

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun Feb 24	Third Sunday of Lent	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed Gr. K-9
		10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Feb 26	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed Feb 27	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Feb 28	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb 29	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sat Mar 1	9:30-10:30 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Sun Mar 2	Fourth 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. 25**

8:30 a.m. †Robert Reese (*Joann & Family*)

**Tuesday, Feb. 26**

8:30 a.m. †Antonia Recchia (*Antonio & Nicoletta Recchia & Kids*)

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**

8:30 a.m. †Gloria J. Hurliman (*M/M Thomas Stoltz*)

**Thursday, Feb. 28**

8:30 a.m. †Patricia Shellenberger (*Husband*)

**Friday, Feb. 29**

8:30 a.m. †Laura Dodson (*Dave & Nancy Beatty*)

**Saturday, March 1**

8:30 a.m. †Lou Bettwy (*David Zeak & Family*)

5:30 p.m. †Dorothy Reilly (*Almyra R. Funcheon*)

**Sunday, March 2 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:00 a.m. †Charles McClain (*Joe Jaronieski Jr., Paula & Doug Parke, Jennifer & Jeff Wilk*)

8:15 a.m. †Anna Fulchiero (*Diane Macharola*)

10:30 a.m. †Gloria J. Hurliman (*Bob & Jane (Carrieri) Cuomo*)

12 Noon Mass for the People

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—FEB. 16-17, 2008**

Regular	\$7908.00	Christmas	\$ 55.50
Easter	\$ 20.00	School Reserve	\$ 577.97
Easter Flowers	\$ 85.00	Tornado Victims	\$1000.00
Black & Indian	\$ 45.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 19.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00	Peru	\$ 10.00
Good Friday	\$ 5.00	Bishops' Relief	\$ 5.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 71.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9776.47</b>

**MINISTRIES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Altar Servers** for Stations of the Cross, Feb. 29, 2008  
5:30 p.m. Stefan Beard, Billy Beard, Connor Campbell

**Altar Servers** for March 1-2, 2008

5:30 p.m. Brendan Trybus, Loretta Bobetich, Julia Paule, Johnny Brown

7:00 a.m. Julie Fox

8:15 a.m. Kyle Haney, Karlee Fink, Kurtis R. Fink

10:30 a.m. Justin Bimle, Patrick M. Irwin, Amanda Irwin, Sarah Fromknecht

12 Noon Alex Baker, Taylor Brumbaugh, Jamey Brumbaugh

**Eucharistic Ministers** for March 1-2, 2008

5:30 p.m. B. Shoenfelt, J. Shoenfelt, M. Tillard, S. Askey, J. Frena

7:00 a.m. D. Leahey, E. Beard, W. Beard Sr.

8:15 a.m. M. Dombrowski, K. Gburek, N. Solimando, R.M. Fochler, R. Novack

10:30 a.m. K. Irwin, J. Fromknecht, P. Fromknecht, M. Wiley, D. Fraundorfer

12 Noon G. Baker, S. Baker, G. Beck

**Lectors** for March 1-2, 2008

5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Tully Barbara Kooman

7:00 a.m. Paul Cooney, Robert Fox

8:15 a.m. Ken Haney, Randy Donnelly

10:30 a.m. Todd Cammarata, Patrick Irwin

12 Noon Christina Bracken, Chris Danison

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION** Our Lenten reconciliation service is **Sunday, March 9, 4:00 p.m.**

We will have three priests in the reconciliation rooms as well as other priests stationed throughout the school. Other opportunities for your celebration of sacramental reconciliation are:

February 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Matthew, Tyrone

**March 9, 4:00 p.m. St. Rose of Lima**

March 10, 6:30 p.m. St. John's Lakemont

March 11, 6:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

March 14, 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes

March 16, 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg

These communal services heighten our awareness that we are a pilgrim people in need of forgiveness and that as a community we celebrate God's saving grace. Times for individual celebration of reconciliation at St. Rose are the usual Saturday times (Noon and after the 5:30 evening Mass), and following morning 8:30 Mass, March 17, 18 and 19.

**SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT** Thank you for your most generous response to the third weekend of the month second collection. Last weekend, we received \$577.97. And forwarded it to the school. We appreciate your faithful support.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**THE SCRUTINIES** Within the Order of Christian Initiation, we are in the period of purification and enlightenment. For the next three Sundays, our faith community celebrates the scrutinies, with Ryan Kenawell, our adult catechumen—now an Elect for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and Nick Battisti, David Charlesworth, Tiffanie Condrin, Blane Horton, William Gburek, and Nancy Little, our candidates for full communion with the church. These candidates have entered the final preparation for the Easter sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. The scrutinies have the spiritual purpose of self-searching and repentance. We too enter the scrutiny experience in Our Lenten preparations for Easter. The scrutinies uncover and by God's grace heal all that is weak, defective or sinful. God's delving into human nature also strengthens all that is upright, strong and good. Our celebration of the scrutinies delivers our catechumens and candidates from the power of sin, protect them against temptation, and gives them strength in Christ. Through these rites they deepen their resolve to hold fast Christ and to carry out the decision to love God as he loves them. God calls us, as the Saint Rose faith community to celebrate these powerful, probing rituals, and show in our lives that Christ is our way, truth, and life..

**THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**  
"Through the eyes of faith, the starving child, the believer in jail, and the woman without clean water or health care are not but *Jesus in disguise.*"

Next weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection makes possible the American Catholic Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. One of the 4.4 billion people living in developing countries where basic sanitation is lacking, safe drinking water is scarce, adequate housing is a challenge, modern health services are almost non-existent, education beyond a fifth-grade level is rarely available for the majority of people. Please help by giving to this collection next Sunday. Please use the envelope found in your pack of envelopes.

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The students pray the Stations of the Cross for Young Christians each Friday during Lent at 1:30 in the church. All are welcome to join us.

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

March 1	5:30 p.m.	Adam & Diane Trybus & Family
March 2	7:00 a.m.	Bob & Mary Ann Fox
	8:15 a.m.	Kurtis & Jennifer Fink
	10:30 a.m.	Denny & Carole Housum
	12 Noon	P.J. & Chris Bracken & Family

### LENTEN AND HOLY THURSDAY ALMSGIVING

As we pray with God throughout our Lenten journey, we reach out to those in need and grow in solidarity with them. Our second collections 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. The Rice Bowls and the Rice Bowl Calendar may be picked up in the foyer of the church. You may return the Rice Bowl Box through the collection basket. We will be gathering the Rice Bowls during Holy Week.

Holy Thursday, the day of the Lord's Supper, is also our occasion to honor the continuing good work done in the name of the rectory's former cook, Gloria Gates. We forward the gathered Holy Thursday offering to the Gloria Gates Foundation that helps the Youth of Evergreen Manor. Be abundantly generous in your Lent and Holy Thursday almsgiving.

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian Shrines. Please use the envelope that is in your pack of envelopes.

**CANDLES:** Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Matthew P. Zakrzwski by Linda L. Zakrzwski, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions, Gertrude Ohnemus by Paul & Mary Engelman

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to the Easter Flowers in the Church, please use your Easter Flower envelope (or a plain envelope) and drop them into the collection basket by March 17. Please print the name of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. Your memorials will be printed in our Easter Bulletin.

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA BASKET BINGO

St. Rose of Lima School will be having a Longaberger Basket Bingo on Monday, March 31 at the school's social hall from 6-9 p.m. (doors open at 5). Tickets are \$20.00 which includes: 15 regular bingo games, a chance for a grand prize, food, drinks, and lots of fun. Call the school office to purchase tickets at 942-7835 or Kim Irwin at 942-6892.

**SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

March 1-2, 2008

5:30 p.m. Gene Bettwy, Vi Bettwy, Jen Myrick

7:00 a.m. Dan Altiero, Brenda Altiero, Greg Miller

8:15 a.m. Mary Reffner, Marty Dombrowski, Maureen Frucella

10:30 a.m. Diane Gormley, Pat Condrin, Tom Goss

12 Noon Bonnie Frederick, Chris Bracken, P.J. Bracken

**SUPPER CLUB**

Will meet on Sunday, March 2 at Jethro's at 5:00 p.m.

Call Mary 946-3449 for reservation.

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

March 2 –Chapter 5 –The Lord's Prayer

March 16- Chapters 6 & 7 The Disciples and the Message of the Parables.

March 30-Chapter 8 –The Principal Images of John's Gospel

April 13-Chapter 9-Peter's Confession and the Transfiguration

April 27-Chapter 10 –Jesus Declares His Identity

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

You are invited to join Bishop Joseph with his priests in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the Church's season to remind the faithful of our need to turn from sin and seek God's mercy. We seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor. Gather with all who identify themselves as sinners joyfully proclaiming the love and forgiveness of God. A Communal Penance Service will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, at 6:30 p.m. This public gathering of believers is a great preparation for the celebration of the Easter mysteries. Plan to gather for this hour of prayer celebrating God's mercy in liturgy.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** has placed a branch in the foyer with the names of the children making their First Holy Communion, and the young adults making their Confirmation and the R.C.I.A. candidates. Please take a card and pray for that person during Lent. Thank You.

**MUSIC NOTES**

Children's Holiday Choir rehearsals will be held on Saturday mornings from February 23<sup>rd</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We will be singing the 8:15 Palm Sunday Mass on March 16, 2008 and the 10:30 Easter Sunday Mass on March 23, 2008. Some children will also have the opportunity to use choir chimes as we did at Christmas.

New members ages 7 to 13 are always welcome-No experience necessary! For questions contact Bryce Cossitor, Children's Choir Director at 943-0174.



