

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun April 2</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
8:15 AM	Confirmation-Rite of Sending
9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
<b>Tues April 4</b>	<b>6:10 PM Bingo</b>
<b>Wed April 5</b>	<b>5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary</b>
6:30 PM	8:15 Choir Rehearsal
7:00-8:00 PM	Parents Mtg. First Eucharist
7:30 PM	10:30 Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thurs April 6</b>	<b>9:00-11:10 AM Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Fri April 7</b>	<b>5:30 PM Stations of the Cross</b>
6:10 PM	Bingo
<b>Sat April 8</b>	<b>9:00-11:00 AM Retreat Gr. 2 First Eucharist</b>
9:30-10:30 AM	Children's Choir
<b>Sun April 9</b>	<b>Passion (Palm) Sunday</b>
10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>

**MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Stations of the Cross, April 7, 2006 Alex Baker, Trevor Baker, Patrick Irwin**

**Altar Servers for April 8-9, 2006**

Saturday, April 8, 2006

5:30 p.m. Holly Mercer, Sara Fromknecht, Hanna Mercer

Sunday, April 9, 2006

7:00 a.m. Julie Fox

8:15 a.m. Tai Irwin, Tim Link, Connor Campbell

10:30 a.m. Becky Hughes, Zach Bracken, Alyssa Lower

12 Noon Taylor Brumbaugh, Mark Wasicki, Jarod Brumbaugh

**Eucharistic Ministers for April 8-9, 2006**

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

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

8:15 a.m. B. Stoltz, G. Stoltz, S. Tirone, J. Woomer, R. Novack

10:30 a.m. C. Housum, P. Fromknecht, J. Fromknecht, M. Wiley, T. Heiss

12 Noon C. Anslinger, M. Salvi, E. Salvi

**Lectors for April 8-9, 2006**

5:30 p.m. Frances Hesser, Joe Maschue

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

8:15 a.m. Linda Wolf, Laverne Previte

10:30 a.m. Jim Lane, Pat Condrin

12 Noon Chris Danison, Bob Helbig



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, April 3**

8:30 a.m. †Nicholas Fiore (*Wife, Juliet*)

**Tuesday, April 4 St. Isidore**

8:30 a.m. †Kathleen Charlton (*Brett & Dana Hanlon*)

**Wednesday, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer**

8:30 a.m. †Dan Slowik (*Dorothy Eichenlaub*)

**Thursday, April 6**

8:30 a.m. †Mary A. Maniglia (*Husband*)

**Friday, April 7 St. John de la Salle**

8:30 a.m. †Mary Grace Goss (*Tom Audrey*)

**Saturday, April 8**

8:30 a.m. †James McKeon (*Family*)

5:30 p.m. †Minnie Ciccarella (*Tony & Nicoletta Recchia*)

**Sunday, April 9 Passion (Palm) Sunday**

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

8:15 a.m. †Jane C. Nagle (*Rita & Jimmy Luciano*)

10:30 a.m. †Lou Bettwy (*B.G.H.S. Maintenance Dept.*)

12 NOON Mass For The People

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING - March 25-26, 2006**

Regular	\$7105.90	Christmas	\$ 82.90
Capital Campaign	\$ 96.00	Rose	\$ 129.75
Catholic Relief Serv.	\$ 418.00	Peru	\$ 10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 7.00	Black & Indian	\$ 105.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 197.00		
		Total	\$8166.55

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**LENTE 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.

**PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION Our Lenten reconciliation service is this 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: 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, which ends 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**WHAT'S A SCRUTINY?** Within the Order of Christian Initiation, we are in the period of purification and enlightenment. Last Sundays, our faith community celebrates the second scrutiny with Zachery George, our catechumen, who has entered the final preparation for the Easter sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. The scrutinies, usually the adult catechumens participate in three scrutinies, have the spiritual purpose of self-searching and repentance. We too enter the scrutiny experience in our Lenten preparations for Easter. The scrutinies uncover and by God's grace heal all that is weak, defective or sinful. God's delving into human nature also strengthens all that is upright, strong and good. Our celebration of the scrutinies delivers our catechumens and candidates from the power of sin, protects them against temptation, and gives them strength in Christ. Through these rites they deepen their resolve to hold fast Christ and to carry out the decision to love God as he loves them. God calls us, as the Saint Rose faith community to celebrate these powerful, probing rituals, and show in our lives that Christ is our way, truth, and life.

