

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 12	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Mon Feb. 13	7:00 PM Christian Mothers Mass
Tues Feb 14	6:10 PM Bingo
Wed Feb 15	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Feb 16	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb. 17	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Feb 19	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
	5:00-8:00 PM Grade 10 Retreat- Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 13

8:30 a.m. †Jack Cummings (*Bob & Lucia Donnelly*)
7:00 p.m. †Dorothy Porta (*St. Rose Christian Mothers*)

Tuesday, Feb. 14 SS. Cyril & Methodius

8:30 a.m. †Regina Hoover (*Family & Friends*)

Wednesday, Feb. 15

8:30 a.m. †Thomas Coyne (*Kathleen Murphy & Family*)

Thursday, Feb. 16

8:30 a.m. †Regina Nichols (*Marianne Ziviello & Chris*)

Friday, Feb. 17 Seven Servite Founders

8:30 a.m. †Betty & David Drabic (*Gertrude Annal*)

Saturday, Feb. 18

8:30 a.m. †Michael Ronan (*Bob & Patty Helbig*)
5:30 p.m. †M/M Antonio Maniglia (*Family*)

Sunday, Feb. 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. †John Glunt (*Joe & Rose Ann Himes*)
8:15 a.m. †Marie Trexler (*Thomas Baker*)
10:30 a.m. †Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)
12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -Feb. 4-5, 2006

Regular	\$9445.86	Christmas	\$ 80.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 106.00	Rose	\$ 161.04
Peru	\$ 60.00	Candles	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00	Candlemas	\$ 306.00
		Total	\$ 10174.40

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 18	5:30 p.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
Feb. 19	7:00 a.m.	Connie Glunt & Family
	8:15 a.m.	Jim & Linda Trexler
	10:30 a.m.	Mary Lou Moffitt & Family
	12 Noon	Joe & Gaile Eberhardt

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for February 18-19, 2006
Saturday, February 18, 2006
5:30 p.m. Joseph Britz, Maggie McCall, Molly McCall
Sunday, February 19, 2006
7:00 a.m.
8:15 a.m. Jared Bimle, Justin Bimle, Alex Askey
10:30 a.m. Caitlin Berkheimer, Kevin Condrin, Patrick Irwin
12 Noon Elissa Ehredt, John M. Berger, Eugene Ehredt
Eucharistic Ministers for February 18-19, 2006
5:30 p.m. M. Tillard, S. Askey, J. Shoenfelt, J. Brown, B. Shoenfelt
7:00 a.m. C. Sharbaugh, G. Miller, J. Wustrow
8:15 a.m. R. Novack, J. Woomeer, D. Smith, D. Cree, R. Friedenberger
10:30 a.m. C. Housum, D. Housum, T. Heiss, K. Irwin, B. Spinazzola
12 Noon R. Skupien, E. Salvi, M. Salvi
Lectors for February 18-19, 2006
5:30 p.m. Jean Chirdon, Joe Maschue
7:00 a.m. Ray Kline, Frank Fochler
8:15 a.m. Linda Wolf, Tom Irwin III
10:30 a.m. Patrick Labriola, Pat Condrin
12 Noon Michael Nazaruk

FROM THE PASTOR

CATHOLICS, COME HOME When family members and friends think about getting back to church, they often have issues and questions. Our Catholics, Come Home Team invites those who want to return or have recently returned to a session for the returning Catholics, this Sunday (February 12) at 1:30 P.M. The session will gather in the church foyer. Call the rectory (944-8509) for more information.

Coming Home Can Sometimes Be Tough, but the Rewards are Worth the Trouble

Ever look out your window on Sunday morning and see one of those "church" families getting out of their cars just home from Sunday mass? You can identify them by a couple of signs; They're usually smiling, they're somewhat dressed up – well, showered at least, they're energized in a way that you recognize from your own past, and they're probably carrying papers – a bulletin or Sunday School work.

If it's been awhile since you've gone to mass, and your decision isn't sitting well – Dr. Phil might ask, "How's that working for you?" – and it's not, then it might just be time to think about coming back.

"Well", you say, "it's been too long." The very idea conjures up a whole bag of issues that weigh heavy on your back. Items you strap on every day – at least every Sunday and carry around with you.

Let's review.

For some the issues are about anger. Anger at

parents who forced you to attend the rituals as a child without engaging in their meaning or participating with your religious education, resulting in control matters and resentment from lack of choice. Lack of voice. Did you know that there's a place for that voice today? The church welcomes and values your voice. Really!

