

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*

Tues May 23 6:10 PM Bingo

Wed May 24 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
7:00 PM-Ascension Vigil Mass with Combined
Choir (followed by rehearsal)

Thurs May 25 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Fri May 26 6:10 PM Bingo

Sun May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter
10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 a.m. †Virginia Meintel (*Mike & Annette Razo*)

Tuesday, May 23

8:30 a.m. †Sondra M. Frederick (*Children*)

Wednesday, May 24

8:30 a.m. † Frank Manna (*Maria Angstenberger*)
7:00 p.m. †Charles E. Dillon (*Kirk & Donna Kling*)

Thursday, May 25 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m. †Francis & Betty Wojcik (*Tom & Jean Wojcik*)
8:30 a.m. †Robert Reese (*John & Beverly Mueller*)
7:00 p.m. †Helen Sutton (*Fred & Annabelle Raffetta*)

Friday, May 26 St. Philip Neri

8:30 a.m. †Phyllis Dvitanovich (*Linda*)

Saturday, May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:30 a.m. †James Meintel (*Tina M. Scarfone Mentzer*)
5:30 p.m. †Alfred Angstenberger (*Erma DeBernaradis*)

Sunday, May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m. †John L. Glunt (*Wife Connie*)
8:15 a.m. †Phyllis Miller (*Arthur Ollinger & Family*)
10:30 a.m. †Orlando DeCriscio (*Robert & Kimberly Mickle*)
12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING --May 13-14, 2006

Regular	\$8588.60	Christmas	\$ 57.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 137.00	Rose	\$ 166.10
Register	\$ 5.00	Perquisites	\$ 60.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 10.00	Good Friday	\$ 8.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00	Easter	\$ 10.00
Ascension	\$ 17.00	Initial	\$ 3.00
		Total	\$ 9067.20

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for Ascension of the Lord
Vigil of Ascension Thursday, May 24
7:00 p.m. Holly Mercer, Hanna Mercer

Ascension Thursday, May 25
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children
7:00 p.m. Tonya Lee

Altar Servers for May 27-28, 2006
Saturday, May 27, 2006
5:30 p.m. Joseph Britz, Nicole Bagley, Alex Askey

Sunday, May 28, 2006
7:00 a.m.
8:15 a.m. Tai Irwin, Connor Campbell, Tim Link
10:30 a.m. Justine, Joshua, & Megan Shultz
12 Noon Elizabeth Jacobs, Zach Bracken, Sully McConnell

VIGIL OF ASCENSION

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2006
Lectors: Vi Bettwy, Frances Hesser
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Stoltz, G. Stoltz, M. Tillard

ASCENSION THURSDAY, May 25, 2006

7:00 a.m. Lector: Ray Kline

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Skupien, R.M. Fochler

8:30 a.m. Lectors: St. Rose School Children

Eucharistic Ministers:

7:00 p.m. Lectors: Laverne Previte, Jean Chardon

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Anslinger, T. Goss, B. Gentile

Eucharistic Ministers for May 27-28, 2006

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

7:00 a.m. J. Wustrow, D. Altiero, B. Altiero

8:15 a.m. L. Altiero, R. Friedenberger, B. Spinazzola

10:30 a.m. K. Madariaga, K. McGraw, K. Irwin, C. Rickens, D. Housum

12 Noon J. Eberhardt, R. Fiore, R. Skupien

Lectors for May 27-28, 2006

5:30 p.m. Joe Maschue, Maria Spayd

7:00 a.m. John Kenny, Ray Kline

8:15 a.m. Joseph Campbell, Tom Irwin III

10:30 a.m. Jim Klueg, Todd Cammarata

12 Noon Mike Nazaruk

FROM THE PASTOR

THIRTY-FIFTH GRATITUDE I am humbly appreciative for your many expressions of congratulation on my thirty-five years of service of God's people. Thanks ever so much.

