

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sun Jan 11 | Baptism 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 |
| Tues Jan 13 | 6:10 PM Bingo |
| Wed Jan 14 | 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary |
| Thurs Jan 15 | 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration |
| Fri Jan 16 | 6:10 PM Bingo |
| Sat Jan 17 | 9:00-10:30 AM Fourth Grade Retreat |
| Sun Jan 18 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | 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, January 12

8:30 a.m. †Joseph Schraf (*Janette DiGiacobbe*)

Tuesday, January 13 St. Hilary

8:30 a.m. †Leona Settlemyer (*Andy & Ann Mishock*)

Wednesday, January 14

8:30 a.m. †Robert Donnelly (*M/M Todd Sanders & Family*)

Thursday, January 15

8:30 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Friday, January 16

8:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (*Rodger & Anna Marie Hall*)

Saturday, January 17 St. Anthony

8:30 a.m. †Theresa Jean Wojcik (*Janet Ruscio*)
5:30 p.m. † Antonio & Maria Maniglia (*Family*)

Sunday, January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. †Matthew P. Zakrzewski (*Linda & Family*)
8:15 a.m. †Charles Love (*M/M Anthony Masralla & Family*)
10:30 a.m. † James Callahan (*Koch Family*)
12 Noon Mass for the People

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Servers for January 17-18, 2009

5:30 p.m. Heather Lee, Tonya Lee, Brendan Trybus, John Barnes

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

8:15 a.m. Connor Campbell, Chase McGeary, Thomas Keating

10:30 a.m. Sarah Goss, Brian Goss, Jillian Lemme, Mikayla Mignogna

12 Noon Mackenzie Bracken, Zachary Bracken, Colin Berkheimer

Eucharistic Ministers for January 17-18, 2009

5:30 p.m. K. McGraw, J.E. Brown, J. Shoenfelt, B. Shoenfelt, D. Fraundorfer

7:00 a.m. R.M. Fochler, D. Leahey, C. Sharbaugh

8:15 a.m. P. Engelman, M. Engelman, D. Cree, R. Spinazzola, M.L. Horton

10:30 a.m. T. Goss, G. Goss, K. Madariaga, D. Brown, K. Irwin

12 Noon P. Bracken, K. Wasicki, J. Wasicki

Lectors for January 17-18, 2009

5:30 p.m. Nancy Little, Elizabeth Tully

7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, Raymond Kline

8:15 a.m. Linda Wolf, Charles Wolf

10:30 a.m. Ryan Reilly, Laverne Previte

12 Noon Christiana Bracken, Chris Danison

FROM THE PASTOR

SIGNS OF JUSTICE CELEBRATION A citywide, interfaith and civic celebration of justice realized and justice anticipated happens Sunday, January 18, 2:00 P.M. in the new Altoona Area Junior High Auditorium. The Altoona Area Christian Coalition and the Ecumenical Conference are jointly sponsoring the gathering that will feature justice reflections by Phil DeVorris, Pastor Paul Johnson and Judge Jolene Kopriva and music provided by Altoona High School students and an all-faith child's choir. A time of fellowship will follow.

ADULT CONFIRMATION Our Christian Initiation Team invites any unconfirmed adult Catholic (post-high school in age) who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to Sunday evening preparation sessions. Come to the school library by 6:30 P.M. any Sunday in January (*Please note that for January 11 the session is at 2:30.*) to join the preparation process that will continue through the Lenten Season. We will celebrate Adult Confirmation at Easter Vigil (April 11). Inquiries contact either Rose Marie Fochler (944-3906) or Father Crookston.

PARISH DEBT REDUCTION

This weekend, January 10-11, the Second Collection will be for the Parish Debt Reduction. We welcome your generosity.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JANUARY 3-4, 2009

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| Regular | \$10182.41 | Christmas | \$ 835.00 |
| Rose | \$ 173.09 | Capital Campaign | \$ 81.00 |
| Candles | \$ 20.00 | Sol. of Mary | \$ 1167.00 |
| | | Total | \$12458.50 |

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING– DECEMBER 25, 2008

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| Christmas | \$11,292.00 |
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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DECEMBER 27-28, 2008

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| Regular | \$7258.85 | Christmas | \$1362.00 |
| Rose | \$ 163.01 | Capital Campaign | \$ 95.00 |
| Candles | \$ 15.00 | Immac.Concep. | \$ 10.00 |
| Flowers | \$ 10.00 | Solemnity of Mary | \$ 60.00 |
| | | Total | \$9247.00 |

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There is no school on Friday, Jan. 16th due to a teachers' inservice.

