

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 23 Second Sunday of Easter
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*

Tues April 25 6:10 PM **Bingo**

Wed April 26 5:45-6:30 PM **Pro-Life Rosary**
 4:15-5:30 PM **First Eucharist Practice**
 6:30 PM **8:15 Choir Rehearsal**
 7:30 PM **10:30 Choir Rehearsal**

Thurs April 27 9:00-11:00 AM **Eucharistic Adoration**

Fri April 28 6:10 PM **Bingo**

Sun April 30 Third Sunday of Easter
 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 24 St. Fidelis

8:30 a.m. † Kyle Holtz (*Bryon Brennan & Cherly Krumenaker*)

Tuesday, April 25 St. Mark

8:30 a.m. † Donald Basciani (*Dick & Jeanne Traficante*)

Wednesday, April 26

8:30 a.m. † Betty L. Drabic (*Joe Sanniello*)

Thursday, April 27

8:30 a.m. † Marie Trexler (*Suzie Ruggiero*)

Friday, April 28 St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Mary deMontfort

8:30 a.m. † Al Mignogna (*Mike & Deborah Dillon & Family*)

Saturday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

8:30 a.m. † Lou Bettwy (*Charlene & Tony Labriola*)

5:30 p.m. † Mary Ann & Julie Klock (*Family*)

Sunday, April 30 Third Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. † Paul Beiswener (*Ann Schreiber*)

8:15 a.m. † Lillian O'Friel (*Gene & Vi Bettwy*)

10:30 a.m. † Kourtney T. Brown (*Pappy & Grammy Brown*)

12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING - APRIL 15-16, 2006

Regular	\$7438.43	Christmas	\$ 78.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 205.00	Rose	\$ 244.64
Easter	\$ 6521.10	Rice Bowl	\$ 95.44
Holy Thursday	\$ 663.25	Good Friday	\$ 635.00
		Total	15,881.36

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for April 29-30, 2006

Saturday, April 29

5:30 p.m. Billy Beard, Stefan Beard, Johnny Brown

Sunday, April 30, 2006

7:00 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m. Eric Wiley, Megan Danison, Ethan Dombrowski

12 Noon Eugene Ehredt, Jamey Brumbaugh, Elissa Ehredt

Eucharistic Ministers for April 29-30, 2006

5:30 p.m. B. Bartley, J. Heiss, J. Shoenfelt, M. Tillard, G. Bettwy

7:00 a.m. G. Miller, B. Altiero, D. Leahey

8:15 a.m. J. Woomer, B. Spinazzola, S. Askey, K. Woomer,

R. Friedenberger

10:30 a.m. R. Skupien, C. Housum, J. Fromknecht, B. Gentile,

K. Madariaga

12 Noon R. Fiore, M. Wiley, C. Anslinger

Lectors for April 29-30, 2006

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

7:00 a.m. John Kenny, Robert Fox

8:15 a.m. Tim Skarada, Tom Irwin III

10:30 a.m. Pat Condryn, Tony Labriola

12 Noon Michael Nazaruk

FROM THE PASTOR

EASTER JOY During the Easter season we vibrantly sense within us and our parish the Risen Lord's transforming grace. The magnificent liturgies of Holy Week and Triduum have energized our dedication to the Lord's saving mission. The adults and children with whom we celebrated Easter sacraments wonderfully show us Christ's renewal our faith community. Zachery George became the first person baptized while standing in our font's lower baptism pool. Kaitlyn Kuzio George joined her brother in their first receptions of Holy Communion. Amber Altiero, Adam Earnest, Benjamin Forshey, Sue Ann Hall and Lori Wills, baptized Christians, completed their sacramental initiation with their reception of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

We join our newest members and their families in gracious appreciation of the Saint Rose Christian Initiation team and our newest member's sponsors. These present-day evangelists have generously shared Jesus' Good News with our new Catholics. Team members include: Kathy Ansman, Rose Marie Fochler, Larry Harker, Bea Shoenfelt, Vi Bettwy, and Ron Skupien. Sponsors are essential faith companions. This year's spiritual friends and mentors are Mike and Jean Kuzio, Pat Altiero, Debbie Leahey, Dave Kibblehouse, Marty Kooman, Ruth and Greg Miller, carol Lockard, Lori and Brian Mayhew, Peggy Blair, and Daisy Costanza. Happy are all who know and proclaim the Risen Lord!

