

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun Dec 17</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	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
<b>Mon Dec 18</b>	6:30 PM Parish Penance Service
<b>Tues Dec 19</b>	6:10 PM Bingo
<b>Wed Dec 20</b>	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
	6:30 PM 8:15 Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thurs Dec 21</b>	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Sat Dec 23</b>	9:30-10:30 AM Children's Choir
<b>Sun Dec 24</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, Dec. 18**

8:30 a.m. †Robert Reese (*D. J. Bragonier*)  
†Mary Kenny (*M/M Ken Dimpfl*).

**Tuesday, Dec. 19**

8:30 a.m. †Anna Fulchiero (*Denise Bowmaster*)  
†Francis Ackerman (*Mark & Laura Maier*)  
†Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Tod & Susan Decker*)

**Wednesday, Dec. 20**

8:30 a.m. †Julie Hinterberger (*D.J. Bragonier*)  
†Thomas Acker (*Tony & Charlene Labriola*)  
†William Hammond (*M/M Paul Williams*)

**Thursday, Dec. 21 St. Pater Canisius**

8:30 a.m. †Leo Thompson (*Andy & Kathleen Chabala*)  
†Anita Reed (*Bob & Debbie Fisher*)

**Friday, Dec. 22**

8:30 a.m. †Virginia Meintel (*Rob, Angie, Andrea & Alicia Andrews*)  
†John Sommer (*Pauline Hughes*)  
†Kyle Holtz (*St. Rose of Lima Christian Mothers*)

**Saturday, Dec. 23 St. John of Kanty**

8:30 a.m. †Lou Bettwy (*Leona Bryan & Linda Beck*)  
†Patsy Labriola (*Carmel Mirabella Family*)  
5:30 p.m. †James Sanders (*Ruth M. Doyle*)

**Sunday, Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:00 a.m. †Paul Beiswenger (*Family*)  
8:15 a.m. †John Crum (*First Commonwealth Bank*)  
10:30 a.m. †Mary Riccio (*M/M Rick Larkins*)  
12 NOON Mass For The People

**Altar Servers for December 23-24, 2006**

Saturday, December 23, 2006  
5:30 p.m. Joshua Shultz, Jessica Boslet, Brendan Trybus  
Sunday, December 24, 2006  
7:00 a.m. Server Volunteer  
8:15 a.m. Connor Campbell, Kyle Haney, Tai Irwin  
10:30 a.m. Justin Bimle, Caitlin Berkheimer, Hanna Mercer  
12 Noon Elissa Ehredt, Jamey Brumbaugh, Eugene Ehredt  
**Eucharistic Ministers for December 23-24, 2006**  
5:30 p.m. G. Bettwy, B. Bartley, G. Baker, J. Scarfone, S. Baker  
7:00 a.m. J. Wustrow, D. Leahey, C. Sharbaugh  
8:15 a.m. M. Engelman, P. Engelman, R. Skupien, B. Stoltz, G. Stoltz  
10:30 a.m. M. Salvi, K. Zelnosky, D. Fraundorfer, E. Salvi, B. Gentile  
12 Noon D. Shrift, R. Fiore, J. Eberhardt  
**Lectors for December 23-24, 2006**  
5:30 p.m. Beth Tully, Vi Bettwy  
7:00 a.m. Robert Fox, John Kenny  
8:15 a.m. Ken Haney, Tom Irwin III  
10:30 a.m. Jim Lane, Chris Rickens  
12 Noon Bob Helbig

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICES** These opportunities exist for your celebration the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord: St. Mary's Hollidaysburg - Sunday, December 17, 4:00 P.M. and our parish reconciliation service – Monday, December 18, 6:30 P.M. The parish priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 A.M. Mass Monday, December 18, Tuesday, December 19, and Wednesday, December 20.

**RESTORATION FUND** Thank you for your benevolent response as we restore our school reserve fund. In the first three months, your generosity has put nearly \$3,600 into the school's reserves. We appreciate your continuing support. This weekend, December 16/17, is our second-collection Sunday for restoring the school reserve.

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING –Dec. 9-10, 2006**

Regular	\$8945.31	Christmas	\$ 439.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 166.00	Rose	\$ 152.09
Christmas Flowers	\$ 563.00	All Saints	\$ 2.00
Human Development	\$ 5.00	Candles	\$ 25.00
School Reserve	\$ 5.00	Perquisites	\$ 75.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 12.00	Rel. Retirement	\$ 300.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 702.00	Total	\$ 11391.90

**OFFERTORY PRESENTERS**

Dec. 23	5:30 p.m.	Jeff & Mary Shultz & Family
Dec. 24	7:00 a.m.	Bernard & Julianne Beiswenger
	8:15 a.m.	John & Darlene Crum & Family
	10:30 a.m.	Richard & Jackie Riccio
	12 Noon	Ushers Pick

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Christmas vacation is from Friday Dec. 22nd until Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Dismissal on Friday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> is at 11:45.