Meetings for the week:

✦ Technology Committee – Monday, Jan. 12th, technology room, noon

✦ PR Comm. – Thursday, Jan. 15th, technology room, 6:30 p.m.

School Council – Thursday, Jan. 15th, technology room, 7:00 p.m.

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.

SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT:

Thank You for your most generous response to the third weekend of the month, second collection. In December we received \$714.64 and forwarded it to the school. We appreciate your support. Next weekend (January 17/18) is our next second collection dedicated to the restoration of funds to our school reserved fund. Remember, also that your after Mass purchase and use of merchants' gift cards helps also.

RETREAT GRADE FOUR

There will be a Retreat for all children in the Fourth Grade on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Parents participation is not required.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

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| Jan. 17 | 5:30 p.m. | Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia |
| Jan. 18 | 7:00 a.m. | Linda Zakrzewski & Family |
| | 8:15 a.m. | Joe, Gigi & Ian Campbell |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Mike & Lois Mignogna |
| | 12 Noon | Dave & Keely Berkheimer & Family |

CANDLES: Kay Patton by John Patton, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions for the Living, For Our Family: Creek/McNulty by Linda Creek, For Bishop Joseph –all our Priests, Deacons and Carmelite Nuns by Linda Creek, Good Health & Happiness for All by Linda Creek, Prayers & Love to all Our Families & Friends in Heaven by Linda Creek, Vera Biel by Rose Messersmith, Paul & Ethel Norris by Carol Perry, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions for the Living, Nancy Benton by Jeanne Traficante, Thanksgiving, Special Intentions for the Living.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Pennington who died during the past week. May God give comfort to his family.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:

Patricia Shellenberger

REQUESTED BY:

David Shellenger

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

January 17-18, 2009

5:30 p.m. Jim Shoenfelt, Bea Shoenfelt, John Brown

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

8:15 a.m. Sherry Price, Damian Charlesworth, Kelly Charlesworth

10:30 a.m. Diane Gormley, Mark Zelnosky, Becky Bimle

12 Noon Chris Bracken, Jeanne Danison, Bonnie Frederick

POT LUCK DINNER

The Pot Luck Dinner will resume on January 25, 2009. The dinner will start at 2:00 p.m. Please bring one of your favorite dishes and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners.

SUPPER CLUB

Come and dine with the Supper Club on February 1 at 5:00 p.m. at the Boardwalk. For reservations or information please call Mary at 946-3449.

“IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”

Those who support a woman's supposed “right” to end the life of her unborn child might want to reflect on how they will be able to explain their position to the victims of abortion when we meet them face to face in the next life—which we most certainly will.

The Book Club schedule for the book “Saint Paul Called to Conversion” is as follows:

Jan. 11 pages 63 through 90

Jan. 25 pages 91 through 129

Come and enjoy the discussion of this book, in the computer room, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

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 parishioners are invited to attend these services.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessings be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2008. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2008 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

**KENTUCKY PROJECT & GLORIA GATES
OUTREACH
PROGRAM**

I wish to thank Grades K-9 and parents, for a great job in making the Kentucky Project such a great success. I especially want to thank Vi Bettwy, for being our Chairperson. This project is such an important one. It teaches the children charity outside their area.. These people are in such great need. They have nothing.

I wish to thank Grades 10-11 and parents for making the Gloria Gates Outreach Program such a great success. The children at Evergreen Manor appreciate the students generous giving and again it teaches the children to look beyond themselves at other children's needs.

Bernice Shoenfelt, Catechetical Leader

TRY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER—FOR A CHANGE!

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life...share a Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other.

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

BIRTHRIGHT OF ALTOONA

Dear Father Crookston & Friends of St. Rose.