Of particular note were the many altar ministers, lectors, cantors, servers, who brought a grace filled reverence to the Palm Sunday through Easter liturgies. Grateful are the many homebound members of our parish who received Holy Communion on Holy

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thursday from our Special Ministers of Communion. Church cleaners and decorators, ushers, servers, cantors, and the assembly magnificently carrying out all that our liturgy preparers had envisioned.

Bathing us in the holiness of the Lord's eternal risen presence is the ministries, sounds and sights of all who help with the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Paul Engelman's floral design brilliantly announced Christ's Spring. Bonnie Bartley and Rose Marie de Koning fabric artistry glimmered the affectionate joy the Savior Risen among us. Bonnie exquisitely transformed of the hardwood court into the "court" of palms and the hardwood of Golgotha. Elegant choral offerings and our skilled small chamber orchestra uplifted worshipers heightened the awe and majesty of Holy Week and the Triduum. The bright-faced enthusiasm of the children's choir on Easter Morn and the heart-moving darkness of Tenebrae, lifted our spirits and penetratingly touched our imaginations. Wonderfully coordinating the many aspects of our worship is Susan and Bryce Cossitor.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) begins throughout our Diocese during the next several weeks. Your ACA gift supports the parish as well as our diocesan ministries. Our parishioners benefit from these and other diocesan ministries: Camp Zacchaeus, Priests Formation, Christian Initiation, Lay Ministry, and Catholic Charities. This year's local project is the replacement of one of the two large air condenser units used in the social hall (cafeteria). Last fall is breathed its last; its twin is also at the limit of its life expectancy. Our goal this year is to achieve participation from every parishioner. With every ones' help we will exceed both our diocesan assigned goal of \$51,521, replace the worn-out air condenser unit (\$6,640), and have funds to replace the companion cooling unit. Please consider a gift that reflects your gratitude for the many blessings that God has entrusted to you. If you are unable to make a financial gift, please return your pledge card indicating that; we will see that you do not receive a second request.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend April 29-30 is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This appeal supports the Home Missions. This year, we are giving more than \$3 million to the dioceses along the Gulf Coast that lay in the path of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, or that hosted refugees from the storm. Dozens of parish churches and schools in Louisiana and Mississippi were destroyed or damaged, but Catholic communities are determined to carry on. They need help not only to repair and replace buildings, but also to restore the

pastoral programs at the heart of any parish. Please use the envelope attached to today's bulletin and give generously to help your fellow Catholics here in America.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

April 29	5:30 p.m.	Jean Trybus & Marlene Dobler
April 30	7:00 a.m.	Bernard & Julianne Beiswenger
	8:15 a.m.	Gene & Vi Bettwy
	10:30 a.m.	Mark & Kitty Zelnosky
	12 Noon	School Athletics

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There is no school Friday, April 28, due to an in-service.

There is no kindergarten on Wednesday, April 26 due to Pre K 4 assessments.

This is the last week to order scrip for your 2005-2006 fundraising goal. All scrip orders in May will be credited towards next year's goal.

The Athletic Association Awards program will be on Sunday, April 30th beginning with the noon Mass. Student athletes, their parents, and coaches are encouraged to attend the noon Mass which will be followed by the awards ceremony and refreshments in the parish center.

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 Intention

The Foundations Trustees of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will be awarding the Adelaide G. (Heverly) Welge College Scholarship to a worthy student of the Roman Catholic Church in Blair County. To be eligible for the Welge

Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1) A member of a Roman Catholic Church located in Blair County.
- 2) A junior or senior, enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited four-year college or university;
- 3) Demonstrate financial need; and

Submit a completed application form on or before June 1, 2006. The application must be signed the

Pastor to verify you are a member of the parish. Applications are at the Rectory.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

Roe v. Wade assumes a different complexion if we decide that the unborn child is, or should be treated as, a person. At this point we can no longer speak of the exercise of natural liberties but must find some justification for the deliberate killing of a human being." Richard A. Epstein, *Supreme Court Review*, 1973.

