

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Wed Dec 27	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Dec 28	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri 29	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Dec 30	The Holy Family
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 24 Vigil of Christmas

5:00 p.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Family*)
7:30 p.m. †Mary & John Sutusky (*Murriel Slick*)
Mid-Night †Michael Savino & Diane Stasky (*Wife & Daughters*)

Monday, Dec. 25 The Birth of Our Lord (Christmas)

8:30 a.m. †Mary E. Fiore (*Cindy, Mike, Travis & Troy Sharbaugh*)
10:30 a.m. †Patsy & Florence Labrioila (*Connie Montler*)

Tuesday, Dec. 26 St. Stephen

8:30 a.m. †Phyllis Timpone (*Orsena Family*)
†Donald St. John (*M/M Joe Durbin*)
†Nellie Novack (*Rose & Denny Koeck*)

Wednesday, Dec. 27 St. John

8:30 a.m. †Angela Cataldo (*Husband & Daughters*)
†Mary K. Russo (*Mary Fiochetta*)

Thursday, Dec. 28 Holy Innocents

8:30 a.m. †Stephen Donnelly (*Family*)

Friday, Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:30 a.m. †Violet Fliegerbauer (*Estate*)
†Helen DiAndrea (*Family*)
†Frank Olszewski (*John Szymusiak*)

Saturday, Dec. 30

8:30 a.m. †Armida & Antonio Santarsieri (*Dr. Joseph & Kathleen Santarsieri*)
†Mary Prorok (*John, Lori, Johnny & Emily Brown*)
5:30 p.m. †Richard Servello Jr. (*M/M Ron Geis*)

Sunday, Dec. 31 The Holy Family

7:00 a.m. †Mary Samborsky (*Drs. Amy Marnecheck & Kenneth Wich & Family*)
8:15 a.m. †Sondra M. Frederick (*John & Carole Treese*)
10:30 a.m. †Joseph Mannino (*George & Barbara Mitchell*)
12 NOON Mass For The People

Altar Servers

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. Kaitlyn & Daniel Lersch, Loretta Bobetich
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:00 p.m. Anthony & Richie Zelnosky, Billy & Stefan Beard
MID-NIGHT MASS Megan, Justine & Joshua Shultz, Matthew Eiman
CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. Jamie Novack
CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 A.M. Alyssa Lower
Saturday, December 30, 2006
5:30 p.m. Tonya Lee, Joseph Britz, Johnny Brown
Sunday, December 31, 2006
7:00 a.m. Server Volunteer
8:15 a.m. Kyle Haney, Matthew Eiman, Justin Bimle
10:30 a.m. Anthony Zelnosky, Andy Pagliara, Richie Zelnosky
12 Noon Zach Bracken, Daniel & Joseph Maier
Eucharistic Ministers
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. B. Shoenfelt, J. Shoenfelt, K. Madariaga, K. Irwin, T. Goss, K. McGraw, C. Rickens, Volunteer
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:30 p.m. M. Tillard, J. Frena, G. Beck
MID-NIGHT MASS T. Heiss, M. Engelman, P. Engelman, M. Wiley
CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. R. Novack, G. Bettwy, Volunteer
CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m. D. Housum, C. Housum, Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers for December 30-31, 2006
5:30 p.m. G. Baker, S. Askey, M. Tillard, S. Baker, G. Bettwy
7:00 a.m. G. Miller, C. Sharbaugh, J. Wustrow
8:15 a.m. R. Novack, D. Smith, K. Woomer, J. Woomer, D. Cree
10:30 a.m. D. Housum, C. Rickens, K. Madariaga, K. Zelnosky, C. Housum
12 Noon C. Anslinger, D. Shrift, J. Eberhardt
Lectors
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. Joe Maschue, Pat Condren
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:30 p.m. Chuck Wolf, Laverne Previte
MID-NIGHT MASS Ken Haney, Lector Volunteer
CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. Vi Bettwy, Lector Volunteer
CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m. Patrick Labriola, Lector Volunteer
Lectors for December 30-31, 2006
5:30 p.m. Beth Tully, Vi Bettwy
7:00 a.m. Ray Kline, John Kenny
8:15 a.m. Chuck Wolf, Kan Haney
10:30 a.m. Tony Labriola, Todd Cammarata
12 Noon Bob Helbig

