

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun Dec 28	The Holy Family	
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Dec 30	6:10 PM	Bingo
Fri Jan 2	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun Jan 4	Epiphany of the Lord	
	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



**Monday, Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket**

8:30 a.m. †Phyllis Timpone (*Orsena Family*)

**Tuesday, Dec. 30**

8:30 a.m. †Viola Fliegerbauer (*Estate*)

**Wednesday, Dec. 31 Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary**

8:30 a.m. †Tom & Theresa Wojcik (*Stanley Wojcik Family*)

5:30 p.m. †Dorothy Reilly (*Reilly Family*)

**Thursday, Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary**

8:30 a.m. †Kay Patton (*John & Kids*)

10:30 a.m. †Rose & Anthony Cardinal (*Bernard & Rose Taddei*)

**Friday, Jan 2 St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen**

8:30 a.m. †James McKeon (*Family*)

**Saturday, Jan. 3 Holy Name of Jesus**

8:30 a.m. †Ona Rooney (*Aileen Parker*)

5:30 p.m. †Dorothy Stock (*Bonnie Bartley*)

**Sunday, Jan. 4 Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 a.m. †Fritz & Mary Werkmeister (*Friends*)

8:15 a.m. †Angelo Maniglia (*Daughters, Helen Hardy & Donna Sroka*)

10:30 a.m. †Timothy Housum (*Frank & Mary Wiley & Family*)

12 Noon Mass for the People

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK**

Servers for December 31, 2008

**VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

5:30 p.m. Heather Lee, Tonya Lee, Julia Paule

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, JANUARY 1, 2009**

8:30 a.m. Volunteers

10:30 a.m. Volunteers

**Servers** for January 3-4, 2009

5:30 p.m. Joshua Shultz, Megan Shultz, Loretta Bobetich, Alexandra Sheedy

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

8:15 a.m. Kyle Haney, Alex Gburek, Chase McGeary

10:30 a.m. Shaelyn Rickens, Damon Rickens, Justin Bimle, Rebekah Hughes

12 Noon Jamey Brumbaugh, Taylor Brumbaugh, Tyler Kessler

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

5:30 p.m. S.Askey, G. Bettwy, J. Frena, Volunteers

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

8:30 a.m. R. Skupien, M.L. Horton, J. Woomer, K. Woomer, P. Engelman

10:30 a.m. Dee Cree

**Eucharistic Ministers** for January 3-4, 2009

5:30 p.m. J. Shultz, J. Scarfone, G. Bettwy, S. Askey, K. McGraw

7:00 a.m. R. Kline, R. Fox, G. Miller

8:15 a.m. T. Link, K. Woomer, R. Smith, K. Gburek, P. Engelman

10:30 a.m. T. Goss, G. Goss, R. Murphy, C. Housum, D. Housum

12 Noon D. Shrift, P. Bracken, R. Eberhart

**Lector**

**VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

5:30 p.m. Viola Bettwy, Frances Hesser

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

8:30 a.m. Charles Wolf, Linda Wolf

10:30 a.m. Beth Tully

**Lectors** for January 3-4, 2009

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

7:00 a.m. Paul Cooney, Frank Fochler

8:15 a.m. Ken Haney, James Woomer

10:30 a.m. Chris Rickens, Thomas A. Irwin

12 Noon Christina Bracken, Jim Lane

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**WELCOME, YULE!** We warmly welcome all who will come this Christmas Day to celebrate the glorious feast of the Messiah's birth. We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest! We welcome our students home from college for a good winter's rest! We welcome parishioners who moved far away but join us today as old friends! We welcome all who have not been active of late in their Catholic faith. We hope they will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again! We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord bless you for all you do! Welcome to all! May our gathering this Christmas gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds. We are after all one People of God -redeemed by the Light. May we walk by the Light and live by the Light -- together in love.

