

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*
 5:00-8:00 PM Tenth Grade Retreat
 (Parables)

Tues Feb 28 6:10 PM Bingo

Wed Mar 1 5:45-6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY
 Pro-Life Rosary

Thurs Mar 2 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

Fri Mar 3 6:10 PM Bingo

Sun Mar 5 First Sunday of Lent
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m. †John Glunt (*St. Rose of Lima Altar & Rosary*)

Tuesday, Feb. 28

8:30 a.m. †James Sanders (*Donald Miller*)

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. †Mary E. Fiore (*Damian DeAngelis*)
 8:30 a.m. †Lou Bettwy (*Myra Mangiacarne*)
 7:00 p.m. †Leo Thompson (*Richard & Carol Anslinger*)

Thursday, March 2

8:30 a.m. †Virginia Meintel (*Jack & Helen Meintel*)

Friday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 a.m. †James McKeon (*Family*)

Saturday, March 4 St. Casimir

8:30 a.m. †Patricia Hirt (*Joe & Shirley Keirn*)
 5:30 p.m. †Jane C. Nagle (*Donna & Kirk Kling*)

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †James Stock (*M/M Joseph Marnecheck*)
 8:15 a.m. †Kathleen Charlton (*John & Judy Clauser*)
 10:30 a.m. †Rose Basciani (*Ken & Linda Teeter*)
 12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -Feb. 18-19, 2006

Regular	\$6372.25	Christmas	\$ 63.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 142.00	Rose	\$ 107.70
Candlemas	\$ 82.00	Peru	\$ 9.00
	\$	Total	\$ 6776.45

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 4	5:30 p.m.	George & Susan Baker
March 5	7:00 a.m.	Connie Glunt & Family
	8:15 a.m.	Bill I & Jennifer Lersch
	10:30 a.m.	Chris & Jeanne Danison & Family
	12 Noon	Ron & Mari Ann Eberhart

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2006

7:00 a.m.
 8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children
 7:00 p.m. Tonya Lee

Stations of the Cross, March 3, 2006
 5:30 p.m. Billy Beard, Stefan Beard, Patrick Irwin
 Saturday, March 4, 2006
 5:30 p.m. Alex Baker, Trevor Baker, Johnny Brown
 Sunday, March 5, 2006
 7:00 a.m.
 8:15 a.m. Kaitlyn Lersch, Daniel Lersch, Alex Askey
 10:30 a.m. Megan Mignogna, Erica Wiley, Megan Danison
 12 Noon Elizabeth Jacobs, Jamey Brumbaugh, Matthew Eberhart

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006
 7:00 a.m. Readers: Bob Helbig, Ray Kline
 Eucharistic Ministers: Patti Fromknecht, Joe Fromknecht
 Distribute Ashes: Rose Marie Fochler
 8:30 a.m. Readers: St. Rose School Children
 Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Engelman, Mary Engelman
 Distribute Ashes: Gene Bettwy
 7:00 p.m. Readers: Patrick Labriola, Linda Wolf
 Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Baker, George Baker, Mary Tillard
 Distribute Ashes: Carole Housum, Julia Scarfone, Bea Shoenfelt

Eucharistic Ministers for March 4-5, 2006
 5:30 p.m. J. Shoenfelt, B. Shoenfelt, J. Brown, S. Baker, G. Baker
 7:00 a.m. C. Sharbaugh, D. Altiero, R. Kline
 8:15 a.m. P. Engelman, M. Engelman, T. Heiss, S. Askey,
 R. Friedenberger
 10:30 a.m. M. Wiley, K. Irwin, D. Housum, K. Mrdkenovich,
 D. Fraundorfer
 12 Noon J. Heiss, R. Fiore, C. Anslinger

Lectors for March 4-5, 2006
 5:30 p.m. Frances Hesser, Joe Maschue
 7:00 a.m. Robert Fox, John Kenny
 8:15 a.m. Ken Haney, Randy Donnelly
 10:30 a.m. Pat Condryn, Todd Cammarata
 12 Noon Bob Helbig

FROM THE PASTOR

MAKING A HOLY LENT For Lent's Forty Days we are conscious of how we sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the reign of God. Above all, we are aware of those waters in which the church baptized into Christ's death. His is a death to sin and evil. In baptism's waters we also begin life in Christ. These waters wait at Lent's end for families bringing their youngest member to the font of Christ's life.