**TENEBRAE TIME CHANGES** We have moved the "Office of Shadows" or "Darkness" by half an hour to 7:30 P.M. on Good Friday. In this way our prayer will have the proper darkening environment.

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Practice for Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday) and the coordination of communion for the homebound will occur at two separate meetings this Tuesday evening: Lectors: 7:00 - 7:45; Eucharistic Ministers: 7:45 - 8:15.

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

April 8	5:30 p.m.	Attilio & Rose Stefanon
April 9	7:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	8:15 a.m.	Theresa Link & Usher
	10:30 a.m.	Mary Bettwy Family
	12 Noon	Fred & Phyllis McConnell & Family

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

Students in grades 2 through 8 will take the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills this week.

On Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> our junior high reading team will compete in the area Reading Competition being held in Meyersdale. On Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, our elementary team will compete.

Three St. Rose School teams are in the state competition of Odyssey of the Mind on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The students pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 1:30 in the church. All are welcome to join us.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Parents Meeting, April 5, 2006 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Retreat First Eucharist, April 8, 2006 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

You are Invited to **ST. ROSE OF LIMA'S SPRING EXPO!**

Mark your calendars for April 23 for a fun afternoon of shopping and socializing!

**When:** Sunday, April 23, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Why:** This is a new fundraiser for our school!

**Who:** We have over 20 vendors\* committed to this event! Everyone will be there!

**Where:** St. Rose Parish Center

Admission will be just \$5.00, which gives you chances on over 20 door prizes, light refreshments, and the opportunity to shop 'til you drop!!

\*Vendors include: Pampered Chef; Creative Memories; Stampin' Up!; Tastefully Simple; Southern Living; Big Yellow Box by Crayola; Premier Design; Jewelry; Mary Kay; Silpada; Longaberger; Lia Sophia; Tupperware; Body Shop At Home; Discovery Toys; Home and Garden; Princess House; Candy Bouquet; Cookie Lee Jewelry; Avon; Christian Mothers; Various Craft Vendors; (possibly more!!)

Questions: Call Leigh McCall 943-6726

### ICONS: SACRED DOORWAYS

Come, learn about icons – which have been called "scripture in picture form." Iconographer, Teresa Futrick, will be present to present information and answer any questions you might have about this often misunderstood art form. Over 100 icons and icon prints of all types will be displayed, including a rare collection of ancient Russian hand painted icons. Please join us for this Lenten journey into one of the Church's great treasures at St. Rose Catholic Church. The presentation, on Sunday, April 2, will be from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m. in 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, Special Intentions & Thanksgiving.

### 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 April 9. Please print the name of your loved ones on the envelope. Your memorials will be printed in our Easter Bulletin.

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Christian Mothers will be sending Easter Boxes to the men and women from our parish who is serving in the military. Please call Judy Wood at 942-3802 and give her the information as soon as possible.

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

**St. Rose of Lima Chapter** of the St. Vincent DePaul will be collecting items for the West Virginia Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul. The following are needed: Baby Clothes, Baby Wipes, Laundry Detergent, Cleaning Supplies, Bottled Water, Baby Soap, Diapers and non-perishable food items. Place in the wooden bin located in the foyer of the Church.

Supper Club will meet on Sunday, April 9, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Dream Restaurant in Hollidaysburg. Everyone is welcome. We all sit together, order from the regular menu and pay their own separate check. If you have questions or need transportation call Janette 946-4342.

#### **“IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”**

“The main reason we are funding stem cell research in California and we are so well invested in it, is because a lot of scientists think these guys (the now-discredited South Korean scientists) are ahead of us,” states Jeanne Loring, a researcher at The Burnham Institute. (San Diego Union Tribune 12/24/05)

In this quote, the motivations of competition and gain among scientists pursuing embryonic stem cell research become clear, in contrast to the supposedly humanitarian motives with which embryonic stem cell researchers have blinded so many regarding the truth of what is involved in their work.

#### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION...**

Pope Benedict XVI states, “Those who act according to the logic of the Gospel live the faith as friendship with god Incarnate and, like Him, bear the burden of the material and spiritual needs of their neighbor.” The forty days of Lent have us reflect on the meaning of our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. We are baptized into the image of the crucified and risen Lord. What does it mean for you to be a Christian? The forty days of Lent are days when we realize that salvation involved the community of the Church. I cannot say that I believe in Christ and turn my head with indifference to the suffering of a sister or brother. Baptism has made me accountable for my neighbors’ welfare.

Lenten Message of Our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, 2006.

#### **PRAYER CORNER**

Father, this Lenten season is a time of restoration and renewed direction. As I observe lent, help me to understand the meaning of Your Son’s death and resurrection, and teach me to reflect it in my life. Enlighten me with Your word, that I may find the way to your glory. Amen.

#### **PATRON SAINT OF THE MONTH**

##### **SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**

Feast day: April 29

Patronage: nursing services-fire prevention-patroness of Italy.

Profile: Catherine was born in 1347 the 25 child of a wool dyer in northern Italy. Her twin sister lived only a short time and Catherine’s mother then doted on Catherine. At the age of 6, she began having mystical experiences, seeing

guardian angels as clearly as the people they protected. At 16 she became a Dominican tertiary and had visions of Christ, Mary and the saints. She was considered one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she had no formal education. Catherine devoted herself to caring for patients with particularly dreadful diseases such as leprosy and cancer.

Perhaps she is best known for convincing Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome in 1377 thus ending the Avignon Papacy which plagued the Church for many ears (1305-1377).

St. Rose of Lima was greatly influenced by St. Catherine and modeled her life after her. In 1380, St. Catherine suffered a paralytic stroke and died 8 days after, at the age of 33. In 1430, her body was found incorrupt.

#### **PRAYER TO ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

Heavenly Father, Your glory is in Your Saints. We praise Your glory in the life of St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church. Her whole life was a noble sacrifice inspired by an ardent love of Jesus, your unblemished lamb. Help us to pass unscathed through the corruption of this world, and to remain unshakably faithful to the church in word, deed, and example. Grant also to each of us our special intention...(pray for your own intentions). We ask this through Jesus, your Son, in the bond of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

#### **Protecting God’s Children Mousetrapping on the Internet**

The word “mousetrapping,” is an advertising practice where someone trying to leave one Web site is automatically forwarded to another site. Although this technology has legitimate uses, such as in e-shopping, internet predators have cashed in on the practice for their own purposes.

Mousetrapping can be a frightening experience for children who may be automatically forwarded to a site with page after page of sexually explicit content. A child may become so frightened that they resort to unplugging the computer to get rid of the objectionable material. Unless a parent or other adult has talked to the child in advance about safe internet usage, they may never reveal this experience and therefore remain vulnerable to future contacts by the unwanted site.

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

#### **BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

Bishop Guilfoyle High School Athletic Department is sponsoring a Longaberger Basket Bingo on April 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in Father Kelley Hall. Admission tickets are \$20.00 and may be purchased by calling Sue Myers at 944-1250 or 944-4918. Admission includes hot and cold hors d’ oeuvres’, beverages and dessert table, proceeds benefit Bishop Guilfoyle High School Athletics.

#### **BISHOP GUILFOYLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HOST FLASHBACK TO THE ‘80’S DANCE, APRIL 29**

The Altoona Catholic/Bishop Guilfoyle Alumni Association (AC/BGAA) will host a Flashback to the ‘80s Dance on Saturday evening, April 29, 2006 at Bishop Guilfoyle. Tickets are \$10. Included is buffet dinner and dancing, Beer and soft drinks will be provided as part of the ticket price and BYOB.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Everyone over 21 years of age is invited to attend. Tickets are available at the BG Office or by calling 944-4014.

AC/BGAA is also sponsoring a **Bed & Breakfast Weekend Getaway Raffle**. The package valued at more than \$300 includes a weekend for two people at the St. Joseph's Institute near Bald Eagle, meals and a \$25 gas card from Sheetz. A limited amount of tickets are available at \$10.00 each through May 10 or until sold-out. Get your tickets from an AC/BGAA Board Member or by calling the school, 944-4014.

