

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 25 First Sunday of Lent
9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
 10:30 AM *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*

Tues Feb 27 6:10 PM Bingo

Wed Feb 28 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
6:30 PM 8:15 Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM 10:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thurs Mar 1 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

Fri Mar 2 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
6:10 PM Bingo

Sun Mar 4 Second Sunday of Lent
9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
10:30 AM Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 26

8:30 a.m. †Angela Cataldo (*Husband & Daughters*)

Tuesday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m. † Frank O'Dellick (*Linda Turcovski*)
 † Joe Mannino (*Pat*)

Wednesday, Feb. 28

8:30 a.m. †Patricia Shellenberger (*David Shellenberger*)
 †Mildred Crookston (*Robert F. Crookston*)

Thursday, March 1

8:30 a.m. † Anna Fulchiero (*Mary Truesdale*)

Friday, March 2

8:30 a.m. †James McKeon (*Family*)
 †Horetta Johnston (*Dick & Cindy Lascoli*)

Saturday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 a.m. †Mary Prorok (*Pat & Patty Cassidy*)
 5:30 p.m. †Mary K. Russo (*Dick & Jennie DiFolco*)

Sunday, March 4 Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †John L. Glunt (*Kittanning Trail Vol. Fire Co.*)
 8:15 a.m. †Dorothy Vizzari (*Carol & Nick Monti*)
 10:30 a.m. †Diane Stasky (*Mother & Daughters*)
 12 NOON Mass For The People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING -Feb. 17-18, 2007

Regular	\$6944.90	Christmas	\$ 45.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 113.00	School Reserve	\$ 821.35
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00	Black & Indian	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00	Peru	\$ 10.00
	\$	Total	\$ 7974.75

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 3	5:30 p.m.	Gene & Vi Bettwy
March 4	7:00 a.m.	Connie Glunt & Family
	8:15 a.m.	Frank & Jean Hughes
	10:30 a.m.	Olive Savino & Granddaughters
	12 Noon	Ushers Pick

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Stations of the Cross, March 2, 2007

5:30 p.m. Ally Sheedy, Billy Beard, Stefan Beard, Julia Paule Altar Servers for March 3-4, 2007

Saturday, March 3, 2007

5:30 p.m. Jessica Boslet, Brittany Boslet, Michael Fox

Sunday, March 4, 2007

7:00 a.m. Julie Fox

8:15 a.m. Maya Irwin, Connor Campbell, Tai Irwin

10:30 a.m. Becky Hughes, Kevin Condrin, Caitlin Berkheimer

12 Noon John M. Berger, Mackenzie Bracken, Zach Bracken

Eucharistic Ministers for March 3-4, 2007

5:30 p.m. K. Boslet, John Frena, J. Scarfone, J. Shoenfelt, J. Brown

7:00 a.m. C. Sharbaugh, B. Altiero, J. Wustrow

8:15 a.m. B. Stoltz, G. Stoltz, K. Woomer, J. Woomer, D. Cree

10:30 a.m. M. Wiley, J. Fromknecht, D. Housum, K. Mrdjenovich,

P. Fromknecht

12 Noon R. Friedenberger, D. Shrift, R. Fiore

Lectors for March 3-4, 2007

5:30 p.m. Bea Shoenfelt, Frances Hesser

7:00 a.m. Paul Cooney, John Kenny

8:15 a.m. Randy Donnelly, Chuck Wolf

10:30 a.m. Maria Spayd, Patrick Labriola

12 Noon Chris Bracken, Heather Macharola

FROM THE PASTOR

MAKING A HOLY LENT For Lent's Forty Days we are conscious of how we sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the reign of God. Above all, we are aware of those waters in which the church baptized into Christ's death. His is a death to sin and evil. In baptism's waters we also begin life in Christ. These waters wait at Lent's end for families bringing their youngest member to the font of Christ's life.

Lent asks us to give ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all Catholics do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain times, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities.

Likewise, the giving of alms can be an effort to share this world's good equally not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and possessions and through works of many kinds for a just world.

During Lent, our second collections, except for the weekend of March 17/18, are our alms for our brothers and sisters in Lima, Peru and the diocese of Mandeville. We also invite your daily home alms to Operation Rice Bowl.

Our participation at daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Stations of the Cross, and reflective spiritual study further sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the grace of God welling up in our hearts.