PRAYER CORNER

You expired Oh Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O fount of life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty yourself out upon us. O Blood and water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen

BISHOP'S NIGHT FOR VOCATIONS

Come join us on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, for the 2006 Bishop's Night for Vocations at the DeGol Center, Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pa. Mixer at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Rev. Philip A. Altavilla of the Diocese of Scranton. He is the first Roman Catholic to serve on the Governing Board of the PA Council of Churches, and he is a recipient of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross medal awarded by Pope Benedict XVI. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased by calling the Vocations Office 814-472-5441, Thomas Wolff at 814-539-4186, or from members of the Serra Clubs of Altoona and Cambria County.

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. 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

"Answer The Call" 2006 – A Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference will be held on **Saturday, June 10, 2006**, at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa. It's prayerful, spirit-filled, and life changing! Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and concludes with Mass from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Four dynamic presentations will be delivered: Two keynotes by **Matthew Kelly**, an acclaimed author who has addressed over two million people in over fifty countries. He clarifies the hazy path of right-living in our world of compromised values with a message that is too clear to be confusing and too persuasive to be ignored- "Who you become is infinitely more important than what you do, or what you have": Two keynotes by **Jesse Romero**, known as the "Latin Lover of Our Lord and Our Lady". With the same passion and commitment that made him a three time World Police Olympics boxing champion, a former U.S.A. middleweight kickboxing champion and a 17-year-veteran of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Jesse shares Catholic teaching with an exciting style that is guaranteed to fortify you with a deeper love for God as a Christian, whether Catholic or non-Catholic. Ticket price is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, including lunch. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.thecallpa.org or call 800-326-9554.

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.

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

Private Directed Retreats for Women: A Vacation with the Lord!

An opportunity for silence and prayer with a Carmelite Community of the Word Sister as a spiritual guide.

Mini-Weekend: May 19-20, 2006 Friday, 7 p.m. through Saturday, 3 p.m. Donation: \$55.00

Full Week: June 5-9, 2006 Monday, 7 p.m. through Friday, Noon Donation: \$150.00

Both retreats will be held at CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, and will include opportunities to meet with your spiritual guide during the days of retreat. Donations include private room accommodations and meals. Registration is limited. 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.

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 1st. For more information call: Sr. Jane Miller at 886-4098.

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.

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.

CAMP ZACCHAEUS 2006

Applications are now being accepted for Camp Zacchaeus 2006. Camp "Z" is a cabin camping experience for boys and girls entering grades 4-9. Camp is scheduled for the weeks of July 30-August 4, and August 7-11, 2006 at Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown. Campers celebrate and learn about their Catholic faith in the midst of swimming, fishing, arts and crafts, playing sports, towe and rock climbing, camp fires, games and so much more. For more information or a brochure, contact the Youth and Campus Ministry Office at 814-693-1401.

GATEWAY CLIPPER/ITALIAN DAY CRUISE

The Mt. Carmel Parish Social & Administration Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to sail on the Gateway Clipper in Pittsburgh for their Italian Day Cruise. The trip is on Sunday, June 4. We will depart the Mt. Carmel Church Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 per person. This cost includes the bus, cruise, entertainment, the buffet luncheon and gratuities. We will stop at Hoss's in Murrysville on the way back for dinner (on your own). If you would like to attend contact the Parish Office at 942-8501 to make your reservations. Reservations and payment due by May 10.

Second Week of

EASTER

A Prayer for an Open Heart

Loving God,
 you who promised to transform our
 "stony hearts"
 into hearts of flesh,
 break us from selfishness and indifference
 and give us capacity for mercy, empathy,
 glad-willing, and kindness.
 Purify us so that we may see God
 in the poor, the lonely,
 and the brokenhearted.
 Show us into what your heart,
 our common life,
 reveals our hearts to be all too often,
 that we may be healed for our faith
 and be transformed every part of our lives.
 We pray this in the name of Jesus
 whose whole-hearted sacrifice we
 celebrate this Easter.
 Amen.



