

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Mar 16	PALM SUNDAY	
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Mar 18	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed Mar 19	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Mar 20	7:00 PM	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
Fri Mar 21	12 Noon	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Communion
	7:30 PM	Tenebrae
Sat Mar 22	8:00 PM	EASTER VIGIL
Sun Mar 23		EASTER SUNDAY
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



Monday, March 17 Monday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. †Robert Donnelly (Donnelly Family)

Tuesday, March 18 Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (Family)
†Kay Patton (John, Bobby, Jonathan, Alisha)

Wednesday, March 19 Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy Reilly (Paul & Mary Engelman)

Thursday, March 20 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.. †Helen Mirabella (Mike & Linda Mirabella)

Friday, March 21 GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon Celebration of the Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 22 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. †Lou Bettwy (Pat & Kelly Treese)

Sunday, March 23 EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. †Laura Dodson (Fred & Jean Paule & Daughters, Justin Dodson)
8:15 a.m. †Frank & Dorothy Skupien (Family)
10:30 a.m. †Mary Riccio (Vickie Bruno Peters)
12 Noon Mass for the People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—

Regular	\$8,486.59	Christmas Club	\$ 59.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 229.00	Rose	\$ 183.24
Holy Thursday	\$ 17.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Easter	\$ 125.00	Catholic Relief	\$ 35.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,126.00	Indian Missions	\$ 10.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 55.37	Total	\$10,341.70

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Altar Servers for HOLY THURSDAY, March 20, 2008
7:00 p.m. Delaney Hallinan, Erica Wiley, Patrick M. Irwin, Amanda Irwin

GOOD FRIDAY, March 21, 2008
12 Noon Erica Wiley, Mackenzie Bracken, Zachary Bracken

EASTER VIGIL, March 22, 2008
8:00 p.m. Aaron Yasulitis, Loretta Bobetich, Seth Ickes, Chase McGeary

EASTER SUNDAY, March 23, 2008
7:00 a.m. Julie Fox
8:15 a.m. Kyle Haney, Alex Gburek, Matthew Eiman
10:30 a.m. Maya Irwin, Thomas Irwin, Jillian Lemme, Zachary Bender
12 Noon: Jeffrey Karl, Josh DeGol, Mark Wasicki

HOLY THURSDAY, March 20, 2008
7:00 p.m. Readers: Damian Charlesworth, Patrick Irwin
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Charlesworth, M. Wiley, K. Irwin

GOOD FRIDAY, March 21, 2008
12 Noon Readers: Ken Haney, Randy Donnelly
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Wiley, T. Heiss

EASTER VIGIL, March 22, 2008
8:00 p.m. Readers: Laverne Previte, Charles Wolf, Linda Wolf, Viola Bettwy, Elizabeth Tully
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Gburek, J. Trexler, B. Bartley, G. Bettwy, J. Frena

EASTER SUNDAY, March 23, 2008
7:00 a.m. Readers: Paul Cooney, Robert Fox
Eucharistic Ministers: E. Beard, W. Beard, C. Sharbaugh
8:15 a.m. Readers: Ken Haney, Randy Donnelly
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Engelman, M. Engelman, R. Skupien, K. Woomer, J. Woomer
10:30 a.m. Readers: Thomas A. Irwin
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Madariaga, D. Housum, C. Housum, B. Gentile, D. Gormley
12 Noon: Readers: Chris Danison
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Wasicki, J. Wasicki, G. Beck

FROM THE PASTOR

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE—O Pasch, sanctify all believers
Triduum: The Three Holiest Days
Holy Thursday, March 20, 2008 The Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers carry Christ to the homebound. Following Mass, Procession to the Reservation Chapel in the Maria Parish Center—Adoration until Midnight, Night Prayer 11:45 p.m. Here are suggested adoration hours for families to keep watch with the Lord at the Reservation Chapel in the Maria Parish Center.

A-D 8:30-9:30	E-H 10:00-11:00
I-L 9:00-10:00	M-Q 10:30-11:30
R-U 9:30-10:30	V-Z 11:00-12:00

GOOD FRIDAY, March 21, 2008 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Maria Parish Center)
12:00 Noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Communion (Main Church)
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae (Main Church)

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Saturday, March 22: 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Maria Parish Center) 12 Noon: Blessing of Easter Table Food (Maria Parish Center)

Easter Vigil, March 22: 8:00 p.m. Easter's Fire (Outdoors), Readings, Blessing of Easter Water, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Main Church). Reception to follow in the foyer.

