

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 3	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9 10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Feb 5	6:10 PM Bingo
Wed Feb 6	Ash Wednesday 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Feb 7	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb 8	5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Feb 10	First Sunday of Lent 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9 10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



Monday, Feb. 4

8:30 a.m. †Gloria Hurliman (*St. Rose Christian Mothers*)

Tuesday, Feb. 5 St. Agatha

8:30 a.m. †Robert Fanelli (*Bill & Fritz Beard*)

Wednesday, Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. †Clarence S. Adams (*Francis & Margaret Adams*)

8:30 a.m. †John & Mary Prorok (*M/M John Brown*)

7:00 p.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Joan & Ed Douglass*)

Thursday, Feb. 7

8:30 a.m. †Charles Lovett (*Pat McNelis & Greg McConnell Families*)

Friday, Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (*St. Rose of Lima School Students & Faculty*)

Saturday, Feb. 9

8:30 a.m. †Lou Bettwy (*John & Carol Treese*)

5:30 p.m. †Joseph Malady (*Robert Himes*)

Sunday, Feb. 10 First Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †Edith Altiero (*Joe & Andy Urbanek*)

8:15 a.m. †Gloria J. Hurliman (*Rick & Donna Kelly*)

10:30 a.m. †Robert Donnelly (*Tom & Lenora Irwin*)

12 Noon Mass for the People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—JAN. 26-27, 2008

Regular	\$7269.37	Christmas	\$ 57.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 96.00	Rose	\$ 178.23
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2.00	Candlemas	\$ 22.00
Sol. of Mary	\$ 2.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Peru	\$ 5.00	School Reserve	\$ 10.00
Black & Indian	\$ 2.00	Total	\$7659.10

MINISTRIES FOR THIS WEEK

Altar Servers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008

7:00 a.m. Volunteer

8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children

7:00 p.m. Sarah Fromknecht, Chase McGeary, Julia Paule

Stations of the Cross, February 8, 2008

5:30 p.m. Volunteers

Altar Servers for February 9-10, 2008

Saturday, February 9, 2008

5:30 p.m. Jessica & Brittany Boslet, Heather & Tonya Lee
Sunday, February 10, 2008

7:00 a.m. Julie Fox

8:15 a.m. Maya Irwin Tai Irwin, Jamie Novack

10:30 a.m. Maryssa Brandt, Brian & Sarah Goss, Justin Bimle

12 Noon: Mackenzie & Zachary Bracken, Taylor Brumbaugh

Readers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008

7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, Charles Wolf

8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children

7:00 p.m. Anthony Labriola, Patrick Labriola

Eucharistic Ministers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008

7:00 a.m. G. Miller, R. Skupien, J. Wustrow

8:30 a.m. Nikki Solimando, Volunteers

7:00 p.m. J. Fromknecht, P. Fromknecht, D. Cree

Distribute Ashes

7:00 a.m. Rose Marie Fochler, Paul & Mary Engelman

8:30 a.m. Regina Friedenberger, Bonnie Bartley, Marty Dombrowski

7:00 p.m. Gary Beck, Karen McGraw, Yvonne Gibson

Eucharistic Ministers for February 9-10, 2008

5:30 p.m. C. Boslet, K. Boslet, G. Bettwy, J. Frena, M. Tillard

7:00 a.m. R. Skupien, J. Trexler, D. Leahey

8:15 a.m. K. Woomer, R. Novack, B. Stoltz, E. Stoltz, R. Smith

10:30 a.m. T. Toss, G. Goss, M. Kooman, K. Zelnosky, K. Mrdjenovich

12 Noon P. Bracken, R. Murphy, J. Eberhardt

Lectors for February 9-10, 2008

5:30 p.m. Viola Bettwy, Joseph Maschue

7:00 a.m. Robert Fox, Ray Kline

8:15 a.m. James Woomer, Thomas A. Irwin

10:30 a.m. James Klueg, Barbara Kooman

12 Noon Christina Bracken, Barbara Mercer

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Ash Wednesday and second collection 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.

LENT This Wednesday, February 6, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty days journey toward the Triduum with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 6) and Good Friday (March 21) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent (February 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14) are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day.

ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout the other days of Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

The Church's National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, February 9/10. Because of the generosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the U.S., last year, over 9 million dollars were contributed to the Collection and—98 cents of every dollar was distributed. The support went to some of the neediest people across the United States; from the inner cities of the rural South and from the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness—**134 Dioceses received assistance from the collection.** Through your gifts, you join your sacrifice to those who sacrifice daily to lead others to Christ. You become a Co-missionary for the Church. Please give what you are able. If we all give a little—a lot will be accomplished. Please use the envelope that is located in your pack of envelopes.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to the St. Rose of Lima Choir for their donation to the library in memory of Julia Hanley, sister of Joan Turcovski.

The school students will attend the 8:30 Mass on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6th. They will not attend Mass on Friday, Feb. 8th.

