

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 6	Epiphany of the Lord
	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
Tues Jan 8	6:10 PM Bingo
Wed Jan 9	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Jan 10	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Jan 11	6:10 PM Bingo
Sat Jan 12	9:00-11:00 AM Retreat Grade 4
Sun Jan 13	Baptism of the Lord
	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



Monday, Jan. 7 St. Raymond of Penafort

8:30 a.m. †Helen Sanders (*St. Rose Christian Mothers*)

Tuesday, Jan. 8

8:30 a.m. †Patsy Labriola (*M/M Stan Sral*)
†Mink Phanfan (*Diane Macharola*)

Wednesday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m. †Joseph Malady (*Mike Maier*)

Thursday, Jan. 10

8:30 a.m. †Robert Donnelly (*Vince Harris Family & Deckard Family*)

Friday, Jan. 11

8:30 a.m. †Geraldine Brown (*St. Rose Christian Mothers*)
†Dorothy K. Bucarelli (*Mary O. Stoy*)

Saturday, Jan 12

8:30 a.m. †Charles Lovett (*St. Rose Christian Mothers*)
5:30 p.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Family*)

Sunday, Jan. 13 Baptism of the Lord

7:00 a.m. †John Hallinan (*John & Alice Joyce*)
8:15 a.m. †Pauline & Albert Schoch (*Paul & Mary Engelman*)
10:30 a.m. †Marie Giovengo (*Angela Davis & Family*)

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Altar Servers for January 12-13, 2008
Saturday, January 12, 2008
5:30 p.m. Loretta Bobetich, Joseph Britz, Michael Fox, Brendan Trybus
Sunday, January 13, 2008
7:00 a.m. Volunteer.
8:15 a.m. Connor Campbell, Kaitlyn Lersch, Althea Price
10:30 a.m. Derek Mrdjenovich, Richie Zelnosky, Anthony Zelnosky, Kaitlyn Zelnosky
12 Noon: Elissa Ehredt, Eugene Ehredt, Mark Wasicki
Eucharistic Ministers for January 12-13 2008
5:30 p.m. B. Bartley, S. Askey, J. Shoefeld, D. Fraundorfer, J. Scarfone
7:00 a.m. N. Altiero, B. Altiero, D. Altiero
8:15 a.m. M. Engelman, P. Engelman, M. Solimando, K. Gburek, M. Dombrowski
10:30 a.m. K Zelnosky, K. Mrdjenovich, T. Heiss, R. Murphy, Y. Gibson
12 Noon: J. Wasicki, K. Wasicki, P. Bracken
Lector for January 12-13, 2008
5:30 p.m. Frances Hesser, Bernice Shoefeld
7:00 a.m. Robert Fox, Raymond Kline
8:15 a.m. John Donley, Shawn Wesner, Religious Education Students
10:30 a.m. Joseph Breton, Ryan Reilly
12 Noon: Christian Bracken, Patrick Condren

FROM THE PASTOR

WORLD DAY OF PEACE "Sixty years ago the United Nations solemnly issued the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948-2008). With that document the human family reacted against the horrors of World War II by acknowledging its own unity based on the equal dignity of all men and women and by putting respect for the fundamental rights of individuals and peoples at the center of human coexistence. This was a decisive step forward along the difficult and demanding path toward harmony and peace.

"This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the Holy See's adoption of the Charter of the Rights of the Family (1983-2008) and the 40th anniversary of the celebration of the first World Day of Peace (1968-2008).

Born of a providential intuition of Pope Paul VI and carried forward with great conviction by my beloved and venerable predecessor Pope John Paul II, the celebration of this day of peace has made it possible for the church over the course of the years to present in these messages an instructive body of teaching regarding this fundamental human good.

"In the light of these significant anniversaries, I invite every man and woman to have a more lively sense of belonging to the one human family and to strive to make human coexistence increasingly reflect this conviction, which is essential for the establishment of true and lasting peace. I likewise invite believers to implore tirelessly from God the great gift of peace.

"Christians, for their part, know that they can trust in the intercession of Mary, who, as the mother of the Son of God made flesh for the salvation of all humanity, is our common mother.

"To all my best wishes for a joyful New Year!"

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING— Dec. 23-24, 2007

Regular	\$8338.24	Christmas	\$ 849.00
Sol. of Mary	\$ 35.00	Initial	\$ 3.00
Rose	\$ 146.02	Capital Campaign	\$ 66.00
Rel. Retirement	\$ 5.00	Register	\$ 3.00
School Reserve	\$ 134.00	Thanksgiving	\$ 10.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00	All Saints	\$ 5.00
All Souls	\$ 5.00	Immac.Conception	\$ 15.00
		Total	\$ 9727.85

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DEC. 25, 2007

Regular	\$3027.47	Christmas	\$ 8815.70
Sol. of Mary	\$ 40.00	Capital Campaign	\$ 20.00
Christmas Club	\$ 6.00	Immac. Conception	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 5.00	Rel. Retirement	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 10.00	CCD	\$ 20.00
Initial	\$ 5.00		
Perquisites	\$ 100.00	Total	\$12059.17

COME JOIN US for a parish pot luck dinner at St. Rose of Lima on the fourth Sunday of January (1/27) in our Social Hall at 2:00 P.M. Bring your own place settings. Suggested dishes: Meat dishes, casseroles, vegetables, desserts. The parish pastoral council initially sees this social time as monthly wintertime activity. For more information contact Regina Friedenberger by email reginafriedenber@aol.com or call Leona at the rectory 944-8509.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The final school round of the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee is Friday, Jan. 11th at 1:00 PM in the Maria Parish Center.