On behalf of everyone at Birthright of Altoona, I'd like to thank you for your tremendous generosity for women in crisis pregnancies. In looking over the gifts you sent, I'd say you thought of everything! You are helping young women by giving them material support which they desperately need. They also need your prayers and appreciate them more than words can say.

May God continue to bless you for your kindness and your love of the unborn, the most defenseless in our society.

In the love of Jesus & Mary,
Birthright of Altoona
Pat Forr, Sec.

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

“A series of Preventive Health and Wellness Programs will be offered at Saint Francis University beginning the end of January. Sessions will address nutrition, fitness, weight control, stress management, tobacco cessation and osteoporosis prevention. No fee for Highmark members; a nominal fee for others. For more information, call 814 472-22783 or visit www.francis.edu/DiSepiolnstitute.htm.”

THANK YOU

The St. Rose of Lima Committee wishes to thank you for the generous donations made during the Immaculate Conception collection for Birthright and Precious Life.

PRAYER SERVICE

Monsignor Mazur will be celebrating a Prayer Service at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in memory of the unborn. At this Prayer Service, a blessing will be given for all those going on the March For Life.

St. Matthew's Church in Tyrone and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the 22nd annual local march to the Tomb of Baby Agnes Doe on Sunday, January 18th at 12 Noon. Please meet at the church and bring your signs. After the march, refreshments will be provided in the church hall.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



PRAYER CORNER

January 11, 2009

Remembering Baptism

Father, this day I rededicate myself to You and live a life for Your Glory.

Today, I think of the day I was Baptized and washed of my sin, and given Your Grace to become Your loyal and loving servant.

Renew my strength today, that I may be strong in faith and able to keep Your Commandments!

Lead me into greater spiritual depths in this year and assist me in becoming a child You can be proud of. Amen.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 11

Mk 1:7-11

What Our Heavenly Father said to Jesus in today's gospel, "You are my beloved. My favor rests on you" is said to each of us. We don't earn this love: it is given freely. The unconditional love we experience in our families is sacramental for it gives us a glimpse of God's freely given, all accepting, love.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Today the Church celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. This day concludes the holy season of Christmas. Jesus of Nazareth is revealed as the Son of God. The voice of God was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of the Word-made-flesh. And the Spirit of God was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your servant, and anointing him with joy as the Christ, sent to bring to the poor the good news of salvation. By our baptism we too bring good news and glad tidings to the poor and marginal.

Food For Families

Family Kitchen and Food Bank

Dear Members of St. Rose Parish Staff, Stewardship Council & Scrip Gift Card Volunteers, Weis gift cards in your honor have been sent to our St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen for Christmas from the Fromknecht Family. We are grateful.

Sincerely,
Sister Paula

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. Bishops' Stewardship Pastoral Letter reminds us about "a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism: that people place their gifts, their resources-themselves-at God's service in and through the Church...by proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying."

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 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.

TEACH ME YOUR WAYS

My sweet Jesus,

Let me see others with your eyes

Let me bring your love to those in distress.

Let me bring your presence to those in sorrow.

Let me be your voice to those who struggle.

Teach me your ways and I will do my best to follow.

Amen.

CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR HUMAN LIFE, INC.

will be asking for donations next weekend, January 17-18 after all the Masses. They will be offering pro-life buttons and precious fee in exchange for any donation.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

When: Thursday, January 22, 2009

Where: Washington, D.C.

Cost: \$15.00

The buses will be leaving the Altoona area at 7:00 a.m. on the 22nd and should return to this area about 9:00 p.m. You are asked to bring your lunch and enough money to cover the cost of your supper.

For reservations and more information call:

Patricia or Marita Forr-946-0681

Roxanne Blazewicz 695-8008

Beth Britz 696-2960

Anne Zelnosky 942-2723

C.R.O.S.S. Youth Group: For ages 5 through 12.

Place: St. Mary's Memorial Hall

Date: January 17, 2009

Time: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Activities: Religious workshop, bowling, crafts, large group games, arcade.

Food will be served at the end of the program. All are invited to attend and please bring your friends. Good will donation of \$1.00 is asked. Need not register to attend but helpful. Call Mary at 942-5362 or Jim at 942-0142.