CATHOLIC APPEAL-An Encouraging Beginning: 167 families have pledged a total of \$28,727 to the 2006 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity is a splendid outpouring! Thank you to everyone who has so generously responded. All who have yet to pledge your support, please do so now. The participation of 19% of our households has put us at 56% of the diocesan goal of \$51,521. Fr. Spishak and I hope that every parishioner supports this year's appeal. With everyone pulling together we can both meet our assigned goal and gather sufficient funds to replace a fifteen-year-old air condenser in our social hall.

Early in June month, appeal helpers will give a friendly reminder to parishioners who have yet to make a gift decision. Please lighten their work by pledging now. We appreciate every parishioner's gift. Please give freely and

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generously as your means permit. First time participants to the Appeal may choose a gift of \$100 or you may want to match last year's average Saint Rose gift of \$184. Thank you for your prayers and your generous support for the Annual Catholic Appeal and the air condenser replacement.

EUCCHARISTIC HEARTS Children and families devoutly celebrating First Communion vividly formed the Body of Christ. The children's catechists, Cathy Damiano, Marion Otto, Michele, Hallinan, and Mary Dodson, attentively prepared the Communicants to receive the Lord with hearts eager for His heavenly food. A special touch was the presence of members of our parish choirs.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS A special moment at the St. Rose Memorial Day Mass is the remembrance of parishioners who have entered eternal life in the past year. Participate in this honoring of loved ones now with the Lord at Monday's 9:00 morning Mass.

ASCENSION THURSDAY- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 This Thursday, May 25, is a holy day of obligation. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on this day. Forty days have passed since the glorious resurrection of the Lord. Part of the paschal mystery is the ascension of our Lord to the right hand of the Father. The opening prayer of the day states, "May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope." As our Easter days continue, may believers place their hope in joining the Risen Christ in the kingdom of God, where Christ is risen and ascended Lord. Please check the Mass schedule for times of Masses.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

May 27	5:30 p.m.	Attilio & Rose Stefanon
May 28	7:00 a.m.	Connie Glunt & Family
	8:15 a.m.	Dee Cree & Mary Dodson
	10:30 a.m.	Jeff & Mary Shultz
	12 Noon	P.J., Chris & Mackenzie Bracken

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The students will attend the 8:30 Mass on May 25th, the Feast of the Ascension.

There will be an orientation meeting for parents of children entering kindergarten on Monday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the kindergarten room.

There is an orientation meeting for parents of children entering first grade on Monday, May 22nd at 7:15 p.m. in the first grade classroom.

There is a STUDENT ART SHOW in the Maria Parish Center on Monday, May 22nd from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 23rd from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24th is the last day for Pre K! Their end-of-the-year celebration is at 10:00 a.m.

Kindergarten "Graduation" is Friday, May 26th at 8:30 a.m.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR ODYSSEY of the MIND TEAM, Brad Betar, Johnny Brown, Veronica Compton, Matt Himes, Cullen Kirkpatrick, and Phillip Watt!!! They're leaving for the international competition in Iowa on May 24th and will return on May 29th. We're proud of you!!!

Businesses: Support Our School and Earn Tax Credits

If your business (or employer) is subject to PA Corporate Net Income, Capital Stock & Franchise, or Bank Shares taxes, it can earn hefty tax credits while providing scholarships to students attending our school. Businesses should be prepared to fax a one page application form to DCED on **Friday, June 30**. Learn about the diocese's *Second Century Scholarship Fund*, and access links to official DCED guidelines and application by visiting **www.SecondCenturyFund.org** today.