Easter Day: Sunday of the Pasch Easter Sunday, March 23

Masses 7:00, 8:15, 10:30 a.m. and Noon

LORD'S SUPPER CARRIED TO HOMES Following the Holy Thursday liturgy Eucharistic Ministers will carry Holy Communion to homebound members of our parish family. If you know of a parishioner who is or are yourself homebound and no one is bringing you Holy Communion, call the rectory today to get on the First Friday communion call list.

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 collection are our alms for our brothers and sisters in Lima, Peru and the diocese of Mandeville. We will be gathering the Rice Bowls this week or you may put your Rice Bowl Box in the collection basket.

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.

REMAINING RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES The remaining opportunity for your celebration of sacramental reconciliation is St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg. March 16 at 4:00 p.m. Times for individual celebration of reconciliation at St. Rose are the following morning Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. (Holy Week)

SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT: This weekend March 16/17 our second collection will be for the School Reserve Account. We appreciate your strong support. This money has been a significant help to our school as we work to rebuild our reserve account and balance our budget. Remember also that your after Mass purchase and use of merchants' gift cards help our parish help our school.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 22	8:00 p.m.	Volunteer
March 23	7:00 a.m.	Volunteer
	8:15 a.m.	Skupien Family
	10:30 a.m.	Richard & Jackie Riccio
	12 Noon	Volunteer

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

Classes WILL BE IN SESSION on Thursday, March 20th, which is a snow day makeup. There is **no school** on Good Friday or Easter Monday.

Our seventh grade students will present "The Passion Prayer" on March 18th at 1:00 in the parish center. This prayer recreates in silhouette form the Good Friday Gospel reading from John. All are welcome to attend this beautiful, prayerful presentation. Come, pray with us and bring a friend.

The School Council will meet on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the computer room. That same evening the PR Committee will meet at 6:15 in the computer room.

REGISTRATION for ALL GRADES (including Pre K 3) for 2008-2009 is OPEN. Pre K 4 and kindergarten are optional full or half day programs. Please call the school office for more information (942-7835).

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.

The Students of Bishop Guilfoyle Drama Dept. will be presenting the musical **Grease**, on Sat. March 29 at 8pm and on Sunday March 30 at 2pm. at the Mishler Theater in downtown Altoona. Tickets are available in advance at the Mishler ticket office during regular business hours.

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 6:00-9:00 p.m. (doors open at 5). Tickets are \$20.00 which includes: 15 regular bingo games, a change 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.

There will be **NO Religious Education Classes** on March 16, Palm Sunday and March 23, Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on March 30

CANDLES: Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Dorothy Reilly by Family, John Crum by M/M John C.Crum & Family, Lorrain Willebran by M/M John C.Crum & Family, Susan A. Cassidy by Linda Zakrwski and Kay Patton, by John Patton.

SUPPER CLUB

The supper club will meet on April 6, 2008 at the Dream Restaurant at 5:00PM Call Mary at 946-3449 for reservations

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 evening will be bigger and better than ever! Watch for additional details in the coming months!

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.

March 31 April 13 and 28 May 5 and 19

POT LUCK DINNER

Our next Pot Luck Dinner will be held on March 30 in the Social Hall, starting 2:00 p.m. Bring your own place settings. Suggested dishes: Meat dishes, casseroles, vegetable, 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 the rectory 944-8509.

A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Lord Jesus, this week I stand in awe at the depth of your love.

Your life, your passion, your resurrection are all free gifts I can never deserve.

Help me to realize that I can in no way earn what I need from you.

May only choice is to accept your love without pretension and to embrace the salvation

I have no right to claim. Amen.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"The cloak of silence surrounding abortion has left couples...struggling alone to understand and respond to relationship challenges in the aftermath of an abortion. An essential first step toward change is open acknowledgment of the dark potential of abortion to disrupt individuals' lives and wreak havoc on intimate bonds." Priscilla K. Coleman, Ph.D.

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23

March 29, 2008 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

What does it mean for Jesus to be our Good Shepherd? Using the book by Phillip Keller as a guide, participants will prayerfully reflect on Psalm 23 from the point of view of a real-life shepherd. As we come to understand how shepherds care for their sheep, we will have a new understanding of Christ's tremendous love and care for us. For more information and registration please contact: Incarnation Center Retreats, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, Pa. 16641 814 886-4098.

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

Discussions will be:

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please 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 pack.

Families and the Gospel

March 16

Mt. 26:14-27:66

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

PRAYER CORNER

March 16, 2008

A Prayer for Palm Sunday

Jesus, King of the universe ride on in humble majesty:

Lord, this Palm Sunday may we recognize in You the Lord who comes to His world, and we join with full heart in the children's Hosannas! Ride on, through conflict and debate, through prayer and betrayal. Ride on to the empty tomb and Your rising in triumph! Ride on to raise up Your church, a new body for Your service. Ride on King Jesus, to renew the whole earth in Your image. Amen.