The goal of AC/BGAA is to build community through social events, and improve and maintain interactive communication for AC/BGHS alumni and school supporters. Graduates of the school are automatically members of AC/BGAA. Family and friends of alumni and the school are also invited to join at no charge.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is sponsoring the second annual BGHS-Altoona High Alumni Basketball game Sunday, April 23, 2006, at the BG Gym on Pleasant Valley Blvd. The game is open to all graduates, men and women, who participated in BG or Altoona basketball who can provide \$100.00 in sponsorship, which will benefit the Society and its Mission to serve the needy in our area. For more information, call 942-5732 or [emailcaconsiglio@aol.com](mailto:emailcaconsiglio@aol.com)

### **CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD FOURTH ANNUAL PASCHAL FESTIVAL "DANCE IN THE NEW DAY"**

sponsored by the Carmelite Community of the Word, will be held on April 28, 2006 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, Barron Ave., Johnstown

6:00 p.m. Appetizers/Social, 6:30 p.m. Dinner. Silent Auction, Program. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Join us for our annual Dinner, Silent Auction, entertainment by Sister Kathy Sherman, CSJ. Sister Kathy Sherman is a composer, published musician and retreat leader. She shares her gift of music celebrating God's love through liturgies bringing hope, beauty and healing to others. She has provided rich experiences of music in the past for our community and for the diocese and will join us again for our special event. Tickets \$30.00/person. Reservations required by April 17, 2006. Bus Transportation: Two buses have been reserved for transportation. Tryone-Altoona-Ebensburg (contact Sr. Jane 684-3553). Reservations are required. A donation of \$2.00/person is requested.

Carmelite Community of the Word will have their **Second Annual Golf Tournament** on June 12, 2006 at the Scotch Valley Country Club. Shotgun Start 12:00 Noon \$125.00 per golfer. Format: Scramble. Includes: Golf, Lunch, Dinner, and Prizes. Hole in One Contest wins a new Subaru. Sponsored by Condrin Subaru, Altoona. Registration Deadline June 1, 2006. All fees must be paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information call: Sr. Jane Miller at 886-4098.

### **MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE VISITATION DAYS**

Spring and Summer Visitation Days will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2006 and Friday, July 14, 2006. Time: 10:00 a.m. Health and Physical Fitness Center, 7373 Admiral Peary Highway, Cresson, Pa. To RSVP or get information: Call Toll Free: 1-888-823-2220 or Online: [www.mtaloy.edu](http://www.mtaloy.edu) Email: [admissions@mtaloy.edu](mailto:admissions@mtaloy.edu)

### **SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY**

There will be a series of non-credit computer workshops held at Saint Francis University starting April 22. The workshops are \$35 each or four for \$130 and will be held in the Library on campus. For more information or to register for any of these programs, please contact the Office of Continuing Education at (800) 457-6300 or email us at [oce@francis.edu](mailto:oce@francis.edu).

**YARD AND BAKE SALE** - Saint Benedict Church in Carrolltown is sponsoring these events in the Church hall on Saturday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Many items will be available for sale including furniture, appliances, household items, toys and many others. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome!

### **FISH DINNERS**

**Our Lady of Lourdes** - 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adults \$7.00 Children \$4.75

**St. Patrick's Newry**-4:00-7:00 p.m. Adults \$9.25 Seniors \$8.25, Children \$4.50, under 6 free.

**Kittanning Trail Vol. Fire Dept.** -4:30-6:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's, Altoona**- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Adults \$9.00 Children \$5.00

### **EASTER SEASON CONCERT**

An Easter Season Concert will be held Sunday evening April 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The first half of the concert will be *The Mass of the Children* by John Rutter. Participating in this concert will be the Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir, the Juniata College Concert Choir, the Blair Concert Chorale Youth Choir and a Youth Choir from State College. The concert will be directed by Dr. Russ Shelley. The second half of the concert will feature young local organists from Altoona and Johnstown.