FROM THE PASTOR

WELCOME, YULE! We warmly welcome all who have come this Christmas Day to celebrate the glorious feast of the Messiah's birth. We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest! We welcome our students home from college for a good winter's rest! We welcome parishioners who moved far away but join us today as old friends! We welcome all who have not been active of late in their Catholic faith. We hope they will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again! We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord bless you for all you do! Welcome to all! May our gathering this Christmas gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are after all one People of God – redeemed by the Light. May we walk by the Light and live by the Light – together in love.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CATHOLICS, COME HOME Christmas is a special time when family and friends think about getting back to church. Those who want to return have issues and questions. Our Catholics, Come Home Team invites to call the rectory (944-8509) for more information..

SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT Thank you for your most generous response to the third weekend of the month second collection. We received \$1,088.71 and forwarded it to the school. We appreciate your strong support. The weekend of January 20/21 is our next one for the second collection dedicated to the restoration of funds to our school reserve fund.

ENDOWMENT GROWS Recent gifts to the **Parish and School Endowment Fund** have increased its worth to over \$75,000. This magnificent first year start, especially since we launched the fund this past September. Board members Ray Askey, Lenora Irwin, Marty Kooman, Joe Reilly, Pat Ronan, and Fr. Crookston welcome your interest in learning about ways you can make a gift of lasting value to our parish and school.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING – Dec. 16-17, 2006

Regular	\$7918.29	Christmas	\$ 63.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 91.00	Candles	\$ 45.00
School Reserve Fund	\$ 1083.71	Retirement Rel.	\$ 51.00
Initial	\$ 3.00	Christmas	\$ 415.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 29.00	Register	\$ 7.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 268.00	Perquisites	\$ 50.00
		Total	\$ 10,024.50

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Orsena Family
	7:30 p.m.	Sutusky Family
	Mid-Night	Olive Savino & Granddaughters
Dec. 25	8:30 a.m.	Leonard Fiore
	10:30 a.m.	Labriola Family

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 30	5:30 p.m.	Judy Servello & Family
Dec. 31	7:00 a.m.	Joe & Liz Marnecheck
	8:15 a.m.	Ruth Novack & Family
	10:30 a.m.	Helen Mannino
	12 Noon	Ushers Pick

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The St. Rose faculty and staff would like to thank our very kind and generous **Secret Santa(s)** for the delicious Olive Garden meal. We were deeply moved by your act of appreciation. This touching gift shows the love and support that makes St. Rose School such a special place. May you and your family(ies) have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year, and may you have this act of kindness returned to you many times over.

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.

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

The household gathers near the manger scene. Candles may be lit and flowers placed nearby. Someone prays the blessing:

Bless us, Lord,
as we come to Bethlehem
where animals and angels,
shepherds and seekers
together behold your face.

Here snow becomes straw
and frost becomes flowers
as winter melts into everlasting spring.

In our holy Christmas
give us the riches of your poverty.
Show us the wonder of simplicity
as we join the angels
in proclaiming your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and for ever. Amen.

The figure of the Christ child is now placed in the manger, and all sing "Joy to the World," "Silent Night" or any favorite carol.



CANDLES –For the Men & Women in the Military who are serving our Country by the Christian Mothers, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Rev. Monsignor George B. Flinn by Ron & Zed Geis, Teresa Sukala by Theresa Sukala, Frank Sukala by Theresa Sukala, Catherine Abretski by Theresa Sukala, Stanley Abretski by Theresa Sukala, Joseph Sukala by Theresa Sukala, Sophia Sukala by Theresa Sukala, Philomena R. Jones by Ron & Janet Brown, Mr. & Mrs. John E. Brown Jr. by Ron & Janet Brown, William Cobler by Shirley Cobler, Special Intentions.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Trevor Nunzio Rehm, son of M/M Nunzio Rehm and Dominic Link Battisti, son of Nicholas Battisti & Kristen Link who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

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.

Thank You to the Christian Mothers' for supplying cups for our C.R.O.S.S. fun afternoon for children.

A big thank you to all volunteers that made our C.R.O.S.S. fun afternoon and Christmas pizza party possible.

