

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sun Nov 30</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
<b>Tues Dec 2</b>	6:10 PM <b>Bingo</b>
<b>Wed Dec 3</b>	5:45-6:30 PM <b>Pro-Life Rosary</b>
	6:30 PM <b>8:15 Choir Rehearsal</b>
	7:30 PM <b>10:30 Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thurs Dec 4</b>	9:00-11:00 AM <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Fri Dec 5</b>	6:10 PM <b>Bingo</b>
<b>Sun Dec 7</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
	9:15-10:15 AM <b>Religious Ed. Gr. K-9</b>
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
	5:30-7:00 PM <b>Religious Ed. Gr. 10-11</b>



**Monday, Dec. 1**

8:30 a.m. †Geraldine Brown (*Ron & Janet Brown & Family*)

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**

8:30 a.m. †Thomas J. Wojcik (*William & Penny Murphy*)

**Wednesday, Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier**

8:30 a.m. †Melvin Chirdon (*Family*)

**Thursday, Dec. 4 St. John of Damascus**

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy K. Buccarelli (*Joe & Patti Fromknecht & Family*)

**Friday, Dec. 5**

8:30 a.m. †George Himes (*Bob & Debbie Fisher*)

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

8:30 a.m. †Leona Settlemyer (*Ann Chonko*)

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

**Sunday, Dec. 7 Second Sunday of Advent**

7:00 a.m. †Sister-Susan & Maureen Cassidy (*Linda Zakrzwski & Cheryl Botton*)

8:15 a.m. †Frank Skupien (*Family*)

10:30 a.m. †Robert Reese (*Joann & Family*)

12 Noon Mass for the People

**Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception**

7:00 p.m. Thomas Riley (*Tony & Judi Lamont*)

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Servers for December 6-7, 2008**

5:30 p.m. Taylor Brumbaugh, Jamey Brumbaugh, Stefan Beard, Billy Beard

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

8:15 a.m. Kyle Haney, Matthew Eiman, Loretta Bobetich

10:30 a.m. Matthew Gormley, Justin Bimle, Alyssa Lower, Anthony Zelnosky

12 Noon Josh DeGol, Pauline Macharola, Frank Macharola

**Vigil of the Immaculate Conception**

7:00 p.m. Heather Lee, Tonya Lee, Volunteers

**Eucharistic Ministers for December 6-7, 2008**

5:30 p.m. J. Scarfone, G. Bettwy, S. Askey, J. Shultz, B. Bartley

7:00 a.m. C. Sharbaugh, J. Wustrow, L. Zakrzwski

8:15 a.m. R. Smith, M.L. Horton, R. Friedenberger, J. Trexler, B. Stoltz

10:30 a.m. D. Gormley, K. Zelnosky, K. Irwin, K. Madariaga, K. Mrdjenovich

12 Noon R. Eberhart, M. Eberhart, M.A. Eberhart

**Vigil of the Immaculate Conception**

7:00 p.m. G. Bettwy, J. Frena, M.E. Tillard

**Lectors for December 6-7, 2008**

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

7:00 a.m. Paul Cooney, Raymond Kline

8:15 a.m. Shawn Wesner, Ken Haney

10:30 a.m. Patrick Irwin, Laverne Previte

12 Noon Jim Lane, Joseph Macharola

**Vigil of the Immaculate Conception**

7:00 p.m. Viola Bettwy, Frances Hesser

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**ALTOONA AREA CHRISTIAN COALITION**

The parishioners of St. Rose of Lima are invited to the ADVENT Season of Hope Ecumenical Service to be held at the Cathedral in Altoona on December 7, 2008. This ADVENT Season of Hope service will start at 3:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

**AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES** These

opportunities exist for your celebration the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg – Sunday, December 14, 4:00 P.M.; Saint John's – Monday, December 15, 6:30 P.M.; Cathedral – Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 P.M.; Sacred Heart – Thursday, December 18, 5:30 P.M.; Our Lady of Lourdes – Friday, December 19, 5:30 P.M.; . Our parish reconciliation service is Monday, December 22, 7:00 P.M. The priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 A.M. Mass Tuesday, December 23, and Wednesday, December 24.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There is no school on Monday, Dec. 1st, due to our Thanksgiving break.