Lent asks us to give ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all Catholics do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain times, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities.

Likewise, the giving of alms can be an effort to share this world's good equally not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and possessions and through works of many kinds for a just world.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

During Lent, our Ash Wednesday and 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.

Our participation at daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Stations of the Cross, and reflective spiritual study further sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the grace of God welling up in our hearts.

PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION Our Lenten reconciliation service is Sunday, April 2, 4:00 P.M. We will have three priests in the reconciliation rooms as well as other priests stationed throughout the school. **Other opportunities for your celebration of sacramental reconciliation are:** St. John's, Lakemont ~Monday, March 27, 6:30 P.M.; Cathedral ~ Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 P.M.; Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Friday, April 7, 5:30 P.M. and St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg ~ Sunday, April 9, 4:00 P.M. Additionally Sacred Heart will have sacramental reconciliation nightly at 7:00 P.M. during its Novena, March 27 - April 4. 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.

"SUPPORT BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS"

The Church's National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Because of the generosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the U.S. Last year, over 8.5 million dollars were contributed to the Collection and 98 cents of every dollar was distributed. The support went to some of the neediest people across the United States; from the inner cities of the rural South and from the deserts of Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness -134 dioceses received assistance from the collection. Through your gifts, you join your sacrifice to those who sacrifice daily to lead others to Christ. You become a Co-missionary. **PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU ARE ABLE.** If we all give a little a lot will be accomplished. Please use the enveloped located in your pack of envelopes.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

The school is celebrating "Read Across America Week" There will be a book fair all week in addition to other activities.

Registration for next year's kindergarten is March 2 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. **PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.(942-7835) AVAILABLE SPACES ARE LIMITED.**

THANK YOU

To the following for making the St. Rosa Palooza a great success. With your help, in excess of \$4000 was raised. Proceeds will benefit the St. Rose Athletic Association and School.

Outback Steakhouse/Dave Sweeney, Sheetz. Budget Beverage, Furrer Beverage, Christian Mothers, Fiore True Value, L. S. Fiore, K.I. Graphics, Bishop Guilfoyle High School, Patty & Todd Sanders, Kathy Damiano, and all the volunteers.

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.

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

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

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.

Parables Retreat for all students in the Tenth Grade will be held on Sunday, February 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"For modern man, the idea of placing limits on research sounds like blasphemy. However, an intrinsic limit exists, and this is human dignity. Progress obtained at the price of the violation of human dignity is unacceptable. If research attacks man, it is a deviation of science" Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.



LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

This Wednesday, March 1, 2005 is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty day journey with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Good Friday (April 14) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7) are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14 year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18 year until their 60 year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout the other days of Lent. This is no obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

FESTIVALS AND SEASONS

The Church's liturgical year begins with Advent, a time of reparation and joyful expectation for the second coming of Christ. It is the latter preparation that transitions the Church into Christmas, Celebrating the birth and manifestation of the God-man, Jesus Christ. Lent is 40 days of intense fasting, almsgiving, and prayer to prepare us to enter through the cross of Christ into the joy of his Resurrection. The heart of the liturgical year pulsates in the three days that commemorate Christ's death, burial, and Resurrection (the Triduum), which begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues with Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. The Paschal Vigil in the night of Holy Saturday draws us together in the light of the risen Christ to listen to the word of God and to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Easter, traditionally called Pascha, lasts for 50 days; Pentecost marks the last day of the Paschal season and recalls the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a mighty wind and tongues of fire (cf. Acts 2:2). Easter is followed by a series of festivals: solemnities of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The celebrations occurring outside of the high seasons of Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter are days of Ordinary Time which, "Especially on Sundays, are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects" (GNLY.43). Throughout the year, feasts of the Virgin

Mary and the saints refract the light of Christ and reflect his beauty. Finally, every December the Church returns to the Advent season, putting all her hope in the word of Christ who says. "Surely I am coming soon" (Revelation 22:20).

