

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i> 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11
Mon Dec 4	6:00 PM Christian Mothers Mass
Tues Dec 5	6:10 PM Bingo
Wed Dec 6	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary 6:30 PM 8:15 Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00 PM First Penance Meeting 7:30 PM 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
Thurs Dec 7	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6:10 PM Bingo
Sat Dec 9	9:30-10:30 AM Children's Choir
Sun Dec 10	Second Sunday of Advent 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i> 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 4 St. John of Damascus

8:30 a.m. †Josephine & Andrew Marock (*Robertazzi Family*)
†Esther Lenz (*M/M Joseph Marnecheck*)
6:00 p.m. †Robert Hoover (*St. Rose of Lima Christian Mothers*)

Tuesday, Dec. 5

8:30 a.m. †Vincenzo Albertanzo, Vito Recchia, Giovanna Recchia (*Nicoletta & Antonio Recchia*)
†Betty Drabic (*St. Rose Christian Mothers*)

Wednesday, Dec. 6 St. Nicholas

8:30 a.m. †Robert Adams (*Rita Gensamer*)
†Robert Engelman (*M/M Ralph Schiappi*)
†Edmund Solensky (*Marge Solensky & Family*)

Thursday, Dec. 7

8:30 a.m. †Antonio & Armida Santarsieri (*Dr. Joseph & Kathleen Santarsieri*)
7:00 p.m. †Robert Reese (*Family*)

Friday, Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary

7:00 a.m. †Anna Fiore (*Hayes, Larger Architects*)
8:30 a.m. †Sister Ildefonse Goss (*Leo & Dot Wilt*)
7:00 p.m. †Geraldine Brown (*Grace Saclaro*)

Saturday, Dec. 9 St. Juan Diego

8:30 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
†Jackie Fabian (*Ann & Cole Strittmatter*)
5:30 p.m. †Orlando DeCriscio (*Bob & Roseanne Moore & Family*)

Sunday, Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. †Edith Altiero (*Ernie & Marcella Salvi*)
8:15 a.m. †Frank Skupien (*Family*)
10:30 a.m. †Phyllis Timpone (*Orsena Family*)

12 NOON Mass For The People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 7, 2006
7:00 p.m. Maggie & Molly McCall

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2006

7:00 a.m. Derek Mrdjenovich
8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children
7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Jacobs, Becky Hughes
Altar Servers for December 9-10, 2006
Saturday, December 9, 2006
5:30 p.m. Johnny Brown, Loretta Bobetich, Ally Sheedy
Sunday, December 10, 2006
7:00 a.m. Julie Fox
8:15 a.m. Kaitlyn Lersch, Jamie Novack, Daniel Lersch
10:30 a.m. Patrick Irwin, Richie Zelnosky, Alyssa Lower
12 Noon John M. Berger, Brendan Trybus, Nicole Bagley
Vigil for Immaculate Conception, December 7, 2006
7:00 p.m. Readers: Vi Bettwy, Frances Hesser
7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers: B. Stoltz, G. Stoltz, T. Heiss
Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2006
7:00 a.m. Reader: Frank Fochler
7:00 a.m. Eucharistic Ministers: R. M. Fochler, K. Mrdjenovich
8:30 a.m. Readers: St. Rose School Children
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Ministers:
7:00 p.m. Readers: Patrick Labriola, Jean Chirdon
7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers: G. Beck, J. Frena, J. Scarfone
Eucharistic Ministers for December 9-10, 2006
5:30 p.m. J. Brown, J. Scarfone, B. Bartley, J. Shoenfelt, G. Beck
7:00 a.m. R.M. Fochler, R. Kline, B. Altiero
8:15 a.m. J. Woomer, S. Tirone, K. Woomer, B. Spinazzola, D. Cree
10:30 a.m. E. Salvi, B. Gentile, K. Madariaga, M. Salvi, D. Fraundorfer
12 Noon D. Shrift, J. Frena, C. Anslinger
Lectors for December 9-10, 2006
5:30 p.m. Joe Maschue, Bea Shoenfelt
7:00 a.m. Robert Fox, Frank Fochler
8:15 a.m. Randy Donnelly, Tim Skarada
10:30 a.m. Laverne Previte, Patrick Labriola
12 Noon Bob Helbig

FROM THE PASTOR

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary had its origin in the Byzantine Church as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne." It spread through the Europe during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrated Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception. She is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what God calls his people to be.