Some Business Categories Already Giving to the Second Century Fund

Accountants	Architects	Amusement Parks
Auto Body Shops	Auto Retailers	Bakeries
Banks	Beverage Dist.	Dentists
Consultants	Furniture Retailers	General Contractors
Health Ins.Providers	Manufactures	Mortgage Lenders
Motorcycle Retailers	Nursing Homes	Motor Freight Carriers
Orthodontists	Pharmacies	Steel Fabricators
Tree Trimming Ser.	Realtors	

The "Tech Transfer" Odyssey of the Mind team would like to thank all the parishioners who so generously donated money to help pay for the trip to Ames, Iowa for the World Championships. One thousand dollars was raised through the collections after masses. The team is grateful for all the support it has received from our parish family.

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. Lorraine Willebran by Daughters.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Jakob Tyler Snyder son of Mr. & Mrs. Clint R. Snyder who received the light of Christ in the sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

PARISH PICNIC

The annual parish family picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 11 at Highland Park**. We will begin the festivities with an outdoor celebration of the noon Mass at the park. Great food, fellowship and fun for the kids will follow the Mass. The Parish will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, buns and condiments, beverages and paper plates and utensils. Everyone should bring a dish to share to serve 8-10 people. You may want to bring lawn chairs for Mass. If you need transportation, please call the rectory. Please sign-up using the forms in the back of the church to let us know if you can attend the picnic. We hope to see you there!

HOAGIE SALE

St. Rose of Lima Chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society will have a Hoagie Sale on June 3 & 4. Price \$2.50. Order forms are in this week's Bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Kindergarten Class of St. Rose of Lima Religious Ed. Class: McKenna Dugan, Bryant Eberhart, Elijah Hillard, John Keating, and Tyler Novack. Rebecca Paule, Michael Schirf, Maddie Schmitt, Carter Steele and Jared Thompkin. Have a safe and happy summer. Good Luck in First Grade.

God Bless You, Miss Jennifer Crum, Miss Mara and Miss Brittany

PRAYER CORNER

During the Month of May we will have prayers that combine both the Month of Our Lady and the Easter Season

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Mary, Virgin Mother of God, you witnessed the pains and torments of your son and Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your sorrows were many, as you watched your sinless son die for the sins of all,

So that we may obtain eternal life.

Your love, understanding and support were always there for Jesus from birth to the hour of his earthly death.

Blessed Lady of sorrows, I ask for your intercession, to pray for me at the hour of my death, so that I may enter into the Gates of Heaven. Amen

The **A & J Iaia Post, American Legion** will celebrate their 60 Anniversary Memorial Day Field Mass at Calvary Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Joseph Adamec will attend the Mass and give the Homily and remarks. The Post cordially invites the members of St. Rose of Lima Parish to attend. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church will say the Mass as it has for the past 60 years.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

The Supreme Court in *Gonzales v. Oregon* struck down the Bush Administration position that federally controlled narcotics and other dangerous drugs cannot be used to kill patients. However, contrary to some overblown media reports, the Court did not say the use of federally controlled drugs to assist suicide is a matter the Constitution requires be left to the states. On the contrary, the opinion said, "Even though regulations of health and safety is 'primarily, and historically, a matter of local concern,' there is no question that the Federal Government can set uniform national standards in these areas." Congress could constitutionally amend the federal Controlled Substances Act so that the statute says explicitly that federally controlled drugs cannot be commandeered for assisting the suicide of a state's vulnerable residents.

"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.

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

2ND ANNUAL MARAUDER FOOTBALL COW PATTY BINGO

Bishop Guilfoyle Marauder Football Program is holding its 2nd Cow Patty Bingo on Saturday, June 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Tom Irwin Memorial Field behind Bishop Guilfoyle High School. Food, beverages, and children's activities will be available. Cow Patty Bingo Parcel Tickets are \$10.00 and the Grand Prize is \$5,000.00. You do not need to be present to win. For more information or tickets, please call Coach Spank at 941-2258.

WHO? Bishop Guilfoyle High School Football Team

What? 2nd Annual Marauder Football Cow Patty Bingo

Where? Tom Irwin Memorial Field behind Bishop Guilfoyle High School.