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LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES-

Sisters from the Carmelite Community of the Word are conducting 4 different mini retreats. Christian Mothers will arrange a car pool or even a bus for those interested in participating in one or more opportunities. For more information, see the sign up sheets in the foyer.

MEN & WOMEN OF THE MILITARY – If you have a family member or loved one serving in the Armed Forces and would like to have them remembered in pray and with cards. Please provide their name, address and if possible a photograph to the rectory.

SUPPER CLUB – Our first supper club meeting was a great success and enjoyed by all. Keep Sunday, March 5, 2006 open as we will meet at 5:00 p.m. at King's Restaurant on Sixth Avenue. If you need transportation or interested in starting a luncheon club, please call Janette 946-4342. Everyone is welcome.

A FUN AFTERNOON FOR CHILDREN ages 5 thru 12 years of age. Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. we will welcome children to participate in large group games, an arcade, religious workshop and crafts area. The arcade will include a pool table, air hockey, foosball and ping-pong, plus more. We will meet in the St. Rose Social Hall and have the activities in the Maria Parish Center. The afternoon will end with hot dogs and refreshment back in the Social Hall. There is no cost for this activity however donations of hot dogs rolls and baked goods are needed. Parents are welcome to join in the fun and youth are invited to bring a friend. Please call Janette 946-4342, Dave Stein 942-0445 or Jim Loch 942-0142 with questions or to register. This activity is brought to us by St. Mary's (Altoona) C.R.O.S.S. (Children Remembering Our Sacred Savior) youth ministries

Nocturnal Adoration – First Friday adoration of the Holy Eucharist is at St. Therese parish on March 3rd from 9:00-10:00 p.m.

PRAYER CORNER

Oh Holy One, You are mercy and love.
You are forgiveness and new beginnings.
You do not abandon Your people. You continue to show Your love. Enduring compassion is Your name.

I stumble and fall and fail You many times. You are always there to pick me up and dust me off. You put me back on my feet and tell me to keep trying. I will continue to try Oh Lord, but I am like a child looking for my Fathers guidance to show me the way to be worthy of Your Love. Amen.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will hold an orientation t Bishop Guilfoyle High School on Saturday, March 18, 2006. The orientation is open to anyone wishing to learn more about the society and its Mission in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. There is no charge for attending but you must pre-register by Friday, March 10. For more info or to register call 942-5732.

LENTEN FISH BUFFET

Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) **St. Mary's in Altoona** will be having a Fish Dinner Buffet in the Memorial Hall Cafeteria. The price of the buffet is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (4-12) and will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds to go to the elevator fund.

Cathedral Parish, Altoona – Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner, March 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Salad Bar, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit and Beverage. Cost: Adults \$7.00, Children \$5.00. Takeouts available. All proceeds benefit the poor.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church – Ash Wednesday Fish March 1, 2006. Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. \$6.00 Baked or Fried Fish. Tickets sold in advance at parish office, 806 11th Street. Take-outs available.

St. Patrick's Newry, All You Can Eat Lenten Seafood Buffet

All Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. St. Patrick School Cafeteria-South St. Newry. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Children under 6 Free. Ages 6-12 \$4.50. Adults 13-55) \$9.25. Seniors 56+ \$8.25. Free Desserts and Beverages. Take-outs available.

FISH DINNERS will be held at the Kittanning Trail Vol. Fire Dept. on Friday, March 3 and April 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Baked or Fried Haddock, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw or Apple Sauce, Roll. Located just off 58th St on Poland Ave. near Ebner Elementary School Take out available. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

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

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 26

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There is a good parenting lesson in today's gospel. As children face new challenges, parents need new parenting strategies. Many methods that previously worked don't make sense to children today. This Lent examine your parenting style so that you are not "putting new wine into old skins."