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** Many visitors, parishioners and priests joined the following young people in a joyous celebration of God's merciful forgiveness and love:

Alexandra C. Berger	Brock D. Irvin
Sydney Berish	Emma E. Irwin
Kiarra L. Blanset	Marissa Kessler
Jonah C. Brandt	Olivia E. Kline
Emily L. Brown	Zachary C. Kuhns
Elyse S. Brzana	Michael T. McCall
Kelly E. Campbell	Evelyn S. McConnell
Dylann T. Condrin	Alicia A. Nicolini
John F. Fiore	Julian D. Rossi
Salvatore F. Fiore	Joshua C. Smith
Michael D. Folcarelli	Nathan A. Smith
John S. Frederick	Alexandra G. Snyder
Christopher M. Friedenberger	Eryn I. Stockley
Maddison T. George	Caleb D. Trexler
Matthew J. Hartman	Julia R. Wise
	Elizabeth A. Yahner

**PANDEMIC DISEASES DESERVE MORAL RESPONSES:**  
 "Countries afflicted by [pandemic diseases, such as malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS] find themselves held hostage, when they try to address them, by those who make economic aid conditional upon the implementation of anti-life policies. . . First and foremost, educational campaigns are needed, aimed especially at the young, to promote a sexual ethic that fully corresponds to the dignity of the person; initiatives of this kind have already borne important fruits, causing a reduction in the spread of AIDS. Then, too, the necessary medicines and treatment must be made available to poorer peoples as well. This presupposes a determined effort to promote medical research and innovative forms of treatment, as well as flexible application, when required, of the international rules protecting intellectual property, so as to guarantee necessary basic healthcare to all people" (no. 4). Benedict XVI, "World Day of Peace, 2009: *Fighting Poverty to Build Peace*"

**HOLY DAY** This Thursday, January 1st, is the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is a holy day of obligation and Catholics are expected to attend Mass on this day. The solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is the oldest of all Marian celebrations. In Mary we salute the one who is blessed among all women, perfect model not only of all the blessed of God, but of the whole Church, of which she is the greatest icon. This celebration occurs during the octave of Christmas and on the first day of the new calendar year. Mary has given us the Eternal Word. In Christ we find our salvation and redemption.

**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.

**OFFERTORY PRESENTERS**

Jan. 3	5:30 p.m.	Bonnie Bartley
Jan 4	7:00 a.m.	Joe & Kathy Harella
	8:15 a.m.	Ruth Novack & Family
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis & Carole Housum
	12 Noon	Volunteer

**CANDLES:** Kay Patton by John, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Jpyce Kjarsgaard.

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

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION**  
 The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for January 2, 2009 will be held here at St. Rose of Lima from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**  
 January 3-4, 2009  
 5:30 p.m. Amy Yahner, Vi Bettwy, Jen Myrick  
 7:00 a.m. Brenda Altiero, Dan Altiero, Greg Miller  
 8:15 a.m. Bev Elder, Judy Wood, Mary Campbell  
 10:30 a.m. Kim Irwin, Deb Fraundorfer, Becky Bimle  
 12 Noon Heather Macharola, Chris Bracken, P.J. Bracken

**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 946-3449.

**ECUMENICAL SERVICES**  
**On Sunday, January 25, 2009**, Bishop Gregory Pile of the Allegheny Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will host an ecumenical service at Saint James Lutheran Church (525 Mifflin Street) in Huntingdon, Pa. The service begins at 4:00 p.m.

**On Sunday, February 15, 2009**, Metropolitan Nicholas Smisko of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the U.S.A. at Christ the Saviour Cathedral (300 Garfield St. ) in Johnstown, Pa. This service begins at 3:00 p.m. All the parishioners are invited to attend these services.

### VOCATION VIEWS

#### Holy Family

The favor of God was upon him. God has blessed each one of us, how have we chosen to respond with the gifts we have been given. (Luke 2:22-40)

#### LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Today Christians in the west celebrate the great solemnity of the Epiphany. The Child born in Bethlehem is the Lord and King of all peoples and nations. Jesus arrived on this earth so that all might be saved and all profess the holy name. Today God revealed in Christ his eternal plan of salvation and manifested his eternal majesty as the light of all peoples. Now that his glory has shone among us, we are renewed in the immortal image of our God. We continue to follow the star that leads to eternal life.

### SHOW ME THE WAY

Lord Jesus,  
help me to understand the full meaning of your  
choice to be part of a human family.  
You know first hand the struggles of everyday life,  
the times of stress, the moments of joy,  
the routines that can be boring and bothersome.  
Help me to live the reality of my everyday life  
with the same depth of love  
that you shared with your family.  
Show me, Lord Jesus, the way to ordinary holiness.  
Amen.