April 22, 2013

Worship Service

The ample references to the human heart in scripture point us to cherished aspects of our faith. The word *heart* is used generously throughout the Bible, appearing more frequently than *body*, *mind*, or even *spirit*. In the book of Ezekiel God promises to replace hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. This metaphor characterizes a process of conversion—a change of heart—that moves us from coldness to warmth, from indifference to compassion, from self-righteousness to empathy, from judgment to understanding. Jesus names the “pure of heart” as those who will see God. And in the book of Acts, as we read today, the early Christian community’s zeal

brings them so close together that their hearts thrum with a single purpose—spreading the Gospel to all those whose hearts ache for the hope and promise that life in Christ brings.

As the Easter season opens into its third week on Divine Mercy Sunday, we contemplate Christ’s great mercy and compassion to his unbelieving disciple. Thomas is invited to come close, to touch, and to believe. And all of the disciples are given the deep peace of the Holy Spirit—a gift they will need in order to be peacemakers and to forgive sins.

During the baptismal ceremony, we hear the following prayer, which explains the white garment that the newly baptized person wears: "You have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. Receive this baptismal garment and bring it unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that you may have everlasting life" (RCIA, 229).

The Gospel of Saint Mark is believed to be the first of the four canonical Gospels to have been written down. As with all the Gospels, the text of Mark portrays Jesus as a devout Jew who followed the law of Moses. Today is an international day of remembrance for all of the victims of the Jewish Holocaust. Yom Hashoah is a commemoration that varies from year to year according to the Hebrew calendar, and serves as a reminder of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign. As you gather with your household for prayer today, pray through the intercession of Saint Mark for an end to bigotry and hatred throughout the world.

Leading up to Easter Sunday there is no shortage of "Easter" decorations available in stores. Who has not been attracted to the fresh pastel colors of Easter baskets, foil-wrapped chocolate eggs, and little bunnies and chicks? While all of these contribute to a festive feeling in the home, the true symbol of Easter is water—the

water in which the new Christians were baptized at the Easter Vigil and which reminds us of our Baptism. Place a pretty bowl of water in a prominent spot in your home and perhaps float in it some fresh blossoms or newly unfurled leaves. You might even bring some holy water from the font at church, and with it make the sign of the cross as you enter and leave your home. That water is the center of our Christian identity.

During Holy Week, the holy oils are blessed at a special chrisam Mass and presented to each parish by the Bishop for use throughout the year. These three oils express the tenderness of God through their soothing, strengthening, and sanctifying symbolism. The oil of the sick is used for the sacrament of Anointing and viaticum and signifies healing of body, mind, heart, and soul. The oil of the catechumens is used during the time of preparation to help catechumens wrestle with temptations to reject Christ's call. And the holy chrisam is used at Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders as a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The "land flowing with milk and honey" was used as a description of Canaan, the strip of land between desert and sea where God led the Israelite tribes. Enjoy a taste of this rich concoction by making some Chiah tea. Steep three tea bags in five cups of boiling water. Add 1 1/4 cup of heated milk, 1/3–2/3 cup of sugar or honey, 4 whole cloves, 1/2 teaspoon of ground cardamom, and 1 cinnamon stick. Simmer for 10 minutes to blend the flavors, then strain and serve. (This recipe will serve six.) Enjoy the tea while talking about the ways God has brought you

"milk and honey." What blessings are you especially thankful for this Easter season?

Saint Catherine believed we should make two homes for ourselves—a physical one in the world and also a spiritual one that can provide shelter in any circumstance. Creating an inner home for ourselves means making time for reflection and solitude. Commit yourself over the remainder of the Easter season to the building of such a home through setting aside time each day for prayer. Determine a place in your home where you can pray in quiet and encourage other members of the household to do the same. Following in the steps of this great saint, make contemplation of Christ's loving presence a priority in your life.

