

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent 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 Dec. 23	6:10 PM Bingo
Fri Dec. 26	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Dec 28	The Holy Family 10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



Monday, Dec. 22

8:30 a.m. †Angelo Maniglia (*Elizabeth, Joan & DiFalco Family*)

Tuesday, Dec. 23 St. John of Kanty

8:30 a.m. †Edward Kawtoski Jr. (*Wife, Daughter & Grandson*)

Wednesday, Dec. 24 Vigil of Christmas

8:30 a.m. Health & Welfare of Aileen Parker (*Ruth Fisher*)

5:00 p.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Family*)

7:30 p.m. †Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

Mid-Night †Mary E. & Leonard S. Fiore (*Mark & Diane Moschella*)

Thursday, Dec. 25 The Birth of Our Lord (Christmas)

8:30 a.m. †Michael Savino & Diane Stasky (*Olive Savino, Tina & Jamie*)

10:30 a.m. †Gramp Walkney (*Mrdjenovich Family*)

Friday, Dec. 26 St. Stephen

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

Saturday, Dec. 27 St. John

8:30 a.m. †Joseph Malady (*Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Clark & Children*)

5:30 p.m. †Helen Mirabella (*Tab & Julia Scarfone*)

Sunday, Dec. 28 The Holy Family

7:00 a.m. †Michael P. Turcovski (*Joan Turcovski*)

8:15 a.m. †Frank & Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)

10:30 a.m. †Pasquale & Freida Gentile (*Barbara & Gregg Gentile*)

12 Noon Mass for the People

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Altar Servers

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. Brittany Boslet, Jessica Boslet, Matthew Eiman, Julia Paule

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:30 p.m. Stefan Beard, Billy Beard, Chase McGeary, Volunteers

MID-NIGHT MASS Joshua Shultz, Megan Shultz, Volunteers

CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. Jimmy Novack, Volunteers

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m. Mikayla Mignogna, Volunteers

Servers for December 27-28, 2008

5:30 p.m. Julia Paule, Jessica Sanders, Nate Sanders, Michael Fox

7:00 a.m. Ireland McCreery, Volunteers

8:15 a.m. Karalee Fink, Kurtis R. Fink, Jimmy Novack

10:30 a.m. Patrick M. Irwin, Amanda Irwin, Maryssa Brandt, Michala Cooney

12 Noon Daniel Maier, Kathryn Nazaruk, Megan Danison

Eucharistic Ministers

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. C. Boslet, K. Boslet, L. Zakrzewski, K. McGraw

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:30 p.m. J. Frena, B. Bartley, Volunteers

MID-NIGHT MASS J. Shultz, T. Heiss, K. Woomer, M. Wiley, M. Engelman

CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. M.L. Horton, G. Bettwy, R. Novack, Volunteers

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m. Regina Friedenberger, Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers for December 27-28, 2008

5:30 p.m. J. Frena, M.E. Tillard, J. Shoenfelt, N. Solimando, B. Bartley

7:00 a.m. D. Altiero, N. Altiero, B. Altiero

8:15 a.m. R. Friedenberger, R. Novack, P. Blanchard, M. Dombrowski, K. Charlesworth

10:30 a.m. K. Irwin, D. Fraundorfer, D. Gormley, T. Heiss, M. Wiley

12 Noon R. Fiore, J. Eberhardt, K. Wasicki

Lectors

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 5:00 p.m. Patrick Condrin, Joseph Breton

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS 7:30 p.m. Charles Wolf, Linda Wolf

MID-NIGHT Anthony Labriola, James Woomer

CHRISTMAS DAY 8:30 a.m. Viola Bettwy, Volunteers

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m. James Klueg, Volunteers

Lectors for December 27-28, 2008

5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Tully, Bernice Shoenfelt

7:00 a.m. John Kenny, Frank Fochler

8:15 a.m. Anthony Labriola, John Donley

10:30 a.m. Patrick Irwin, James Klueg

12 Noon Michael Nazaruk, Chris Danison

LOCAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE Opportunities still exist for your celebration the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: Our parish reconciliation service is Monday, December 22, 7:00 P.M. The parish priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 A.M. Mass on Tuesday, December 23, and on Wednesday, December 24.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DECEMBER 13-14, 2008

Regular	\$9627.94	Christmas	\$ 330.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 107.00	Debt Reduction	\$ 464.16
Flowers	\$ 591.00	Stipend	\$ 40.00
Immaculate Conc.	\$ 616.00	Religious Retire.	\$ 382.00
		Total	\$12158.00

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 24	5:30 p.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
	7:30 a.m.	Volunteer
	Mid-Night	Fiore Family
Dec. 25	8:30 a.m.	Olive Savino & Granddaughters
	10:30 a.m.	Don & Karen Mrdjenovich

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas vacation is from Monday Dec. 22nd until Monday, Jan. 5th. Dismissal on Monday, Dec. 22nd is at 10:30. Mass is at 8:30.