Thank you so much to all of our parishioners who generously contribute to the second collection on the third weekend Masses. Thank you, also, to those who support our Scrip Program. This money has been a significant help to our school as we work to rebuild our reserve account and balance our budget. The children include our benefactors in their prayers each morning as they begin their school day.

FOURTH GRADE RETREAT There will be a Retreat for all children in the Fourth Grade on Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Parents participation is not required.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS May God's blessings be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2007. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2007 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Jan. 12	5:30 p.m.	
Jan. 13	7:00 a.m.	
	8:15 a.m.	
	10:30 a.m.	
	12 Noon	

**Scrip Gift Card Volunteer Schedule
January 12-13, 2008**

5:30 p.m. Amy Yahner, Jen Myrick, Bernice Shoenfelt
 7:00 a.m. Dan Altiero, Brenda Altiero, Greg Miller
 8:15 a.m. Kelly Charlesworth, Mary Reffner, Maureen Frucella
 10:30 a.m. Pat Condrin, Elaine Condrin, Tom Goss
 12 Noon: Bonnie Frederick, Sherry Price, Chris Bracken

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES

This year St. Rose will offer Adult Enrichment Classes on the following Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Computer Room. We will be discussing the Old Testament. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary. Just bring a bible if you have one and come when you are able. All are welcome. If you have any questions, call Ann Mingyar 946-5383.

January 14 and 28, 2008	March 10 and 31
February 11 and 25	April 14 and 28
	May 5 and 19

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"The Old and New Testaments are filled with...passages extolling children as gift and blessing. It is disheartening, therefore, to see how far our culture has diverged from that view.

...There was no confusion (in the story of Mary and Elizabeth) as to what and who nested under their mothers' hearts. Yet, 2,000 years later, many well-educated people do not know—or claim they do not know—the truth about human life before birth." Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, *Southern Cross*, 10/11/07

SUPPER CLUB will meet on

January 6—5:00 p.m. at King's on 6th Ave.
 Please call Mary 946-3449 for reservations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes will resume on January 6, 2008

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Deceased Members of DeGol Family by M/M Leno DeGol
 Garlena Family by M/M Leo Garlena
 Parents by M/M Joseph Marnecheck
 Beckel/Cassarly Family and Friends by M/M Michael Beckel
 Loved Ones by Frank Basciani
 Loved Ones by M/M Todd Yarnell

Liturgical Reflection...

Today the Church celebrated the Epiphany. An epiphany is a manifestation or revelation of God. There are many holy epiphanies in our lives. Today the Church celebrated The Epiphany. As we gaze upon the Christmas scene displayed in our churches, we see the three wise men from the east who celebrate the mystery of the presence of God among us in this newborn Child. The kings offer their gifts and so do we offer our gifts of love, compassion and forgiveness in the name of the Word-make-Flesh.

January 21, 2008—Prayer at Altoona Cathedral

On Monday, January 21, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, there will be a prayer service on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade. There will be a blessing for the pilgrims attending the March For Life in Washington, D.C. the next day. All are welcome to participate in this prayer. All who have a respect for life from conception to natural death are welcome to join their brothers and sisters at the Cathedral in Altoona.

On Sunday, February 17, 2008, Bishop Joseph Adamec of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will host an ecumenical service at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, Pa. The service begins at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

On Sunday, February 24, 2008, Bishop Gregory Pile of the Lutheran tradition will host an ecumenical service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 918 Tayman Ave. Somerset, Pa. The service begins at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Joseph will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

Saint Benedict Church in Carrolltown will host a tour of Ireland beginning June 20 thru July 2, 2008. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, beautiful Galway, Kilkenny Castle, Waterford Crystal Factory, Dingle Peninsula, Cobb Heritage Center and much more. Price of \$3394/person for double occupancy includes roundtrip bus, air, first class hotels and most meals. Call for details 344-8706.

Depressed or anxious?

Need some help and support?

Catholic Charities, an agency of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, offers professional, confidential counseling for individuals, children and youth, families and couples. Please call them at 814-944-9388 for more information.

CANDLES

Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Special Intentions. Special Intention for Ann Elizabeth Strittmatter by The Jacobs Family, Daniel Pringle Sr. and Daniel Pringle Jr., Evan J. Hileman by John & Pat Brown.