Our school **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Maria Parish Center. All are welcome to attend this delightful performance. There is no cost for admission.

### LOTTERY CALENDARS

St. Rose School Lottery Calendars are still available. They make great Christmas gifts! The cost is \$25.00. You may call the school office (942-7835) or contact any St. Rose School family if you would like to purchase a calendar.

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.

You can help St. Rose School collect points for our technology program just by using your Giant Eagle card. Just log on to GiantEagle.com and register your card for their "Apples for the Students" program. Our school code is 1166. Friends and family members can help out too!

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 58<sup>th</sup> St./Good's Lane across from Texas Hot Dogs.

The St. Rose School Family extends our sincerest wishes to our parish community for a joyous Christmas and a new year filled with God's blessings. Thank you for your support. You are always in our prayers.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** –There will be no Religious Education Classes on Dec. 24 & 31. Classes will resume on Jan. 7, 2007

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Children's Choir will sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. The children will sing Christmas Music beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Our combined Adult Choirs with accompanying Wind, Brass and Percussion will offer a Music Prelude beginning at 11:30 p.m. for the Christmas Midnight Mass.

### BE A MISSIONARY FOR A WEEK – IN LIMA, PERU

Our parish is planning an eight-day trip to our adopted clinic, March 9-17, 2007. Participants will have the opportunity to paint, scrub, repair whatever is needed, feed the patients,

etc. While there we would stay in both the convent and the rectory as guests of the Sisters and Priests. This hands-on experience in another culture should be most enriching and very satisfying. The cost per person will be well under \$1000.00. We are limiting the number of participants to eight. Interested? Call Fr. Carl Spishak, 944-8509.

**CANDLES** –For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by the Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Jackie Crust by Carol & Dick Anslinger, Mary J. Trout –Illness by Susan H. Trout, Paul & Ethel Norris By Carol Perry, Birthday Remembrance, Gregory Scott Martino by Parents, M/M A. J. Martino.

### BAPTISM

Congratulations to Elizabeth Claire Negola daughter of M/M Todd D. Negola who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marie E. Giovengo and Anna Olszewski whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to their families.

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. There are 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.

### "IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

In Leslie Fields' book, *Surprise Child*, the author pays tribute to women who bring a "surprise pregnancy" to birth: "You did not listen to those who may have urged you to end this pregnancy. You have changed your life, sustained other losses to bring this baby to light and air. And now you have something to show for these months and sacrifices: beautiful bone and flesh and flood of your very bone."

NRL News, May, 2006

### SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will meet in January dates are Sunday, January 7, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at Uno Pizzeria on Plank Road and Monday, January 22, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. at King's Restaurant on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mark your calendar and call Mary at 946-3449 to make a reservation or for more information. All of these restaurants participate 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.

### 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.

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

December 17, 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 of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to Your promises  
and ever close to Your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of  
the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to His  
return at the end of time. Prepare my heart and remove the  
sadness that hinders me from feeling the joy and hope, which  
His presence will bestow, for He is Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen.*



### Minutes

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 9, 2006, 7:00 PM, Computer Room**

#### Opening Prayer

Dave Kibblehouse opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### Members present were:

Father Crookston, Father Carl Spishak, Pat Ronan, Janette DiGiacobbe, Sue Cossitor, Tom Goss, Judy Rossi, John Brown, Dave Kibblehouse, Regina Friedenberger, Ken Haney, Pat Irwin, and Sam Tirone.

#### Members absent were:

Cindy Boslet, Todd Cammarata, Paul Engelman, and Mike Fox.

#### Minutes

The minutes of October 12, 2006 were amended. The correct spelling of the name of RCIA candidate, Nikkie Solomando, was amended. Regina Friedenberger

made a motion to approve the October 12, 2006 minutes. Pat Ronan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

#### Committee Reports

##### Liturgy

**Liturgical Ministries:** Sue Cossitor reported the following:

- Final preparations are being made for The Franciscan Ministry of Word Retreat. The choir loft will hold approximately 70 choir members (35 children and 35 adults) participating at Mass on Wednesday evening of the retreat.
- There will be no noon Mass on the Wednesday (November 15<sup>th</sup>) of the retreat.
- There is need for repair to the carpet seam in the choir loft, as well as the replacement of a few light bulbs.