This year the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception retains its obligation of participation in the celebration of the Eucharist. Masses celebrating of Mary's selection to be our advocate with God and our pattern of holiness are Thursday evening, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES These opportunities exist for your celebration the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: Saint John's -- Monday, December 11, 6:30 P.M.; Cathedral -- Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 P.M.; Sacred Heart -- Thursday, December 14, 5:30 PM; Our Lady of Lourdes -- Friday, December 15, 5:30 PM. St. Therese-Saturday, December 16. 10:00 A.M.; St. Mary's Hollidaysburg- Sunday, December 17, 4:00 P.M.; Our parish reconciliation service is Monday, December 18, 6:30 P.M. The priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 A.M. Mass Monday, December 18, Tuesday, December 19, and Wednesday, December 20.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING --Nov. 18-19, 2006

Regular	\$7680.18	Christmas	\$ 60.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 134.00	School Reserve	\$ 628.52
Human Development	\$ 305.00	Thanksgiving	\$ 82.00
Initial	\$ 3.00	Candle	\$ 5.00
All Souls	\$ 10.00	All Saints	\$ 10.00
		Total	\$8918.20

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING --Nov. 25-26, 2006

Regular	\$6446.54	Christmas	\$ 46.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 128.00	Rose	\$ 194.47
Human Development	\$ 5.00	Register	\$ 6.00
Initial	\$ 3.00	Flowers	\$ 80.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 701.00	Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00	Total	\$ 7620.51

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SHARE IN THE CARE

Next weekend, December 9 & 10 is the Annual Retirement for Religious Appeal. Skilled care assisted living expenses for religious past age 70 exceed \$450 million each year. One out of every five religious institutes has less than 20 percent of the amount needed to care for elderly members. Though they may withdraw from compensated, full time ministry, religious continue to visit the sick, tutor children and volunteer in parishes and among refugee populations. Your donation helps alleviate the spiraling cost of health. Please use the envelope that is located in your pack of envelopes. Please be generous.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 9	5:30 p.m.	Volunteers
Dec. 10	7:00 a.m.	Altiero Family
	8:15 a.m.	CCD Students
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis & Carole Housum
	12 Noon	Joe & Gaile Eberhardt

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The students will attend 8:30 Mass on Friday, Dec. 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Friday, Dec. 8th is the **LAST RETURN DAY** for lottery calendars.

We are conducting our annual TOY / SMALL GIFT DRIVE to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Family Kitchen which is under the direction of Sr. Paula DelGrosso. We will be collecting **new, unwrapped** toys or children's gifts (**MAXIMUM \$20.00**) until Monday, Dec. 11. You may give your donation to any St. Rose School student or bring it to the school office. We would appreciate your support.

Thank you to all the parishioners and friends who have been supporting our **SCRIP/GIFT CARDS** program and contributing to the **SECOND COLLECTION** on the third weekend Masses. This has been a huge help for our school! You're in our prayers.

Don't forget to register for Martin's A+ Rewards Program. Call the school for details (942-7835).

Simpson Communications is once again offering a donation to St. Rose School for every cellular phone purchased at their Altoona Store. The school will receive between \$10 and \$20, depending on the plan that is purchased, with no extra cost added to the phone. This is another opportunity to help our school with no additional cost to you. The store is located on 58th St./Good's Lane across from Texas Hot Dogs.

FIRST PENANCE

There will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2006. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last until 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Any parishioner that would like a Christmas Flower on our altar dedicated for a loved one is asked to use your Christmas Flower envelope or use a plain envelope. Kindly drop the envelope in the collection basket by December 17. Your memorial will be in our Christmas Bulletin. PLEASE PRINT YOUR REMEMBRANCE.

St. Rose of Lima Scrip Gift Card Team Schedule December 9

5:30 p.m. Jen Myrick, Cindy Boslet, Vi & Gene Bettwy

December 10

7:00 a.m. Brenda & Dan Altiero

8:15 a.m. Kathy & Jim Woomer

10:30 a.m. Kim Irwin, Pattie Fromknecht, Tom Goss

12 Noon Bonnie Frederick, John Frena, Joe Fromknecht

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.

MAY HE REST HE PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles M. McClain whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to his family

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Elijah Charles Funtal Noel, son of M/M Barry C. Noel, Talon Cade McKendree, son of M/M Kirk C. McKendree and Arden Kaci, daughter of M/M Kirk C. McKendree who received the light of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS

Christian Mothers Mass & Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 4. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Christmas Party at Bishop Guilfoyle at 7:00 p.m.

Once again during Advent, Christian Mothers will have the Angel Tree in the foyer. Please take an angel, write your petition on it and hang it on the tree.

The Angel Tree will be shared with our Homebound Members of St. Rose. Untie the ornament on the tree and take the card. Please visit the person, whose name is on the card during the Advent season. The second week of Advent, there will be Poinsettias, in the Library, for all Eucharistic Ministers to take to the Homebound. Take the card off the Angel Tree, for each person you are taking a flower to.

Thank You to all who prayed the Rosary before weekend Masses during the month of October.

“IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”

As we approach the birth of Christ, it is important to remember that god himself became a zygote, a morula, a blastocyst-a tiny embryo before his implantation in Mary’s womb. In so doing. He blessed and sanctified each and every stage of human life. It is sad how quickly we humans are willing to discard the divine.

PRESENTATIONS BY ANN MINGYAR WILL BE HELD IN THE Computer Room or Art Room on Thursday, December 7, 2006.