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.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 9	5:30 p.m.	Volunteers
Feb. 10	7:00 a.m.	Dan & Brenda Altiero & Family
	8:15 a.m.	Ruth Novack & Family
	10:30 a.m.	Lucia Donnelly & Family
	12 Noon	Volunteers

3RD ANNUAL ST. ROSA PALOOZA

WHAT: 3rd Annual St. Rosa Palooza— An extraordinary event with full-flavored food, spirits and good company. Come and enjoy a fun evening including a buffet dinner, music and dancing, and **CASH PRIZES** totaling over \$3000.00

WHEN: Saturday, February 23, 2007 from 6:30-11:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Rose of Lima Maria Parish Center

HOW: Donation of \$80.00 (admits 2 adults over 21 years of age)

WHY: Benefits St. Rose of Lima School and Athletic programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Boslet (942-7637) or the school office (942-7835). Limited number of tickets available.

THE SUNDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB will continue discussing "Jesus of Nazareth" by Pope Benedict XVI. Discussions will be:

Feb. 3—Chapters 3 and 4

Feb. 17—Chapters 5 and 6

March 2—Chapters 7 and 8

March 16—Chapters 9-10

All discussions will be in the Computer Room. Come and participate, or just listen.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Adult Enrichment Classes will be held 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. The March 10 class will be changed to Monday, March 3.

February 11 and 25
March 3 and 31

April 14 and 28
May 5 and 19

CANDLES: Julia Hanley by Joan Turcovski, Thanksgiving, Special Intentions.

BAPTISM—Congratulations to Julia Mary Fraundorfer daughter of M/M John Fraundorfer who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

SPANISH MASS

There is a Spanish language mass here at St. Rose of Lima parish every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. There is a covered dish sinner following the mass. Everyone is welcome

Hay una misa en español cada tercer domingo del mes a las tres de la tarde en la parroquia de Santa Rosa de Lima en Altoona. Hay una cena compartida después de la misa. Todos están bienvenidos.

MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHTS

St. Rose of Lima Music Ministry has three main areas: Cantors, Adult Choirs, and Children's Holiday Choir. Cantors minister at all liturgical celebrations with music. Just as the priest leads us in prayer, the cantor leads us in prayer through music. The mission of the church choirs is two-fold: to reinforce congregational singing and to inspire the assembly with appropriate seasonal music that enhances the liturgy celebration. Participation in the Children's Holiday Choir offers liturgical experiences that are meaningful to our children. We strive to foster the musical interests of our children and inspire others to become more active in their participation. Music Ministry serves as an essential part of our liturgy and our parish family

If you would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2007 please call the Rectory.

SUPPER CLUB will meet on
February 10—5:00 p.m. at the Olive Garden
Please call Mary 946-3449 for reservations.

Stepping Stones: Finding the Path Between Church and Family

Attention parents of children ages 0-4
Bring the family and join us for our monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 13, from 6-7 p.m. in the Pre-K room. We will be discussing how we as parents can strengthen the ties between our loving home environments and the thriving parish community. This month we will focus our discussion and interactive family-based activity on enriching our Lenten journeys for ourselves and our children.
So bring the children and your ideas, and join us for a fun social time for kids and adults alike! If you have any questions, please call Juliette at 943-000313 or Caryn at 940-2002.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates on Sunday, February 10, 2008. Catechumens and candidates for Easter Sacraments from area parishes and from our own parish will participate in this celebration at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona beginning at 7:00 p.m.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"Like many post-abortive women, post-abortive men typically do not immediately recognize the moral and spiritual gravity of their action or inaction. Counselors tell us that as the realization gradually unfolds, many men react with rage, which has to be channeled, and a gut-wrenching sorrow so overwhelming it can, if not healed, emotionally paralyze a man forever." Dave Andrusko, *NRL News*, 5/07

Our first Pot Luck Dinner which was held last Sunday was a great success. The food was so delicious. There were many tasty dishes. Everyone had a great time. We hope to see you on February 24. Suggested dishes: Meat dishes, casseroles, vegetable, desserts. For more information contact Regina Friedenberger by email reginafriedenber@aol.com or call Leona at the rectory 944-8509. Dinner will start at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...From the altar of the cross Christ accomplished our redemption, forming a holy people. The hymn of praise that Christ places within the heart and on the lips of the Church will be sung at the end of time in all its fullness, when all the members gather at the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem. That same hymn is sung today by the Church whenever the liturgy is celebrated. For every time the Church gathers for prayer, the baptized are joined to Christ's priesthood and made one with the saints and angels, transcending time and space, together eagerly awaiting Christ's coming in glory. The sacred liturgy is a window to eternity and a glimpse of what God calls us to be.

Winter Bazaar

St. Joseph Parish, Williamsburg, will hold a Winter Bazaar featuring a Spaghetti Dinner, bake sale and raffle on Sunday, February 3, 2008. Take-outs: 11:00 a.m. to Noon Served Dinner: 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$7.00 adults; \$3.00 children under 10.

FISH DINNER ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Cathedral— 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$7.00 Children \$5.00
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel— 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$6.00
Purchase tickets at the Rectory, 806 11th St. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 806 11th St, Altoona will have a Fish Dinner on Ash Wednesday. From 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. \$6.00— Tickets may be purchased at the Rectory from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Mary's, Altoona will have a Fish Dinner Buffet on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Adults \$10.00 \$5.00 children (4-12) Dinner served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Cafeteria.

