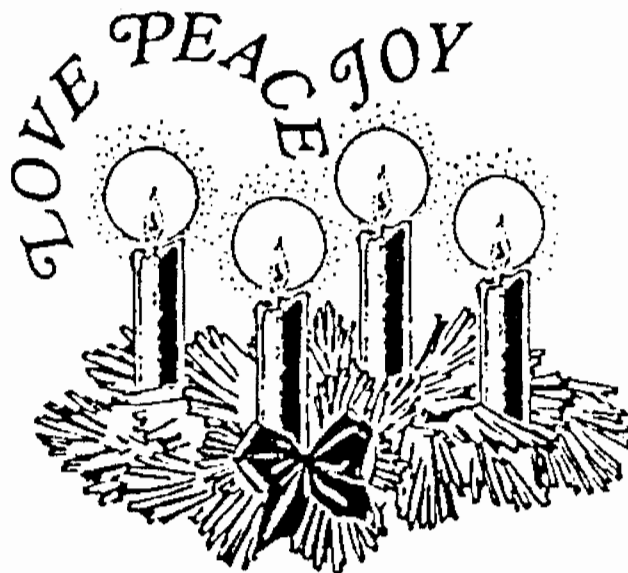
## LITURGICAL REFLECTION

As Advent proceeds, the days are shorter and the nights longer. We prepare our hearts for the word who brought light into darkness. Sin has darkened our lives and has kept the light of Christ from us. Advent time is a fitting occasion to welcome the light of God's forgiveness into the dark recesses of our sinful lives by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Attend a Communal Penance Service. Plan to go to Confession these Advent days. Check the Advent schedule for the times to celebrate sacramental forgiveness. Let the light of God's forgiveness shine forth in your life.

## GARVEY MANOR & OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES

Volunteers are always a blessing and your time can be flexible. Two hours a week can make a big difference for our residents, 3 or 4 hours is even better. The main area that we need volunteers is in our activities department, although we have other areas of need also. Volunteers receive a free lunch, snack and take home salad. Mostly they receive the love and joy from helping others. Also, any students that are interested in volunteering for community service hours or just to help out are welcome to call. Students must be 12 years old and up to volunteer. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who would like to be a Pray partner for Residents please call the same number and ask for Debbie Dorazio. If you are interested call Garvey Manor at 695-5571 and ask for the Volunteer Department.

**7-Day Western Caribbean Cruise** – Saint Benedict Parish in Carrolltown invites you to sail to the Western Caribbean on the Norwegian Dream, from Saturday, March 18, through Saturday, March 25, 2006. The vacation package includes round-trip bus transfers to and from the airport, and round-trip airfare from Pittsburgh to Houston. The prices, per person, based on double occupancy are as follows: ocean view, \$1,355; and inside cabin, \$1,345. This is the parish's cheapest cruise yet. For reservations or additional information call Nancy Vargo at 344-8706.



Please pray for the safety of our men and women serving in the military especially St. Rose of Lima's own Josh Geis. Josh is the son of Ron and Zed Geis and a life long member of our parish.

Josh would love to hear from every one here at home so as you prepare your Christmas cards, please add Josh to your list and prayers.

Sgt. Joshua Geis  
TF Bayonet/ 74<sup>th</sup> LRS/ Team 5  
APO AE 09355

### Story of the Three Kings:

Magi - from old Persian language - a priest of Zarathustra. The Bible gives us the direction, East, and the legend states that wise men were from Persia (Iran.) Their names were Bathasar, Melchoir, Caspar. Obviously their pilgrimage had some religious significance to these men. Otherwise they would not have taken the trouble and risk of traveling so far.

Matthew - Chapter 2: "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.' When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet was written: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least along the rules of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.' Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasurers and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route."

In European countries, the coming of the wisemen bearing gifts to the Christ Child is celebrated twelve days after Christmas. This celebration, called Epiphany, Little Christmas or the Twelfth Night, is a time of exchanging gifts and feasting.

The Wise Men brought gifts for the King of Kings: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Frankincense was a perfumed resin, burned in honor of God. Myrrh was a scented gum used to prepare the body for burial. The gifts had symbolic meanings. Gold honored Jesus as a King. Frankincense honored Jesus as God. Myrrh was a sign that Jesus was a man and would die.