When? Saturday, June 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Families and the Gospel

May 21

Jn 15:9-17

Any parent could prayerfully say the words of today's gospel. "As the Father has loved me, so I have love you; abide in my love...Love one another as I have loved you...I have said these things to that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete...Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

Income Tax Reduction and Estate Tax Elimination

A Private Briefing with Mr. Scott Keffer of Wealth Transfer Solutions, Pittsburgh.

Wednesday, May 31, 2006- U.S. Hotel, Hollidaysburg
Presentation-5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. followed by Hors D'oeuvres

Learn these facts...and what to do about them:

Fact: Life expectancy is at an all time high-How to ensure your money will last.

Fact: Estate taxes confiscate \$20 Billion annually-Learn how to legally avoid paying a dime.

Fact: Retirement monies, IRAs, 401 (k)s,etc. are subject to double taxation of up to 70 percent- We'll share strategies to pay ZERO PERCENT.

Fact: There are over 104 strategies to reduce your capital gains, estate and income taxes. Learn some of the most common and effective.

Free Registration (Seating Limited) – Call 814-696-9514 or email cmckee@dioceseaj.org

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Sponsored by the independent Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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 Condryn 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.

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.

ANGEL FUND FOR CAMP ZACCHAEUS

During the weeks of July 30-August 4, and August 6-11, 2006, our Diocese will be sponsoring a week-long Catholic Camp for young people entering grades 4-9. Camp Zacchaeus will invite and involve our young people in the great stories of the Bible as well as the Eucharist, Reconciliation and an opportunity to deepen their faith and integrate their faith into their everyday lives. The camp will provide opportunities for games singing, hiking, swimming, and many other activities.

Some families are unable to cover the cost to send one or more children to this experience. Anyone interested in sponsoring a child for a full or partial scholarship is asked to contact Tom McConnell at 693-1401 by June 5, 2006. The cost is \$235.00 for one child, \$425.00 for two children and \$600.00 for three children per week.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The Second Vatican Council proclaimed the centrality of the paschal mystery at liturgy. The Church stated that the wonderful works of God among the people of the Old Testament were a prelude to the work of Christ the Lord. Jesus achieved his task of redeeming humanity and giving perfect glory to God, principally by the paschal mystery of his blessed passion, resurrection from the dead, and glorious ascension, whereby "dying, he destroyed our death and, rising, he restored our life." Easter joy prevails throughout the Church. The Lord's resurrection has won our redemption and this Easter season finds believers joyfully commemorating the mystery of this risen life.

INCARNATION CAMP FOR GIRLS

The Carmelite Community of the Word will offer tow summer experiences for girls at their Incarnation Center convent. Incarnation camp for Girls is a Time for Friendships with Self, Others and God. Senior High Camp is for girls who will have completed grades 10, 11, 12 from Tuesday, June 27-Friday, June 30. Junior High Camp is for girls who will have completed grades 7, 8, 9 from Wednesday, July 5-Friday, 7. The camp will include: Special personal growth workshops, games & crafts, an off-campus service activity, spiritual experiences, campfire evenings and more. Suggested donation: \$35 includes room, meals, bus transportation to service activity and all activities. For more information and registration contact: Camp Incarnation, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, Pa. 16641. 814-886-4098.

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.

TWO NIGHTS WORLD CLASS CONCERTS, FREE, FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

August 4, and 5, 2006 a the JFK Auditorium, Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa.

Songwriter Showcase Concert on Friday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. Featuring: Paul Purple, award winning songwriter, motivating musical force. Anna Wolfe, national songwriter, magical performer, champion of Music for the People and Mac Himes, composer, performer, music instructor.

International Stage Concert on Saturday, August 5 at 7:30 p.m. Featuring: Jim Donovan, Drum the Ecstatic International, African Drumming, a capella vocals, African dance Dreamtime Project, Australian Didgeridoo

These concerts are free and open to the public through generous support from the Saint Francis University Excellence in Education grant. If you have any questions regarding the concert contact Saint Francis University Office of Continuing Education at 814-472-3012 or oce@francis.edu.