A second concert will also be held on May 7, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. This concert will be given by the State College Choral Society, also directed by Dr. Russ Shelley. The concert will feature a work entitled *Voices of the Holocaust*, written by a young composer Sheridan Seyfried, from Philadelphia. Both concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door.

Nocturnal Adoration is Friday April 7, 2006, at Bon Secours Chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to take this one hour to pray with our Lord. For more information, call Janette at 946-4342.

# Fifth Week of Lent

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving for Feet*

Thank you, God, for feet that move us,  
running and walking,  
leaping and hopping,  
dancing and skipping.  
Thank you, God, for feet that take us  
traveling from place to place,  
stepping on the gas, pedaling our bikes,  
climbing onto buses, boarding airplanes.  
Thank you, God, for feet that serve,  
visiting sick friends,  
bringing food to the homeless,  
standing still in witness,  
bearing someone's load.  
We thank you for the gift of feet.  
May they carry us to you  
as we pray in the name of Jesus  
who shows us the way. Amen.



*April 2, 2006*

*Prayer Walking*

Walking in prayer has been a religious practice for centuries. Monasteries often have long walkways for meditation. Travelers visit Jerusalem to walk and pray along the "Via Dolorosa" (the Way of Sorrows), the path Jesus took on the day he was crucified. Catholics everywhere make that journey in their churches by praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Prayer walking involves taking slow, measured steps while offering a prayer. Most effective are repetitions of brief, simple prayers that follow the rhythm of our movement, such as, "Jesus, be with me." The combination of physical effort and spiritual focus opens us to God's presence wherever our feet take us.

A similar but more elaborate practice is pilgrimage—a journey taken to a holy place in order to become closer to God. Some pilgrimage sites, such as the Holy Land, are held sacred because of their history; others, such as Lourdes, because of events that have taken place there. Pilgrimages are often undertaken to observe a special feast or to carry out a particular prayer intention.

Pope John Paul II, who died one year ago today, was a model pilgrim who made over a hundred spiritual journeys during his pontificate. A pilgrimage need not take us far from home, however. The key is to allow the journey to change us and strengthen our faith.

## This Week at Home

### Monday, April 3

#### *Saint Francis of Paola (Hermit)*

A hermit is defined as one who lives alone. Although a hermit lives a solitary life, it is not one completely devoid of human contact. Hermits seek advice and counsel and are sought after by others for the same. What need do you have for wise counsel? How might you offer such counsel to someone else?

### Tuesday, April 4

#### *Praising God in the Dance*

The Bible contains some wonderful passages about dancing as a way to praise God. Miriam leads other women in a dance of thanksgiving after God delivers the people from Pharaoh's armies, and David dances joyously before the ark of the covenant. In our society we think of most dancing as secular, but perhaps in the privacy of your home you could adapt the dance movements you know to express prayer.

### Wednesday, April 5

#### *Memorial of Saint Vincent Ferrer*

As we approach the end of Lent and look back on our work of continuing conversion, it is helpful to remember this gifted Spanish preacher of the late fourteenth century. He was a missionary in Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Flanders, and the British Isles, bringing Christ's teachings to many. With whom can you share the story of your growing faith?

### Thursday, April 6

#### *Lenten Practices: Receiving the Elect*

Those who have been preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil have been immersed in Lent as a season of purification and enlightenment. We have seen them writing their names in the Book of the Elect on the First Sunday of Lent and borne witness as they experienced the Scrutinies on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays. Who are the elect in your parish? Why not send one or more of them a note, letting them know you are praying for them as they approach their baptismal day.

### Friday, April 7

#### *Legends about Lent: The Robin*

Legend has it that a little robin saw Jesus on the way to Calvary and noticed that a thorn had pierced his forehead. The robin flew down and plucked out the thorn. As he did so, a drop of blood fell on the little bird. From that day on, all robins have had red breasts as a reminder of the bird's kindness to our Lord.

### Saturday, April 8

#### *Anniversary of the Death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

"Discipleship is commitment to the suffering Christ." In this same spirit of Christ, these words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor who openly defied Adolph Hitler, guided his own discipleship when he was imprisoned in a concentration camp and then executed. Offer a prayer today for all political prisoners who are jailed for their commitment to human rights.