##### Education

**Catechesis:** Janette DiGiacobbe reported the following:

- December 18<sup>th</sup> is the date set for the first penance service for First Holy Communion children. Twenty-eight children will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year.
- Ann Mingyar's class on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> has been canceled since it conflicts with The Franciscan Ministry of Word Retreat and will be rescheduled.
- The youth group, C.R.O.S.S., will meet on November 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church in Altoona, and on December 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Rose.

**Parish School:** Pat Ronan reported the following:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The golf outing raised over \$7,000 profit for the school.
- The school received a \$500 grant from First Energy again this year. Part two of the solar energy project will now be possible. It is rare that a school receives this grant two years in a row. The school has been recognized by First Energy for excellence.
- The school has a goal set to apply for at least four grants per month.
- Three teams of students will compete on November 28<sup>th</sup> in a power point competition organized by the diocese. Marty Dombrowski, technology teacher, has been very involved with the planning of this competition.
- As a result of funding from IU 8, the school will receive the Kurzweil 3000 software which is a comprehensive, writing and learning solution for any struggling reader, including students with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, or attention deficit disorder.
- The food drive for the St. Vincent De Paul

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Society will be held from November 13<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup>.

- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will conduct an Oxfam Hunger Banquet again this year on November 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. Students in grades one through eight participate along with school staff and parishioners. It is open to the public as well. The students sent announcements to various catholic churches in the diocese about the Oxfam Hunger Banquet to be included in their bulletins. Funds raised will go to Oxfam and Sister Paula's Family Kitchen.
- The annual Christmas Toy Drive for Sister Paula's Soup Kitchen will take place in early December.
- The student council has raised money throughout the year for the "Adopt a Family" Christmas Outreach Program which is done in conjunction with Catholic Charities.
- A special school Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pre-school pilgrims and Indians will take part in the liturgy. All are welcome.
- The next Saturday school liturgy will be at 5:30 PM on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Daily morning Advent services will take place each day for all grades beginning December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Other:** Father Crookston reported the following:

- The Task Force for Catholic Schools, Day of Dialogue, was convened by Bishop Adamec. By January 1, 2007, the task force is planning to have a three page document prepared regarding the governance of the schools in the diocese.

### Finance

Tom Goss reported that the Finance Committee meeting has been postponed until December 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee is meeting with school people to discuss bridging the financial gap regarding the school budget.

**Stewardship:**

- Father Spishak asked council to notice the front of the bulletin on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The front will be a colorful cover advertising The Franciscan Ministry of Word Retreat. He also asked council to be astute to the need of tidiness and cleanliness particularly in the restrooms during the retreat.

**Other:**

- **Saint Rose Endowment:** The endowment recently received an anonymous check for \$50,000. To date, \$55,000 is now in the endowment. The board is planning to meet with accountants and lawyers to explain the Saint Rose Endowment plan. Janette DiGiacobbe suggested that a one page explanation be prepared stating what to consider when making a will.

- **SCRIP:** It was suggested that another explanation be prepared for the bulletin to explain SCRIP. There seems to be some misunderstanding among parishioners about the usage of SCRIP.

### Maintenance

Father Crookston mentioned that a *work day* was suggested at the last council meeting and that the maintenance volunteers from the Ministry Fair should be asked to help out with the work that needs to be done. Father Crookston posed that perhaps Father Spishak could assist with the planning of the *work day*.

### Family Life/Activities

**Hospitality:** None

### Social Justice

**Lima Excursion 2007:** Father Spishak reported that he and Father Crookston are waiting for more specific responses from the people in Lima to make sure they can accommodate the people from Saint Rose.

### **Formation**

Father Crookston asked council to reread *Appreciative Inquiry, The "4-D" Planning Cycle*, and think about goal setting. Father Crookston also asked council members to consider these questions: "Who are we? What goals should we set? What do we want to do next?" Pat Irwin suggested that council members also keep in mind different ways in which to interact with other parishes in the diocese.

### **Old Business**

Sam Tirone shared with council the research he compiled regarding youth ministry. He indicated that counselors are the key to a successful youth program. Sam agreed to investigate counselors and contact names suggested to him by council. Sam will report his findings at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

None

### **Schedule of Meetings**

December 14; January 4 (Ministries Dinner); February 8; March 8; April 5 (Second Thursday in April is Holy Thursday); May 10; June 3 (Parish Picnic).

### **Next Meeting's Opening Prayer**

Janette DiGiacobbe will give the opening prayer at the next meeting.

### **Closing Prayer**

Father Crookston offered the closing prayer.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Judy Rossi*