For others, it might be about blaming God and the church for what's gone wrong in your life. Even if your plight is the result of bad choices, it's seems, well, simpler to blame the church than take ownership of the situation. Or maybe the church asked you to be accountable for those decisions and you just don't want to – maybe you feel it's just too late. Too difficult. Heck, nobody wants to be in trouble with God, so you'll just stay home behind the curtain at the window where you can avoid the confrontation, right? Well, the good news is that it's never too late to start making the right choices. Forgiveness is available. There's a process and a journey that can set you free toward a whole new life. A more fulfilling you.

Still others may feel unworthy. Bad choices have resulted in more bad choices and maybe more beyond that. Maybe you've hurt people and broken church rules; vows you may have made like, "til death do us part", "I will", and "so help me God", that you now feel can't possibly be reconciled. Guess what – none of us are truly worthy, but God loves us anyway. This means you too! Really!

And some have lost faith in the church as a result of their seemingly unwillingness to change and evolve with modern life, or maybe it's the scars from the scandals that have brought shame into what we've held to be sacred and expectantly perfect. The church is made up of human elements. Some times they make bad choices too. Your faith is being tested. How can there be faith without trial and test? For centuries the Catholic church has been tested. We continue to grow and evolve as a Christian society and lessons continue to be learned. We learn to forgive as we would want to be forgiven.

And for some it may just be easier to sleep in on Sunday. But you're not okay with laziness are you? It adds more burden to your heavy pack. Starting a new week off with renewed spirit and strength by going to mass could fill a void in your life right now – maybe even give it new purpose.

So, you stand by the window perhaps with emptiness and longing or feelings of failure and guilt. And how is that working for you?

Okay, how about this: Do something about it. First you offer forgiveness (you remember forgiveness from way back, right?) to any and all – whether they ask for it or not, and rid yourself of the burden of judgment and pain. Then you drop that back pack full of issues and tell yourself you'll break them down into manageable

parts – tomorrow and with the help of God, the scriptures, and the church's warm embrace. And then you go to mass – just to see what it feels like to let the Lord's love and forgiveness wash over you and find the love that you know is waiting for you – no matter what. Honestly.

So step away from the window, one step at a time, and stop by to talk to us about it. Many of us have been through what you're feeling have decided to be there for you to help you with your heavy pack. We'll be there with open doors and open hearts on this Sunday, February 12 at 1:30pm at St. Rose of Lima Church.

Or call the church and ask to speak to a member of the Catholics Come Home Committee.

It's never too late with God. He misses you and wants you to come home.

Kathleen Kibblehouse
St. Rose of Lima Church
Altoona, PA

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, Feb. 17th or Monday, Feb. 20th due to a long weekend for Presidents' Day.

The SCHOOL COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, Feb. 16th at 7:00 pm in the computer lab.

The PR Committee will meet at 6:15 pm on Thursday, Feb. 16th in the library.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Brien for their donation to the library in memory of Lauren Orlo Thomas.

ST. ROSA PALOOZA

WHAT: St. Rose Palooza—An extraordinary event with full-flavored food, spirits and good company. Come and enjoy a fun evening including a buffet dinner donated by Outback Steakhouse, live music by John Stiffler, and **CASH PRIZES** totaling over \$2000.00.

WHEN: Saturday, February 18 from 6:30 –11:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Rose of Lima Maria Parish Center

HOW: Donation of \$75.00 (admits 2 adults over 21 years

WHY: Benefits St. Rose of Lima School and Athletic programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Boslet (942-7637) or Kathy Madariaga (941-3509). Tickets will be available for purchase at the 5:30, 10:30 and Noon Masses.

WANTED: DIRECT SALES/PARTY PLAN VENDORS

We are planning a "Party Plan Expo" as a fundraiser for our school. This fun Ladies afternoon will be held on April 23. We are looking for vendors from within our school/parish families. If you are involved in any of the following organizations, please call Leigh McCall 943-6726, by February 19:

Creative Memories; Stampin' Up; Tastefully Simple; Lia Sophia; Silpada; Tupperware; Longenberger; Home & Garden; Home Interior; Party Lite; Princess House; Fuller Brush; Avon; The Body Shop. (If your business is not listed, please call!) Craft vendors are welcome too! This is a great opportunity to help our school while growing your business! On Feb. 19 we will be advertising outside of the parish in order to schedule vendors.