The Almrausch Schuhplattlers will be holding Fish Dinners during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6 and continuing on every Friday including Good Friday. Dinner will be held at the Unter Uns Club on Van Buren Ave. and 14th St. Dinners will be served from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. \$7.00.

FISH DINNER FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

St. Therese —4:00-7:00 p.m. Adults \$7.00 Children under 12 \$4.00. Served at Fr. Kelley Hall.

Our Lady of Lourdes- 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adults \$7.75 Children 12 and under \$5.25. Dinners served at Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

St. Matthew School in Tyrone, Pa. Is sponsoring a Spring Craft Fair of Homemade Items. The date is Sunday, March 2, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew's Church Hall. Tables are available at a cost of \$20.00. Any crafter who would like to learn more about the Craft Fair is encouraged to contact Debbie Zakrzwski at (814) 632-3070 or at dzakrzwski@aol.com for an application.

CHICKEN BARBEQUE

The Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus will be holding a chicken barbeque on Sunday, February 10, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Home, 324 Bedford St. Hollidaysburg. Donation is \$6.00 per meal, which includes half chicken, two sides, roll and butter.

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CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD

On-line Addiction & Grace Study Group

Tuesdays –Feb. 12 through March 4, 2008

A guided study of Gerald May's brilliant and now classic exploration of the psychology and physiology of addiction. It offers an inspiring and hope-filled vision for those who desire to explore the mystery of who and what they really are. May examines the "processes of attachment" that lead to addiction and describes the relationship between addiction and spiritual awareness. He also details the various addictions from which we can suffer, not only to substances like alcohol and drugs, but to work, sex, performance, responsibility, and intimacy. Donation: \$20.00 includes access code for instruction sessions and reflection questions. Book must be ordered from Amazon.com or own choice of book distributor. More details will be provided upon receipt of registration. Facilitator: Sr. Marilyn Welch. Reservations due by Feb. 5.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

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

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.

THREE DAYS OF PRAYER FOR HEALING

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2700 Broad Ave. invites you to attend their three days of prayer for physical and spiritual healing. It will begin on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer of the church for more details



PRAYER CORNER

February 3, 2008

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

O God, we recall that we are only dust and ashes, and it is through Your grace that we have been born in Baptism to new life in

Our Lord Jesus Christ.

During these forty days, let us reflect on our lives in prayer, through penance, and in the practice of charity, so that we may then come to the Easter Day ready to renew once more our life-giving Baptism commitment.

We ask this through our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

A SINNER'S PRAYER

Loving God,

Through your grace you have called me
To share your life and prepare for your kingdom.
You know all too well
How often my sinfulness and selfishness
Hamper my ability to serve you.

Allow me always to trust

That you will help me grow,

That my desire to change will not be wasted

And that you will empower me to do your will. Amen.

MARDI GRAS PICNIC BUFFET

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Duncansville

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. with all the comfort food you care to eat until it ends at 7:30 p.m. Buffet items include:

Hot Dogs, Kielbasa, Lasagna, Baked Chicken, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad and assorted Desserts. Cost of buffet: \$7.00 adults, \$4.50 children 12 and under, Kids under age 5 eat free. Special rate for families with more than 2 children, ages 5 to 12– cost is only \$2.00 per child after first 2 children.

St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop, 2223 8th Ave. will re-open their Gift Shop located on the second floor, above the warehouse. Seasonal and holiday gifts are available, along with decorating ideas pertaining to each. The entrance to the gift shop is located on the 23rd St. side of the building. This is also the entrance to the furniture shop and the kitchenware dept. Store hours are Mon. thru Fr. 9-3 and Sat. 9-2. Some departments may not be open each day due to lack of volunteers. Save money by shopping at our "Four stores under one roof." And thanks to each and everyone who have made donations, without you our mission would be impossible. If you have any spare time, volunteers are needed and more than welcome.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Jerome Emiliani (1481-1537)

Feast Day—February 8

Patronage---abandoned people, orphans, Taos Indian Pueblo.

Profile---Jerome was born into a wealthy family but left home at the age of 15. He pursued a career in the Venetian army and gave very little thought to God. After being captured and imprisoned, he experienced an inner conversion, became a priest, and devoted himself and his wealth to the instruction of orphans and the care of the poor, the hungry and abandoned children. He founded an order of priests, called the Somaschi, to help with his work. Jerome died during a plague while caring for the sick. Like him, may we use our resources to seek out and help those who are abandoned in our society, especially the children.

Prayer to Saint Jerome Emiliani:

O Saint Jerome, our country is in need of your intercession. So many children are orphans of broken homes, some are missing and others have been used for evil purposes. Even worse than this, people are killing children before they are born. Inspire parents to adopt orphans. Help us to have your fervor for all children, especially the unborn and those in most need. Amen.

St. Vincent DePaul will again take part in the Feinstein Challenge to end hunger. Anyone interested in helping to arrange a fundraiser or food collection during the month of March and April please call 814 659-8773. All food and money collected will be distributed in the Altoona-Johnstown area.