ADVENT

Far from being a count-down of shopping days until Christmas, Advent is a Marian season par excellence. It is a time of looking deep inside of ourselves to find those things that will keep the Incarnation of Christ

from occurring in our own times. It is a time of pondering, of quiet stillness, of listening for the voice of God. We are all called to “give birth to Christ” in our own way, and Advent is a time for trying to discern exactly what our way is.

SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3 at the Ramada Inn. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, December 11 at the Dream Restaurant in Hollidaysburg. Mark your calendar and call Mary at 946-3449 to make a reservation or for more information. The Dream Restaurant participates in the scrip program

SUNDAY MORNING PRE-K PROGRAM

Children ages 2 ½ thru 4 years of age are welcome to attend our religious education class each Sunday except holidays. Children gather in the Pre-K room from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. For more information or to become a volunteer please contact Alison 946-7061 or Janette 946-4343.

Dear St. Rose Parishioners:

I want to thank you for the warm welcome and hospitality I received during the Parish Mission. Particular thanks to Fr. Carl, Fr. Jim, Patti & Joe Fromknecht and the committee. They did outstanding work on the publicity and preparation! In the future I will point to your parish as a model. I pray for all the parishioners I’ve served in and ask your prayers for me. Keep up the good work!

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Claude Lenehan, OFM

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped by donating or coming, our Oxfam Hunger Banquet was a success! We have about \$500 to donate to Sister Paula’s Soup Kitchen and about \$600 to give to Oxfam which will go toward helping the poor all over the world. We couldn’t have been so successful without the following businesses who donated to Oxfam:

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| Del Grosso’s- meatballs | Peppino’s- bread |
| Weis-cheese, bowls, napkins | Altoona Hotel-mints |
| McDonald’s-juice | Best Way Pizza-soda |
| Allegro-sauce | Marzoni’s-pasta |
| Hoss’s- crackers | Eat’N Park - pie |
| US Foods Service-butter | Denny’s –gift card |
| Leonardo’s-salad & dressing | King’s -soup |
| Finelli’s- dessert | Becky’s Floral- 2 |
| Creative Expressions- 2 Centerpieces | Centerpieces |

Thank You from the Seventh and Eighth Grade of St.

Rose of Lima School.



SAINT OF THE MONTH for DEC. 2006
ST. LUCY OF SYRACUSE

FEAST DAY--Dec. 13

PATRONAGE--The blind, eye disease, hemorrhages, sore eyes and throats,

authors, epidemics.

PROFILE--St Lucy was born in 283 of rich Christian, Greek ancestry. Her mother, a victim of hemorrhages, arranged a marriage for her with a pagan. Lucy prayed for her mother's cure to St. Agatha and her mother's health was restored. Her mother then agreed that the marriage was not appropriate. However the pagan bridegroom denounced Lucy as a Christian and she was sentenced to forced prostitution. When the guards could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen, the governor ordered her tortured and killed. Her eyes were torn out, and she was surrounded by fire, however she continued to see and the fires went out. She died a martyr in 304.

PRAYER TO ST. LUCY

Relying on Your goodness, O God, we humbly ask You, through the intercession of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, to give perfect vision to our eyes, that they may serve for Your greater honor and glory. Saint Lucy, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen.

NETWORKING FOR THE POOR

Networking For The Poor will meet on December 12 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Penn Mont Academy. Everyone brings a covered dish, and a lot of good fellowship, a speaker representing a local charity talks about that charity. When the speaker is finished there is a good will offering taken up. Everyone is welcome to attend.

December 3, 2006



Do you listen to the opening prayers of the Mass? They are perfect daily prayers for the week!

This month you will receive the prayer to take home and enjoy each day.

Father in Heaven, my heart desires the warmth of Your love and my mind is searching for the light of Your Word. Increase my longing for Christ our Savior, and give me the strength to grow in love; that the dawn of His coming may find me rejoicing in His presence and welcoming

the light of His truth. I ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Bishop Guilfoyle High School Music Department will be holding it's Christmas Choral Concert at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Monday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Come celebrate the Christmas season through music by attending our free concert.

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD

December 8-9, 2006 (7:00 p.m. Friday-3:00 p.m. Saturday)

Woman's Prayer Retreat An overnight in guided prayer and reflection. Each retreatant will have the opportunity to meet with a Spiritual Director, to have private and communal prayer opportunities during this time set aside to experience the wonder of God's loving presence. Donation: \$55.00 includes private room and meals. Directors: Sister Jane Miller, CCW & Sr. Cindy Burns, CCW. Held at CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, Pa. 16641. Reservations required by December 4, 2006 Contact 886-4098.

DVD PRESENTATION – Hear Father Corapi Speak: Sunday, December 3, 2006 at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00-6:30 p.m. DVD presentation from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Admission is FREE. This month's topic: "How to Make a Good Confession."

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