Sixth Week of Easter

A Prayer of Joyful Praise

Bless the Lord, all people on earth;
sing praise to him and highly exalt
him forever.

Bless the Lord, O Israel;
sing praise to him and highly exalt
him forever.

Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord;
sing praise to him and highly exalt
him forever.

Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord;
sing praise to him and highly exalt
him forever.

Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of
the righteous;
sing praise to him and highly exalt
him forever.

Bless the Lord, you who are holy and
humble in heart;
sing praise to him and highly exalt
him forever.

Daniel 3:82-87 (Prayer of Azariah 60-65)



May 21, 2006

Hymns of Hope

Most people can attest to the power of music in their spiritual life. Don Campbell, a musician and researcher, has studied how different types of music enhance creativity and learning. In *The Mozart Factor* he explains how music is being used in various settings. Hospitals play background music that helps patients rest and visitors relax. Harpists volunteer at hospices to minister to the dying. Music therapists play familiar hymns in nursing homes to trigger lost memories in dementia patients. Researchers find that music with a tempo that is below or in concert with the heart's rhythms tends to be relaxing; more upbeat pieces stimulate the listener.

We see these ideas in liturgical music. Songs of gratitude, praise, lament, or longing, with their particular tones, moods, and rhythms, match the heartbeat of the liturgical seasons. At this time of year, joy has restored the alleluias that were muted during Lent. The hymns sung at Easter express an ecstatic recognition that Christ has conquered death and risen to new life. This music lifts us with its hope-filled tempo. The responsorial psalm for the Sixth Sunday of Easter expresses it well: "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands." What else could we do but "break into songs of praise"? (Psalm 98:4).

This Week at Home

Monday, May 22

Amazing Grace

One of the most beloved hymns of recent times is "Amazing Grace." Written by John Newton, former captain of a ship used to transport Africans to the United States where they were sold into slavery, the song laments the sinfulness of his part in such a horrific enterprise and sings the praises of a God who dispenses the sweet, saving, and amazing grace of mercy and forgiveness.

Tuesday, May 23

Easter Practices: Rogation Days

The three days prior to Ascension Thursday are traditionally known as "rogation days." It used to be customary for people to process through their fields of newly planted crops, asking for God's blessing. Use the next few days to pray for farmers and all those whose livelihoods are connected to working the land.

Wednesday, May 24

Symbols of Easter: The Paschal Candle

At the Easter Vigil a brand new paschal candle was lit from the Easter fire and carried through the church as the celebrant sang, "Christ our Light!" and the assembly replied, "Thanks Be to God!" The candle stands near the font as a sign of Christ's light all year; it is lit for all funerals, and it is from this candle that baptismal candles are lit by godparents and parents for the newly baptized.

Thursday, May 25

Ascension of the Lord

The feast of the Ascension is a recognition that Jesus lives in glory with his Father while also dwelling with us on earth. In the account of the Ascension (Acts 1:3-11) the disciples witness Jesus being taken up into the clouds. Afterward, two angels appear and ask why they are continuing to look up into the sky. Let this story remind us to look, not overhead, but all around us in order to recognize Jesus who remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament and also in the faces of those in our midst.



Friday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri

There is a story about Philip Neri that illustrates both his humility and his sense of playfulness. Wanting to honor the saintly man by elevating him to a high office in the Church, the Pope hung a cardinal's hat on Philip's door. Philip took the plate-shaped hat and tossed it like a sixteenth-century Frisbee™ into the air. Engage in an outdoor activity today that helps you imitate Philip's light-hearted holiness.