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes are \$200, \$100, & \$50 for senior high and \$150, \$75, & \$50 for junior high. Go to: [www.CentralPaProlife.org](http://www.CentralPaProlife.org). for details, ideas and a wealth of information. Deadline: January 9, 2009.

### FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

December 28 Lk 2:22-40

Holy Family Sunday is not just about Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Your family too is called to be a "sign" to the world of a way of life modeled after the Holy Family. Like Mary and Joseph, you will be "a sign opposed" by others. For being different a "sword will pierce your heart." If we are doing it right, pain and Christianity go together!

### "IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"If abortion is bad for children because it kills them, and we find out through good, solid research that abortion is harming the mental or physical well being of women-and subsequently the fathers of those children as well as members of their extended families-then at some point we will have to ask as a society, 'if abortion is bad for all these people and causing all this damage, who is it good for?' We all know the answer: the abortion industry."  
(Olivia Gans, Director, American Victims of Abortion)

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

#### Holy Family Sunday

We are called to "do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus," says St. Paul. Perhaps that is the only resolution we really need in order to carry out God's divine plan.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2009

Topic: The New Testament  
Monday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
St. Rose of Lima School Art Room  
Facilitated by Ann Mingyar

**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.**

### 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 provides 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



**PRAYER CORNER**

**December 28, 2008**

**A Prayer to Present Children to God**

*Oh God, Whose only Son was part of a human family, I entrust to You my precious children.*

*May I as a parent be an example of prompt charity, wise care, and loving devotion.*

*May I work with You O God, to follow closely Your will, and may we both guide my children to develop a right conscience and a free will that grows in wisdom, age, and grace. Amen.*

Who do you know who is hearing the call to serve the Lord in the Church as a Permanent Deacon...

Maybe you?

God continues to call men between the ages of 32 and 59 to participate in service ministry to God's people in the Diaconate.

Members of our diocesan diaconal community will host a meeting to outline the role of the permanent deacon in the Church in the ministries of the word, the liturgy and charity. The steps to admission and of the formation process leading to ordination will be explained.

It is essential for a married man to be accompanied by his wife.

**MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2009:**

**January 10, 2009-1:00 p.m.**

Good Shepherd Parish (Conference Room)  
867 Gray's Woods Boulevard, State College

**January 11, 2009—1:30 p.m.**

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, (Seton Suite)  
One Cathedral Square, Altoona

**January 17, 2009—1:00 p.m.**

St. John the Gualbert Cathedral, (Activity Center)  
110 Adams Street, Johnstown (corner of Adams & Railroad Sts.)

If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, please contact:

Deacon Gene P. Neral, Director of Diaconal Formation  
124 Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648

Telephone: 814 693-9870 or

e-mail-general@dioceseaj.org

**VOCATION VIEWS**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Mary treasured and reflected on the meaning of the birth of her son Jesus. The shepherds praised and glorified God. How can your life best reflect and glorify Jesus? (Luke 2:16-21)

**CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM BISHOP GUILFOLYE**

Your Catholic High School, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School wishes everyone, especially its alumni and graduates of Altoona Catholic High School a prayerful Advent Season and a Blessed Christmas! If you visit the Holiday Lights on the Lake, look for the BG-sponsored Nativity scene.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Mary, Mother of God

As mother of God, Mary's stewardship consisted of her maternal service and devotion to Jesus, from infancy to adulthood, up to the agonizing hours of Jesus' death. May each of us, like Mary, recognize that God intends us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan.

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION...**

As a new calendar year begins, we pray for peace on earth. Peace in our world, peace in our country, peace in our community, peace in our family, peace within each Christian Heart—this is the prayer for today. When peace prevails, that peace which only Christ can give, then enemies will sit down and speak to one another, those who were estranged will join hands in friendship, and nations will seek the way of peace together. Please pray the following prayer on January 1<sup>st</sup>, a Day of Prayer in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

*Loving God, hear our prayer for peace. Over two millennia ago you sent us your Son. Jesus Christ is our Prince of Peace. Help us in our day to work for peace. Your Spirit is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. Make us instruments of your peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen*

*May the Peace  
of the  
Holy Family  
be with you  
always.*