VILLA EL SALVADOR (LIMA) MISSION EXPERIENCE

Sr. Gemma and Fr. Cristobal, our contacts in the Lima barrio of Villa el Salvador, have invited Fr. Spishak and Fr. Crookston to experience the medical work that our parish supports. They and five other "missionaries," including Maria Wills and Dave Kibblehouse, are leaving March 8. The mission team will lodge, take meals, pray, and serve as medical and construction helpers with Sr. Gemma, Father Cristobal, and

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their colleagues and parishioners. Our St. Rose team will be delivering a substantial monetary gift of your offerings in support of the medical clinic and Peruvian parish. Should you want to enlarge this contribution to health and pastoral efforts in Lima please submit your gift to our parish and memo your check or envelop "Villa el Salvador." Note also that half of the Ash Wednesday offering goes to Villa el Salvador; the other half, we forward to Fr. Kelly for use in the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.

While in Peru, Fr. Crookston and three group members will fly to Cuzco, the center and capital of the Inca world and visit Machu Picchu, a picturesque Inca sacred city. The other members and Fr. Spishak and two other team members will return March 16. The others return March 20.

LENT

The Meaning

The Mass in fact truly makes present the sacrifice of the cross...To this sacrifice Christ unites the sacrifice of the church: "In the eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer and work are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value." The truth that the whole community shares in Christ's sacrifice is especially evident in the Sunday gathering, which make it possible to bring to the altar the week that has passed, with all of its human burdens."

-Dies Domini, #43

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

We are having a SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR from Monday, Feb. 26th until Thursday, March 1st. Information was sent home in the family envelopes.

The students will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 1:20 in the church. All are welcome to join us.

Registration for next year's kindergarten is Wednesday, Feb. 28th from 8:30 to 10:30 and 1:30 to 2:30. The school nurse will be here to go over your child's immunization records with you. Please bring those updated records along with your child's birth certificate, Baptismal certificate and social security number. There is a \$50.00 registration fee payable at the time of registration. PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION (942-7835).

REGISTRATION for ALL GRADES for 2007-2008 is OPEN. Please call the school office for more information (942-7835).

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

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL BASKET BINGO

St. Rose of Lima School is having their fourth annual Longaberger Basket Bingo on Monday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. This is a fun evening for a ladies night out with a chance to win fabulous basket and/or pottery. Tickets are available for \$20.00 at the school office (942-7835) or by calling Kim Irwin (942-6892). There will be refreshments and hot/cold hors d'oeuvres served throughout the evening.

RETREAT REMINDER –A Eucharist Retreat for all parish children in second grade (Sunday religious education program and St. Rose students) will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Scrip Gift Card Volunteer Schedule

March 3-4, 2007:

5:30 PM: Jen Myrick, Vi Bettwy, G. Bettwy

7:00 AM: Brenda Altiero, Greg Miller, Dan Altiero

8:15 AM: Judy Wood, Mary Reffner, Maureen Frucella

10:30 AM: Diane Gormley, Mark Zelnosky, Tom Goss

Noon: Sherry Price, Leigh McCall, Pat Condryn

Saint Rose of Lima Scrip Gift Cards Weekly Summary Thank You!

Your Regular Household Shopping Dollars Earned Our School:

For the Week of: February 17 - 20, 2007

Total Number of Users: 54

This Week's Gross Sales: \$12,668.00

This Week's Average Sale: \$234.59

This Week's Percent of Profit Earned: 4.96%

This Week's Total Net Profit: \$628.45

Last Week's Total Net Profit to Date: \$23,674.07

Total Net Profit Earned to Date: \$24,302.52

Talbot's Discount Increased!

Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC) is pleased to announce that Talbot's has increased their discount from 8% to 11% effective immediately, including orders received the week of February 18, 2007. Talbot's gift cards are available in \$25 denominations.

1-800-flowers.com Discount Decreased

GLSC has notified us that the 1-800-flowers.com discount will change to 10% effective February 24, 2007. The denomination is unchanged at \$25.

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 (Living).