**PRAYER CORNER**

*February 24, 2008*

**Father, forgive me for straying from You. I have forsaken Your Living Waters and have attempted to quench my own thirst. I admit that I am still thirsty.**

**I know that only You can satisfy my thirst and I ask You O Lord, that You would fill my cup today with Your life giving presence. Amen.**

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL** will again take part in the Feinstein Challenge to end hunger. Anyone interested in helping to arrange a fundraiser of food collection during the months of March and April please call 814 659-8773. All food and money collected will be distributed in the Altoona-Johnstown area.

**Liturgical Reflection...**

Whether celebrated by a community or by individuals, the Stations of the Cross offers a way for the faithful to enter more fully into the passion and death of the Lord and to serve as another manifestation of the pilgrim Church on its homeward journey. Traditionally the stations have been arranged around the walls of the nave of the church, or, in some instances, around the gathering space or even the exterior of the church, marking this devotion as a true journey.

**A PRAYER BEFORE DIALOGUE**

Knowing God,  
Help me to realize  
That I do not possess all truth.

Open my eyes that I might perceive  
The goodness in others,  
Especially in those whose beliefs  
Are different from my own.

Open my ears that I might hear  
The common needs and dreams  
Which bind us together and which identify us all  
As your daughters and sons. Amen.

**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 25  
March 3 and 31

April 14 and 28  
May 5 and 19

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### FISH DINNERS ON FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

St. Mary's, Altoona -Buffet \$10.00 adults \$5.00 children (4-12) Served from 4:30-7:00 in the Memorial Hall Cafeteria

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

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

The Almrausch Schuhplattlers Adults \$7.00 served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Unter Uns Club on Van Buren Ave.

### 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) 623-3070 or at dzakrzwski@aol.com for an application

### SAINT EMMA MONASTERY & RETREAT HOUSE

Greensburg, announces that there are openings in the following Lenten Programs:

March 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Lenten Day of Recollection, Father Tom Smith, \$28.00

March 5, 8:45 a.m. -4:15 p.m. Lenten Day of Recollection, Father Tom Smith, \$28.00

March 9, 8:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Benediction Spirituality, Father Donald Raila OSB, \$28.00

March 10, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Lenten Evening of Recollection, Father CANON Joseph Stredzinski, \$18.00

March 15, 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Lenten Day of Recollection, Father Mark Gruber OSB, \$28.00

For more information or to make a reservation call 724.834.3060.

### BASKET BINGO

St. John the Evangelist School will be have a Basket Bingo on Friday, March 28, 2008 at Father Kelley Hall, 25th Ave. & 5th St., Altoona. Tickets are now on sale. \$25.00 includes: 15 Regular Bingo Games, 20 Door Prize Tickets, Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts and Beverages. Chance for Grand Prize. Call to purchase ticket(s) or reserve your table of 8. Gerlinde Mattern 943-1126 or Vanessa Donoughe 414-9619.

### 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.

### POT LUCK DINNER

Today is our Pot Luck Dinner. Dinner will be serve at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Bring one of your favorite dishes and share it with others. Come and enjoy the friendship of your fellow parishioners.

### CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD

#### A Visit with the Historical Jesus

**Saturday, March 1, 2008 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

The visible Christ who came to earth showed us the face of the invisible God. Take some time apart this Lent to reflect upon the Jesus of history. Explore the cultural world of Jesus, his very unique attitudes and actions, and how He interacted with the people of his time. Facilitator: Sr. Cindy Burns. Donation: \$35.00 includes lunch Reservations due by Feb. 25.

#### Jesus & Women Overnight Directed Retreat for Women Friday, March 7 - Saturday, March 8, 2008

Spend a overnight in guided prayer and reflection. Each retreatant will have opportunity to meet with a Spiritual Director, to have private and communal prayer opportunities during this time set aside to experience the wonder of God's loving presence. Retreat begins with arrival at 7 p.m. Friday and ends at 3 p.m. Saturday. Private room and meals are included. Donation: \$55.00 Reservations due by March 3, 2008.

Lent is the ultimate season of life. As the winter snows begin to fade and the promise of spring is born anew, we go down into the tomb with Christ and rise with him in the bright joy of an Easter morn.

Lent is a time for letting go of all that is deadly and embracing only the life-giving Gospel of life.

Lent is the time to take off our old selves and put on the bright shiny garment of life who is Jesus risen, the victor over sin and death.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Make plans for family fun by attending the 2nd Annual Bishop Guilfoyle Marauder Family Festival on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 2:00-10:00 p.m. at Tom Irwin Field. The inaugural festival last summer was a phenomenal success attracting more than 3000 attendees and raising more than \$30,000 for the BGHS Athletic programs. Now in its second year, the event will be bigger and better than ever! Watch for additional details in the coming months!

#### IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"Although it is a fundamental embryological truth that each of us was once an embryo, the advocates of embryonic stem cell research are eager to portray human embryos as different from the rest of us, unable to make the grade, and hence fair game for destruction at the hands of those who themselves are no longer embryos." Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.

#### FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 24

John 4: 5-42

We share our faith with our children so that one day they will say; "We no longer believe because of your word; we have heard for ourselves and worship what we understand." But first, children must hear "your word."