YARD AND BAKE SALE—Saint Benedict Church in Carrolltown is sponsoring these events in the Church Hall on Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Many items will be available for sale including furniture, appliances, household items, toys and many others. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome!

SEMINARY LIVE-IN— On April 3-5, 2008 the Office of Vocations will host a College Live-In at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio for young men who are seniors and juniors in high school and college students who are interested in knowing more about seminary life and the life of a diocesan priest. The Live-In schedule will include a tour of the campus, discussions, meals and prayer with the college seminarians, attendance at classes, and time for recreation. There is no charge for the weekend, and transportation will be provided. Guidance will be provided by the Director of Vocations. For further information contact Father Brian Saylor at 814-472-5441 or e-mail at bsaylor@dioceseaj.org

PALM SUNDAY

TURNING NIGHT INTO DAY

Catholic Charities is sponsoring a seven-week, spiritually-based educational support group for individuals suffering from anxiety and/or depression. Class size is limited. The cost of the program including the text is \$75.00. (Financial assistance is available depending upon need.) For more information or to apply contact either Sr. Janis Franklin, CSJ at (814) 535-6538 or Dennis George at (814) 944-9388.

ATTENTION– ALL YOUTH GRADES 6-8 COME AND BE A PART OF JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY 2008

Sunday, April 6, 2008 – Bishop Carroll High School, Ebsensburg, 11:30 to 6:00.

The day will consist of an uplifting keynote featuring popular Christian Vaudeville Act, APeX, Liturgy with Bishop Joseph, plus fun and games for all. Come and enjoy the opportunity to grow in your faith and spend a wonderful day with youth from all over the diocese.

To be a part of this great day, contact Bernice Shoenfelt, Director of Religious Education at 944-8509 or Patricia Ronan, School Principal, 942-7835. If you need additional information, contact the Office of Youth and Campus Ministry at 814 693-1401. Deadline for registration into the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is Friday, March 14, 2008.

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-39: THEOLOGY ON TAP IS COMING THIS APRIL

Theology on Tap is a 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. Our first series will be held at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Company in Duncansville April 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin will sponsor a Spring Festival on Sunday, March 30, 2008. Roast Beef Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Games, Baskets, Bake Sale, Flea Market, Bingo. Adults \$7.50, Children \$3.50, under 4 free.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on April 5, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This one day retreat will include dynamic spiritual teachings and witness talks given by local priests & laypersons, spirit filled praise & worship music, small group faith sharing, Eucharistic Adoration, and lunch & dinner is included. Suggested donation -\$20.00 for adults \$10.00 for High School & College students. To register call 914-9413832. Presented by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group. All are welcome.

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Please remember to put the **Rice Bowls** in the collection basket at Mass.

MARRIAGE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Marriage is the intimate union and equal partnership of one man and one woman. It comes to us from the hand of God, who created male and female in his image, so that they might become one body and might be fertile and multiply (See Genesis chapters 1 & 2).

The protection of marriage is an affirmation of the fundamental benefits that traditional marriage has on society—the protection of the family, and in particular, children. Protecting marriage is a refusal to abandon an institution known to be beneficial.

The Pennsylvania Legislature is considering SB 1250, which will amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and will prevent civil unions, which are in effect the same as marriage. Your state representative and state senator need to hear from you that marriage makes a difference. Log on to www.pacatholic.org to send a message telling your legislators to support the marriage amendment, and check out www.PA4marriage.org for more ideas about how you can get involved in the effort to protect and preserve marriage.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The consecrated oil of chrism for initiation, ordination and the dedication of churches, as well as the blessed oils of the sick and of catechumens, are traditionally housed in a special place called an ambry or repository. These oils consecrated by the bishop at the Mass of Chrism deserve the special care of the community to which they have been entrusted. The ambry may take different forms in design; it is commendable when visible to all in the church and placed near the baptismal font. The ambry may take different forms in design; it is commendable when visible to all in the church and placed near the baptismal font. The ambry should always be locked. Cathedrals responsible for the care of a larger supply of oils need a larger ambry. Since bright light or high temperatures can hasten spoilage, parishes want to choose a location that helps preserve the freshness of the oils.

Bishop Guilfoyle High School to hold Book Fair

On Tuesday, March 18, the Drama Department at Bishop Guilfoyle High School will be having a book fair at Barnes and Noble in the new Logantown Center in Altoona. At this event, BGHS students will be reading books to children and cast members from the school will be performing musical selections from this year's drama, **Grease**. Teachers and students will be located throughout the store handing out vouchers. Purchases made with vouchers will earn a donation for the school. For more information contact Mrs. Yingling at BGHS at 944-4014