Protecting God's Children. Parent/adult reminders to keep our children safe.

Never leave your child unattended, especially in the car or in public restrooms. Perpetrators find a child to be easy prey when parents unwittingly feel that their child is safe because a door is locked or a location "looks" secure. Children are easily convinced to open a locked door with a rouse like an invitation to see a new puppy. Public restrooms, even when in the basement of a church or school, are often frequented by sexual predators because children can often be found there unaccompanied by an adult. As adults, we are responsible to protect our children. We cannot leave children to fend for themselves against an adult who has learned all the tricks to lure a child.

Children & Youth Protection and Advocacy Office, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at 814 886-8250.

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates on Sunday, March 5, 2006 1 Catechumens and 6 candidates from our parish will participate in this celebration at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona beginning at 7:00 p.m. These candidates will be formally accepted as candidates for the Easter Sacraments by Bishop Joseph Adamec. There will be a light reception following the celebration in the Cathedral Undercroft. All are invited and encouraged to join our catechumens and candidates in prayer and communal support.

The Commission for Life & Justice of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese is pleased to announce that the Third Workshop on Catholic Social Teaching will be held on Saturday, March 11 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at St. John Gualbert Activity Center, Adams St., Johnstown. Nourish your understanding of the social dimension of Christian spirituality this Lent. Admission is \$5.00 (proceeds donated to St. Vincent DePaul Society). Act 48 and Master Catechist credit available for Catholic educators and catechists. Reservations necessary by March 1. Send registration to Commission for Life & Justice, Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St. Lilly, Pa. 15938. 814 886-5551.

LENTEN, TRIDUUM, AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2006

CALENDAR DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	EVENT	TIME
March 27 April 2 April 5 April 7 April 9 Mar 27-Apr 4	Area Penance Services	St. John Lakemont St. Rose Cathedral Our Lady of Lourdes St. Mary Hollidaysburg Sacred Heart Novena Nightly Reconciliation	6:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 5:30 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM
March 1	Ash Wednesday	Mass With The Distribution Of Blest Ashes	7:00 AM 8:30 AM 7:00 PM
March 3 March 10 March 17 March 24 March 31 April 7	Fridays of Lent	Stations of the Cross	5:30 PM
March 5	First Sunday of Lent	Christian Initiation Rite of Sending Christian Initiation Rite of Election - Cathedral	7:00 AM 7:00 PM
March 12	Second Sunday of Lent	Christian Initiation Penitential Rite	7:00 AM
March 26	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Christian Initiation Rite of Scrutiny	8:15 AM
April 2	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Confirmation Rite of Sending Icon Presentation St Rose Penance Service	8:15 AM 1:00 -3:00 PM 4:00 PM
April 9	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Solemn Procession from the Maria Parish Center Christian Initiation Retreat - St Catherine, Duncansville	10:30 AM 5:00 PM
April 10	Monday of Holy Week	Chrism Mass - Cathedral	11:00 AM
April 13	Holy Thursday	The Mass of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic Adoration - Maria Parish Center Night Prayer - Maria Parish Center	7:00 PM 8:00 -11:45 PM 11:45 PM
April 14	Good Friday	Morning Prayer - Maria Parish Center The Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion Tenebrae	8:30 AM 12 Noon 7:00 PM
April 15	Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer - Maria Parish Center Blessing of Easter Food - Maria Parish Center The Easter Vigil Reception Welcoming New Members	8:30 AM 12 Noon 8:30 PM 10:30 PM
April 16	Easter Sunday	Mass	7:00 AM 8:15 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon
April 19	Easter Wednesday	Confirmation - Cathedral	7:00 PM
May 7	Fourth Sunday of Easter	First Communion	12 Noon