PRAYER FOR RADIANT LOVE

Lord, thank you for the beauty
that you infuse into your creation.
Continue calling me to you with your radiant love.
Enable me to see with eyes of faith,
so that I may be overwhelmed with joy
by the light of your presence.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and forever shall be. Amen.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 6 Matthew 2:1-12
In today's gospel Herod was "greatly troubled" because he expected the worst. Bad things happen when we allow anxiety and fear to control our relationships. In 2008 expect the best from others, and you will be pleasantly surprised.

FAMILY LIFE NEWS

Engaged Couples Marriage Prep Weekend Schedules

Fulfills diocesan marriage preparation requirement. Weekend dates: **January 25,26,27; February 22, 23, 24; April 11, 12, 13 at St. John the Baptist Retreat Center, New Baltimore.** See diocesan website www.ajdiocese.org for additional dates, registration and details. Sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese (814) 886-5551. Gift certificated available.

Choice-Making Retreat—three hour retreat designed for Women

Making healthy, Christ-centered choices is a process of slowing down, turning to God and learning how to listen to Christ. This three hour retreat will be held on **Saturday, February 2—9:00-12:00 Noon at the Family Life Office, Rt 53, Lilly.** For women of all ages and stages of spiritual growth. Cost: \$15.00—bring a friend for only \$5.00 more. Pre-registration is required by January 23. To register/information, call Family Life Office (814)886-5551. Make checks payable to the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly, Pa. 15938; familylife@dioceseaj.org.

The Diocesan Life & Justice Commission and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul

will sponsor a Lenten Program entitled "Through the Eye of a Needle" from Pax Christie USA, designed to heighten awareness of social justice issues affecting our world. Any parish or organization that would consider hosting the 5 week program can call St. Vincent DePaul at 539-4627 or the Family Life Office at 886-5551.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Young Adults Ages 21-39: Theology on Tap is Coming this Spring!

Theology on Tap is a 4 week speaker series aimed at single or married Young Adults in their 20's or 30's. It takes God out of the confines of the church building and into your life in a fun and relaxing environment. Join other Young Adults from all over the region as we share our faith experiences and have some fun. For more information and to get on our e-mail list, sign up at www.theologyontap.info.

Who do you know who is hearing the call to serve the Lord in the Church as a Permanent Deacon...maybe you?

God continues to call men between the ages of 32 and 59 to participate in service ministry to God's people in the Diaconate.

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 to admission and of the formation process leading to ordination will be explained. It is essential for a married man to be accompanied by his wife.

MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2008:

January 12, 2008—1:00 PM

Good Shepherd Parish, (Conference Room)
867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, State College

January 13, 2008—1:30 PM

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, (Seton Suite)
One Cathedral Square, Altoona

January 19, 2008—1:00 PM

St. John Gualbert Cathedral, (Activity Center)
110 Adams Street, Johnstown (corner of Adams & Railroad Sts.)

If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, please contact:

Deacon Gene P. Neral, Director of Diaconal Formation
124 Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648
Telephone: 814-696-9870 or E-mail-gneral@dioceseaj.org

USHERS NEEDED:

If you can usher at any weekend Mass, especially at the 8:15, please see anyone of the Ushers at the entrance to church before Mass. Give him your name so that the usher will tell Fr. Crookston about your willingness to serve.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Epiphany of the Lord

Just as the magi who traveled afar, Christian stewards make an extra effort to return gifts of time, abilities, and wages to God by sharing them in gratitude with others in need.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Thomas Aquinas—

Also known as the Universal Teacher, The Dumb Ox, & Angelic Doctor

Feast Day: January 28

Patronage: Catholic Schools, learning, publishers, scholars, theologians.

Profile: Thomas was born in southern Italy, the fourth son of the Count of Aquino.

He was educated by the Benedictine monks.

He secretly joined the Dominican friars without his family's approval. They kidnapped him and held him a prisoner in their home for a year trying to deprogram him, however he rejoined the order after his release.

He studied under St. Albert the Great, but rarely said anything in class, causing the students to label him the Dumb Ox. St. Albert however, predicted that the word of the "Dumb Ox" would eventually be heard around the world.

And so it was. In 1266 Thomas began work on his masterpiece, the *Summa Theologica*, the most ambitious and systematic exposition of the Catholic Faith ever undertaken.

This work has been seminal to the thinking of the Church ever since. He stopped his work after a divine revelation in 1273. He explained:

"I cannot go on...All that I have written seems to be straw in the wind compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me."

He died 3 months later.

Prayer written by St Thomas Aquinas:

Grant me, O lord my God, a mind to know You, a heart to seek You, wisdom to find You, conduct pleasing to You, faithful perseverance in waiting for You, and a hope of finally embracing You. Amen.



PRAYER CORNER

January 6, 2008

Oh my Jesus, what a glorious day! I rejoice in knowing You.

I have learned through Your life and teachings, and been saved through Your death. You walk beside me in life, feed me with Your Body and

Blood, forgive me when I go astray, and welcome me to eternal life. I rejoice in knowing You! Amen.