Saturday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Not to be confused with the famous Augustine of Hippo from North Africa who lived two centuries earlier, this Augustine was a Roman monk of the sixth century. He was sent as a missionary with 40 other monks by Pope Gregory the Great from Rome in 597 to bring Christianity to the Anglo-Saxons in England. He converted King Aethelbert who gave him land in Canterbury on which he built a church on the site of what is now Canterbury Cathedral. From that center the practices of the Roman Church spread, eventually eclipsing the more austere customs of the Celtic monks. Augustine died in 605. He is known as the patron of England and apostle to the English. Learn more about this saint and see pictures of the beautiful medieval cathedral that was built later in Canterbury at <http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/>.



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICH SALE

DATE: _____

NUMBER OF SANDWICHES: _____

PRICE: _____

PICK UP: _____ **After Saturday Evening Mass**

_____ **After Sunday Mass**

(Please check one)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER MASSES ON: _____

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US WITH THIS

FUNDRAISER IN ORDER THAT WE CAN CONTINUE

OUR WORK.

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

Saint Rose of Lima Parish

May 20, 2006

Dear Saint Rose of Lima Parishioner:

Expanded Use of Scrip Gift Cards

We are pleased to share some exciting information about a fundraising program which benefits our Parish.

First, however, we share with you a word about the present challenge that brings us to this exciting opportunity. In the past twelve years, our parish bingo has benefited our parish by supplying nearly two million dollars to our faith community. This year, economic conditions have decreased bingo's revenue from \$180,000 to \$130,000.

We are acting in several ways to address this situation. We have made cuts in our non-academic spending. We have raised tuition. Rather than invite another increase in your offertory giving, we are announcing a parish-wide opportunity to use **Scrip Gift Cards**, a fundraising program which offers our parish a revenue, on purchases you normally make!

Scrip Gift Cards are available from many popular retailers that include: Weis, Martin's, Giant Eagle, Sheetz, Granny's, The Dream, Olive Garden, Fiore True Value, The Gap, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others. You can even pay your JC Penny credit card bill with a **Scrip Gift Card!**

You are probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's **simple**. **Scrip Gift Card** participating retailers sell gift cards to our Parish at a discount, which is our revenue. Parishioners, family, and friends like you, buy and use the gift cards for full face value. The **Scrip Gift Card** program is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailers whom you normally patronize receive cash up front and your repeat business.
- Our Parish now has a powerful fundraising supplement that involves no buying of unnecessary items!
- Income from **Scrip Gift Card** replaces decreased bingo benefits and continues our ability to be a vibrant faith community with quality programming in faith formation, liturgy, and pastoral care.

The beauty of the **Scrip Gift Card** program is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work for our parish family. You earn money for our faith community without spending a single additional penny! You convert your regular shopping dollars into **Scrip Gift Cards** and use them as you use cash at participating stores! **Scrip Gift Cards** are available for about any household purchase including food, clothing, gasoline, entertainment, home improvements, and even dining out.

The success of the **Scrip Gift Card** program at the School prompts our eagerness to open the use of this program to include all members of the Saint Rose faith community. To that end, we are extending an invitation to you, your family and their friends, to participate in this valuable and easy program. Your participation, new or more extensive, will increase revenue and eliminate our need to ask for across-the-board increased giving.

Your offerings of time, talent, and treasure make Saint Rose a remarkably vibrant faith family, "blessed with the gifts of faith, hope and love, called to share the life of Christ and continue His ministry, as we reach out to our community and the world." (Taken from Our Parish Mission Statement.)

We sincerely thank the families who are currently participating in this financially rewarding program and look forward to your continued support. We ask everyone and especially those who are just learning about the **Scrip Gift Card** program to look in next weeks Bulletin for additional information on how you too can participate. Our kick-off to begin filling Parish orders and once again offer select **Scrip Gift Cards** after Mass is slated to begin the weekend of June 10th and 11th!

Sincerely,

Father James Crookston, Pastor
Miss Pat Ronan, School Principal
Scrip Gift Card Committee

Father Carl Spishak, Parochial Vicar
Mrs. Vi Bettwy, Religious Education Director