On Dec. 2 we will begin our annual TOY DRIVE to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Family Kitchen which is under the direction of Sr. Paula DelGrosso. We will be collecting **new, unwrapped** toys (**MAXIMUM \$20.00**) until Monday, Dec. 15. You may give your donation to any St. Rose School student or bring it to the school office. As you know we are in a very difficult economy, and the need is great, so we would appreciate your support. Thank you.

Thank you to all who contribute to the second collection on the third weekend Masses. This money is a significant help to the school as we work to rebuild our reserve account. The children always remember you in our morning prayers.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Any parishioner that would like a Christmas Flower on our altar dedicated for a loved one is asked to use your Christmas Flower envelope or use a plain envelope. Kindly drop the envelope in the collection basket by December 19. Your memorial will be in our Christmas Bulletin. Please print your remembrances

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

#### *Reminder of Kentucky Outreach Project*

We are still accepting donations for the Kentucky Project. You may bring the donation to class on Sunday, put it in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, please mark it Kentucky Outreach.

Each year we collected \$7.00 per family or \$5.00 for individual student. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Bernice Shoenfelt, Catechetical Leader  
Viola Bettwy, Chairperson

### ADVENT TREE

The ornaments on our foyer Advent Tree remind us of our homebound parishioners. We have tied with each ornament a card that has the name, address, and phone number of a homebound parishioner. Untie this card and arrange an "Advent through Christmas time" visit with the named person. You may want to take a 'gift' for beyond the visit. You may want to learn whether being a green thumb or free of diet restrictions is a consideration for your gift. Friendly conversations grow friendships and have zero calories and are specially enriched with love—the Spirit that brought Jesus to visit all of us!

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 6	5:30 p.m.	Ushers Pick
Dec. 7	7:00 a.m.	Linda Zakrzwski
	8:15 a.m.	Skupien Family
	10:30 a.m.	Joann Reese & Family
	12 Noon	Ushers Pick

**CANDLES**—Kay Patton by John Patton, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Thanksgiving and Special Intentions for the Living.

**PRAYER CHAIN** —If you would like our Prayer Chain to pray for your intentions, please call Bernice at 942-5659.

The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. here in the church for an end to abortion. Everyone is welcome.

### SUPPER CLUB

Come and dine with the Supper Club on December 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ramada. For reservations or information please call Mary at 946-3449.

### NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for December 5, 2008 will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Broad Ave. & 27th St. Altoona. From 8:00 until 11:00 p.m.

### FIRST PENANCE

There will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 . This meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING...

Volunteers are needed to light the Advent Candle at each Mass in Advent. We are looking for 2 or more people or families interested in participating at the beginning of the Liturgy. The dates are Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14, and Dec. 20-21. Please sign up on the lists on the foyer bulletin board. Thank You.

### SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

December 6-7, 2008

5:30 p.m. Gene Bettwy, Vi Bettwy, Bea Shoenfelt  
7:00 a.m. Brenda Altiero, Dan Altiero, Ken Lenze  
8:15 a.m. Bev Elder, Marty Dombrowski, Judy Wood  
10:30 a.m. Mark Zelnosky, Mary Wiley, Tom Goss  
12 Noon Heather Macharola, Chris Bracken, P.J. Bracken

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written a document this year entitled **Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship**. The bishops of our country say "it is our duty and our joy as shepherds of the Church to guide and oversee liturgical song in each particular Church." Liturgy is the source of the Church's prayer and action, and the summit by which our lives and all our ministries ascend to the Father. The purpose of this document is to draw all who worship the Lord into the fullness of liturgical, musical prayer.

**Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship**, Foreward.

### "IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"Over more than two centuries of our national history, we Americans have been a people who have struggled to widen the circle of those for whom we acknowledge a common responsibility...This great trajectory in our national experience— that of inclusion— has been shattered by *Roe v. Wade* and its progeny. By denying an entire class of human beings the protection of the laws, we have betrayed the best in our tradition"...(Henry Hyde, former U.S. Congressman)

### THE BOOK CLUB

We will begin learning about St. Paul with a discussion on the book *Saint Paul, Called to Conversion*, by Ronald D. Witherup. Pages 1 through 48 will be discussed on November 30. Come and enjoy learning about St. Paul.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

#### First Sunday of Advent

Like the servants in today's Gospel, we have been left alone by the Master to care for all creation. As Christian stewards, we give thanks for the work God has entrusted to us.