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Corinne Elizabeth Wesner, daughter to M/M Shawn Wesner who received the light of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kenneth Wimer and Erma Colello who died during this past week. May God give comfort to their families

A branch from the tree of graces is located in the foyer. Please take a name from the branch and pray for those who are about to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

The monthly Vigil of Prayer schedule by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for March 2, 2007 will be held at St. Mark Church, 6th Ave. & 4th St., Altoona, from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Persons interested in joining the Nocturnal Adoration Society are invited to attend one of the monthly vigils and complete an attendance card provided for that purpose at the church.

SUPPER CLUB will meet on March 4 at the Olive Garden and on April 1 at the Dream in Hollidaysburg, at 5:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and call Mary at 946-3449 to make a reservation or for more information. These restaurants participate in the scrip program.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

Those who favor destroying embryos for scientific research argue, "spare embryos are doomed anyway and will be discarded if not used for research." Well, then what about other doomed people such as death row inmates, terminally ill patients, and patients in a persistent vegetative state? Why not use them for research as the Nazis did with those condemned in the gas chamber? (Gary Cangemi, *Pro-Life Reporter*, Fall, 2006.

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 946-4342

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please remember to renew your membership in the ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY. As a member of the society you partake in the graces of a Mass each month and at the time of your death. The Altar Society provides flowers, candles, and altar linens used throughout the year. Please use the envelope provided in your box of envelopes.

"TRY IT YOU WILL LIKE IT"

St. Rose Bingo every Tuesday and Friday
Admission Card as low as \$6.50 for 3 cards.
Play 18 cards for \$15.00 and you can win as much as \$100.00 per game for 24 games.
All Jackpots sold separately
1 Jackpot of \$1000 coverall guaranteed
Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Early games 6:10
Regular 7:00 p.m.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 25 Lk 4:1-13
The devil tempted Jesus to ignore his Father and to rely on his own abilities (possessions, fame and power). We face the same temptations if we think we earned our blessings. Jesus teaches us to recognize God's protection and love as the source of our blessings and warns not to "put the Lord, your God, to the test."

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS May God's blessings be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2006. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2006 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be

most happy to provide that information for you.

ADULT FORMATION CLASS will be held on Monday, February 26 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the computer room, presented by Ann Mingyar.

TRIDUUM Lent invariably leads to Christ's passion, and if we have allowed the season to enter our hearts, it will lead to our passion-our "death" and our resurrection – as well. What does this mean? What are our "deaths"? Our "resurrections"? Christ's passion, like his Incarnation, did not end 2000 year ago. He died to *conquer* death – he died so our own deaths could bring our own resurrections. God does some of His most amazing work *through* the very things that we would considered to be deaths. Come and find out why- and how.

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On the first Sunday of Lent, we remember the true love Jesus has for us.

Dear Jesus, you gave me a king's robe, of mock purple and red.

Dear Jesus, you gave me a white coat, a fools coat others said.

Dear Jesus you gave me a crown of thorns to wear upon my head.

Then dear Jesus, because you loved me, You wore them instead.

Dear Jesus, help me to match Your love. Amen.

Liturgical Reflection...

Lent is the preparation for the celebration of Easter. The Lenten liturgy disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery: catechumens, through the several stages of Christian initiation; the faithful, through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices. The forty days of Lent give both the catechumen and believer an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the meaning of the suffering, death and resurrection of the Lord. Lent is an annual retreat to reflect on our identity as followers of the crucified and risen Christ.

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE VISITATION DAYS

March 1 – 6:30 p.m. in the Wolf-Kuhn Gallery on Campus. Nursing/Health Studies Night
Academic Information, Scholarship Information & Financial Aid. Additional Information.
To RSVP or get information: Call Toll Free: 1 888-823-2220 or Online: www.mtaloy.edu
Email: admissions@mtaloy.edu

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDIES- Weekly meetings during Lent will be scheduled to review and study the Sunday readings and gospel. Daytime and evening meetings will be available. For more info. Contact Janette 946-4342.

Name	Phone
<input type="checkbox"/> Daytime	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening

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BASKET BINGO The St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring a Longaberger Basket Bingo Monday, March 5, 2007 at St. Therese's Fr. Kelly Hall. Tickets are \$20 each and include admission, 15 games, food, and refreshments. To reserve a ticket or for more information call 942-5732

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will hold its 1st Annual Golf Outing Monday, May 7, 2007 at the Summit Country Club in Cresson. For more information on becoming a sponsor or to register to play, call Sonny Consiglio at 942-7532 or 539-4627.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Bishop Guilfoyle High School Athletic Department is sponsoring an Avon Sale. If you participate in athletics and did not receive your book, please call the athletic department at 944-8847. If interested in purchasing Avon, please contact a BGHS student athlete or call the athletic office at 944-8847.