Darlene Crum, Jennifer Crum, Theresa & Barry Noel, Bernice & Jim Shoenfelt, Emily Shields, Kaity Kuzio, John Morris, Jen Zupon, Leigh & Maggie McCall, Mary Tillard, Dave Stein, Susan Pater, Keith Pohl, Joe & Vicky Pacovsky, Michele Cooney, Mary Campbell and to Jim Mock and the St. Mary's of Altoona Youth Ministries for your time and game equipment.

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.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

The time has come to give birth to the Christ Child. Mary, like mothers the world over, has endured nine months of worry, difficulty and sacrifice. As she brings forth her newborn Son, the distant words of the angel are embodied: "Blessed are you among women, blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus." Likewise blessed is every mother who has nurtured a child to birth, especially through a difficult or unplanned pregnancy.

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 6th 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION Many visitors, parishioners and priests joined the following young people in a joyous celebration of God's merciful forgiveness and love:

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| Macy L. Adams | Nicholas J. Macharola |
| William M. Ajay | Joseph E. Matzik |
| Alyssa R. Bender | Dylan M. McClellan |
| Joseph F. Berger | Nathaniel J. Murphy |
| Allison J. Boslet | Delaney N. Myrick |
| Vera Boyer | Kailyn A. Pater |
| Ian M. Campbell | Olivia R. Ronan |
| Anna K. Conrad | Damian R. Runk |
| Dillon W. Donnelly | Michael F. Simanski |
| Reghan E. Fitch | Noah D. Trexler |
| Luke M. Frederick | Joshua N. Trybus |
| Nathaniel P. Friedenberger | Matthew R. Yahner |
| Brett J. George | Michael C. Yahner |
| Alana M. Hallinan | Joshua B. Yasulitis |
| Alexis N. Heininger | Megan M. Vigne |
| Lynsie N. Houk | Hanna E. Wyland |
| Samuel C. Houk | Lauryn M. Zelnosky |
| Andrew W. Irwin | Matthew S. Zupon |

December 24, 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, all-powerful God, Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift my mind in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory, and open my mind to receive the Spirit who prepares me for His coming. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAMILY CALENDAR

We thank Joseph J. Stevens for sponsoring the Family Life Calendar 2007. The Calendar's suggestions of daily family activities enhance the months and liturgical

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seasons of the new year. Give your imagination free range to savor each day and record events that your family may revisit in the years to come.



MEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON

God continues to call men to the Order of Deacon to participate in service ministry to and for God's People.

Members of our diocesan diaconal community will host a meeting to outline the role of the permanent deacon in the Church in the ministries of the word, the liturgy and charity.

The steps of the formation process leading to ordination will be explained.

If you are married, it is essential that your wife also attend.

Meeting Dates and Locations:

January 13, 2007- 1:00 PM
Good Shepherd Parish
867 Gray's Woods Boulevard
State College

January 14, 2007 – 1:30 PM
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, (Seton Suite)
One Cathedral Square
Altoona

January 20, 2007 – 1:00 PM
St. John Gualbert Cathedral
110 Adams St.
Johnstown

CHRISTMAS TOUR

A special Christmas tour of the Cathedral:

Date: December 28

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the tour.

This is open for everyone so please come and join us.

If you would like to attend call Janette at 946-4342, Anita 944-7188 or Jim 942-0142. There is no charge.

BLOOD DRIVE

Bishop Guilfoyle High School will be holding a Blood Drive on Saturday, January 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. This blood drive is being held in honor of Nick Iachini. Nick is a senior a BGHS and is a cancer survivor. Individuals can schedule an appointment by calling the school's office at 944-4014. Walkins are also encouraged.

DVD PRESENTATION- Hear Father Corapi Speak:

Sunday, January 7, 2007 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 welcomed. Admission is FREE. This month's topic: "Wake Up, America."

REDISCOVER THE ONE YOU LOVE!

You can do that a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** Marriage Encounter is a time where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, computers, and phones – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, don't miss this chance! The next weekend is at the beautiful Toftrees Resort in State College, February 16-18. Register by January 26 for a \$10.00 discount on the registration fee. Call 1-800-882-5024 for details

Christmas
Blessings