The St. Rose School Family extends our sincerest wishes to our parish community for a joyous Christmas and a new year filled with God's blessings. Thank you so much for your support throughout the past year.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Children's Choir will sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. The children will sing Christmas Music beginning at 4:30 p.m. Our Combined Adult Choir with accompanying Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion will offer a Music Prelude beginning at 11:30 p.m. for the Christmas Midnight Mass.

The LITURGY COMMISSION would like to thank St. Rose School Students for their assistance to the parish during the Advent & Christmas season. The 7th graders & their teacher, Mr. Joe Maschue assembled the blessed manger straw packets given out during Advent. The 8th graders & their teacher Mrs. Debbie Fisher assembled the chalk packets given out on Epiphany. Each of these projects involved putting together approximately 500 bags to be distributed at our weekend Masses; no small task!! Many thanks for all your help.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 27	5:30 p.m.	Kathy Mirabella & Frances Bell
Dec. 28	7:00 a.m.	Joan & Linda Turcovski
	8:15 a.m.	Skupien Family
	10:30 a.m.	Volunteers
	12 Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Kay Patton by John Patton, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Fred & Julia Boldizar by M/M Joseph Mishock, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions for the Living, William Cobler by Shirley Cobler, John & Elizabeth Mishock by M/M Joseph Mishock.

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

ADVENT TREE

The ornaments on our foyer Advent Tree remind us of our homebound parishioners. We have tied 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 weather being a green thumb or free of diet restrictions grow friendships and have zero calories and are specially enriched with love—the Spirit that brought Jesus to visit all of us!

SUPPER CLUB

Come and dine with the Supper Club on January 4 at 5:00 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant. For reservations or information please call Mary at 946-3449.

“IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”

The Christmas story chronicling Jesus' life in the womb of Mary and birth in a stable again draws our attention to the humanity of the unborn child and God's great love and plans for each and every human baby, regardless of the circumstances of the child's conception or birth.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

There are times when the liturgical season calls for a certain musical restraint. In Advent, for example, musical instruments should be used with moderation and should not

Should not anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. The Gloria is a very ancient and venerable hymn in which the Church, gathered together in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. The text for this hymn may not be replaced by any other text. It is not sung or recited in the Advent Season as the Church prepared for the great solemnity of the Birth of the Lord.

Sing to the Lord, *Music in Divine Worship*, Numbers 114 and 148

VOCATIONS VIEWS

Christmas

The angels announced tidings of great joy for all the people. Jesus is born in you today. Celebrate the presence of Emmanuel in a special way. (Luke 2:1-14)

CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR HUMAN LIFE

Citizens Concerned for Human Life is sponsoring an Essay Contest and an Oratory Contest for teens. Write an essay or prepare a 5 to 7 minute talk on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research from a pro-life perspective. First, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes are \$200, \$100, & \$50 for senior high and \$150, \$75.00, & \$50 for junior high. Go to www.CentralPaProlife.org for details, ideas and a wealth of information. Deadline: January 9, 2009.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant...the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name...He has shown might with his arm; he has scattered the proud in their thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

VOCATION VIEWS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say “let it be” in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38)

FOUNDATION NOTES

As year end approaches, many people think about the arrival of the “tax man” in April of next year. This may also be a good time to think about the St. Rose School & Parish Endowment. Our School & Parish Endowment was created in 2006 and its donations may be tax deductible. This year our endowment reinvested its earnings to build its amount to over \$90,000. Contributions to this endowment is accepted in any amount. To learn more contact Fr. Crookston at 944-8509.





PRAYER CORNER

December 21, 2008

The Angelus

This prayer honors the incarnation. It is to be said three times a day, morning, noon and evening.

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. (Say the Hail Mary) Behold the handmaid of the Lord; Be it done unto me according to Thy Word. (Say the Hail Mary) And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us. (Say the Hail Mary) Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

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.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

December 21

Lk 1:26-38

Today's gospel sounds like a fairy tale story which is too good to be true. But it is true. While it is about the birth of Jesus, it is also about the faith of a young teenager. Mary, and Joseph's courage, respect and affection for Mary. When faith, courage, respect and affection live in a family. "God is with you!"

ARE YOU A BUSY COUPLE?

Treat yourselves to a weekend away from all the hustle and bustle. Attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is intended for couples with good marriages. It provided the opportunity to look at your relationship in an atmosphere of privacy and gives you a chance to give thanks for the gift of your lover, something that most of us don't take the time to do often enough.

The weekend is at the beautiful Toftrees Resort in State College Feb. 13-15. Register by Jan. 23rd for a \$10.00 discount on the registration fee. Call 1-412-635-7775 for details.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

December 25, the Church celebrates the great feast of the nativity of our Savior. As the prayer for the Mass at Dawn proclaims, "Your eternal Word leaped down from heaven in the silent watches of the night, and now your Church is filled with wonder at the nearness of her God." The eternal God has become one like us and has taken on flesh. The Incarnation of our Lord has made time and history sacred. All creation stands in awe at the birth of the babe in Bethlehem. The dawn of our salvation has appeared in the Word-made-flesh.

Christmas Blessings