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE NEWS

Bereavement Training Workshop for Parish Staff and Volunteers-Saturday, March 17-9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Held at the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly (Rt. 53 between Cresson and Portage). Facilitator: Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW. Will focus on the basic needs of the grieving person who has suffered a loss as a result of a death and how a parish can minister to the family. Sponsored by the Family Life Office, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese – 814-8865551. Cost: \$32.00 includes lunch and books. Reservations necessary by Friday, March 9. Check payable to Family Life Office.

“Each Day is a Small Lifetime” Workshop- Saturday, April 14-9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Held at the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly (Rt. 53 between Cresson and Portage). Facilitator: Sr. Fran Stein, R.S.M. Come and explore some practices and choices that help you keep your energy focused on today's life experiences. Sponsored by the Family Life Office, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese 886-5551. Cost: \$15.00. Reservations necessary by Friday, April 6. Check payable to Family Life Office.

DVD PRESENTATION- Hear Father Corapi Speak: Sunday, March 4, 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: “Immortal Combat: Healing and Deliverance.”

St. Mary's Parochial School of Altoona is planning a reunion for Saturday, April 21, 2007 at Memorial Hall on 4th Ave. & 15th St. Anyone who attended St. Mary's interested in helping with organizing the event can call Sonny Consiglio at 942-5732. Funds raised through the event will benefit the Marian Bennetti Fund and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

The Wonderful World of Home Parties

The Saint Francis University Advancers Relay For Life team, is hosting a fundraising event, “The Wonderful World of Home Parties” on Sunday, March 4, 2007 at the JFK student center on the campus of Saint Francis University, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Featured consultants include: Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Longaberger Baskets, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Watkins, and many more. Consultants will have items available for purchase and order. A \$5.00 donation includes: admission, refreshments, and five chances for a Chinese Auction (consultant items) held during the event. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For ticket information contact Lisa at 472-3015.

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD

If You Want to Walk On Water You Have to Get Out of the Boat Friday, March 2 - 7:00 p.m. thru Sunday March 4 – 12 Noon

A weekend retreat based upon the popular book by the same name. Will include presentations, prayer experiences and private reflection time. A powerful opportunity to examine one's trust in God. Donation: \$45.00 (includes meals and materials) Accommodations: Private Room: \$25.00. Shared Room: \$15.00. Facilitator: Sr. Marilyn Welch. Registration deadline: February 27, 2007 Call: 814-886-4098 for information on this and other offerings.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Ladies Guild of St. Patrick's Church in Newry is sponsoring a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the school hall. Tickets may be obtained from any Guild member or at the door. The price for adults is \$5.50 and \$3.00 for children. Children under the age of 3 are free.

St. Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin will have a Spring Festival on Sunday, March 18, 2007. A Roast Beef Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Adults \$7.00-Children \$3.50 Under 4-free. Takeouts-\$7.50. Games, Baskets, Bake Sale, Flea Market, Bingo

Lenten Fish Buffet:

Every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday), St. Mary's in Altoona will be having a Fish Dinner Buffet in the Memorial Hall Cafeteria. The price of the buffet is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (4-12) and will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds to go to the elevator fund (Takeouts available-\$7.00).

LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Therese Parish will have Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. Served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Price of dinner \$7.00 adults; \$4.00 children under 12.

FISH DINNERS

Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be serving Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent. Serving from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Adults \$7.25-Children under 12 \$4.75

GARVEY MANOR & OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES RESIDENCE

Have you considered Volunteering your time to help Others?

Volunteer opportunities are available to: assist staff in the activity department, assist staff in the Café, assist staff in the Beauty Shop, assist as a visitor to residents. Your friendliness and smile will reap joy and love in a residents heart and also in your heart. Please consider volunteering even 2 hours a month to make a difference in someone's life. Know what a blessing your time is to others. Volunteers receive complementary lunch and snack breaks and a take home salad if wanted. Call Garvey Manor & Our Lady of the Alleghenies at 695-5571 and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Dorazio at ext. 4009.