### St. John the Evangelist Church

344 Baynton Ave., Lakemont will present:

#### Music of Advent—St. John's Combined Choirs

The choirs and musicians of St. John's Church unite to perform sacred music of the Advent and Christmas Seasons on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$8.00 Adults/\$15.00 Family

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2008-2009

#### TOPIC: THE NEW TESTAMENT

Monday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Rose of Lima School Art Room

Facilitated by Ann Mingyar

December 1, 2008

December 15, 2008

January 5, 2009

January 19, 2009

February 2, 2009

February 16, 2009

March 2, 2009

March 16, 2009

April 6, 2009

April 20, 2009

May 4, 2009

May 18, 2009

**Bring your Bible and attend one or all classes as suits your schedule.**

**For additional information call Ann Mingyar 946-5383 or Janette 946-4342.**

### AN ADVENT PRAYER

Christ Incarnate, the world seems to swirl around us at this time of year.

The perceived need to do so many things catches us up into a whirlpool of activity.

Only you, Prince of Peace, can bring light and perspective back into our midst.

Through the haze of crowded days

and sleep-deprived nights,

help us to remember that you are present with us this Advent season. Amen.



November 30, 2008

**PRAYER CORNER**

**A Prayer for all Those in Need**

*O Lord, we bring before You the troubles and  
perils of people and nations,  
The sighing of prisoners and captives,  
The sorrows of the bereaved,  
The necessities of strangers,  
The helplessness of the weak,  
The despondency of the weary,  
The failing powers of the aged.  
O Lord, draw near to each;  
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

Carmelite Community of the Word  
Incarnation Center  
394 Bem Road  
Gallitzin, Pa. 16641

**“On Christian Hope” an overnight Advent  
Retreat**

**December 5-6, 2008 7:00 p.m. Friday-2:30  
p.m. Saturday.**

Using the encyclical letter *On Christian Hope*, by  
Pope Benedict XVI, the retreat will be spent in  
study, reflection and prayer. As the season of  
Advent begins. Donation: \$55.00-Private Room.  
\$45.00 Shared Room. Contact Incarnation Center  
Retreats, 814-886-4098 by Monday, December  
1, 2008

**Did you attend Catholic School?** If so, you will  
really enjoy this one-woman play! **Late Nite  
Catechism** is the hit comedy about Catholic  
school in the fifties and sixties with “Sister,” This  
hilarious performance will be at Bishop Guilfoyle  
High School on Saturday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
and Sunday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m. Light  
refreshments included. And, of course, there will  
be a 50/50. Wouldn't this make a great Christmas  
present for Mom and Dad? Tickets are \$20.00 in  
advance and \$25.00 at the door. Call Julie at St.  
John's for tickets. 943-4966.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT SHOP**

St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop, (2223 8th  
Avenue, Altoona) is in need of blankets. All  
donations will be greatly appreciated! Volunteers  
are always welcomed and needed.

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School invites  
parents of prospective students in local parochial  
and public schools to a “Parents’ Coffee” in the  
high school library on Thursday, December 11,  
2008, at 6:30 p.m. or Friday, December 12, 2008,  
at 9:00 a.m. This program provides an opportunity  
to look at the spectrum of programs at Bishop  
Guilfoyle and to meet with students from all  
grades. Call 944-4014 for reservations by  
Monday, December 8, 2008.

**TILLY**

**A MESSAGE OF HOPE**

Based on the novel by Frank E. Peretti

An inspirational movie about Healing and  
Forgiveness.

An unforgettable story of real life, love and  
Christ's forgiveness.

A must see for all Christians and for anyone who  
has had an abortion or is contemplating abortion.

**PLACE:** St. Mary Church, 312 Clark St.  
Hollidaysburg, Pa.

**DATE:** December 5, 2008

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**BG BOOKSTORE**

Marauder Cove, the Bishop Guilfoyle Bookstore,  
is open during school hours. Stop in the Main  
Office and ask for Charlotte. BG apparel is the  
perfect gift for any occasion. An on-line bookstore  
is also available at [www.bishopguilfoyle.org](http://www.bishopguilfoyle.org)