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

THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS Mass will be held on Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will follow in the School Library.

Gifts of the Spirit Retreat for all students in the Tenth Grade will be held on February 19 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS: Parishioners who would like a statement of their contributions are asked to call the Rectory between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

PRAYER CORNER ACT OF LOVE

Oh My God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of all whom I have

injured. Amen

LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND

Love is not jealous or boastful.
It is not arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way.
It is not irritable or resentful;
It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, hopes all things,
Endures all things, love never ends.
So faith, hope, and love abide; but the greatest
Of these is Love.
1 Corinthians 13; 4-8,13

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"Being pro-life is not a hobby. It is a vocation. It is, first of all, a basic aspect of our vocation to be human, and a foundational element of our vocation as Christians. Everyone is called to live out this aspect of his or her vocation in one way or another." Fr. Frank Pavone

LENT – The Lenten season will be here before you know it. Would you like to join a scripture reflection group? Each group will meet once a week during the six weeks of Lent. We will be using new reflection books this year. If you are interested or have questions, please call Janette at 946-4342.

Protecting God's Children

How do I speak with my child about protection from child abuse? I don't want to frighten him, but I am concerned and I know it's written about in newspapers and spoken about on TV almost daily? A special manual for parents and other caring adults is available to assist in carrying on this kind of conversation with children and youth. A free, single copy may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed #10 legal sized envelope to the Children & Youth Protection and Advocacy Office, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, 5379 Portage St. Lilly, Pa. 15938.

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

Silence! God is Here!

I was glad when they said to me, "Let me go to the house of the Lord" (Psalm 121:1) In our culture it has become increasingly difficult to pass from the noisy rush of life into the "adoring silence" that a worthy celebration of Mass requires. Ade Bethune, a noted designer of churches, recommended the creation of spaces of transition. One should not have to pass abruptly from the parking lot into the church. Some parishes may want to create a "garden of silence" between the parking lot and the door of the church. Others will want to rethink the narthex: the space between the church's inner and outer doors. When you arrive at the door of your church, stop to take holy water with your right hand. Make the sign of the cross. Cross the threshold of the house of God deliberately and reverently. If the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the sanctuary of the church, genuflect, bringing your right knee to the ground in an act of adoration. If the Blessed Sacrament is not reserved where you can see it, bow profoundly before the altar. Use the moments that remain to ready your heart for the Sacred Liturgy. Greet the Mother of God, the angels, and the saints represented in your church's holy images. In the Roman basilica, visited by hundreds of pilgrims each day, there is a sign that says, "Silence! God is here." The recovery of silence in church is the first step in fostering the "eucharistic amazement" to which Pope John Paul II has called the Church of the New Millennium.

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ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH LIBRARY

WHAT? Spiritual Reading
WHERE? Vestibule Room
WHEN? Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Self serve if no one is there or visit the rectory
Library proper .
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
There are limited number of books in the vestibule,
larger selection in Library proper.
We also have books for children.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 12

Mk 1:40-45

In the gospel for World Marriage Day, Jesus "reached out touched a leper and healed him." Everyone comes to marriage with flaws that need healing. The healing power of Jesus comes to life in marriage, when spouses "reach out" and accept the shortcomings of each other.

VALENTINE PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

The love we sometimes take for granted is celebrated on this day. And so, with help from the Lord of all Loving, let us create a valentine to cherish all year:

- ♥Let us start with a large heart of forgiveness, gratitude, and goodwill.
 - ♥For our children, let us add a hundred little bows tied with patience.
 - ♥For our spouse, add a bit of lace that reminds us of romance.
 - ♥For friends and extended family, colored bits of string to celebrate the ties that bind.
- God of all goodness, may the paper hearts we give this day remind us of living hearts, hearts of Jesus and Mary, of saints, of kin. May we remember their love for us, large as when we first discovered it. And let us learn to return that love again.

By Mary Lynn Hendrickson

Practicing the Fast: An Invitation to Self-Emptying

Is Lenten fasting just cutting back on food? Sr. Karen Gruseck, CCW will offer a day of exploring "different" ways of fasting: What can we let go of in our lives to make room for God?

This program will be offered on Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, For more information or to register, call (814) 886-3972 or 886-4098. Registrations are required at least five days in advance of program date. Donation is \$30.00 and includes lunch.