

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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
Tues Jan 20	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed Jan 21	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Jan 22	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Jan 23	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun Jan 25	Third 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, Jan. 19

8:30 a.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Shirley Conway & Alverta Sommer*)

Tuesday, Jan. 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

8:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (*John & Sylvia Salvi*)

Wednesday, Jan. 21 St. Agnes

8:30 a.m. †Anthony Albanese (*Janette DiGiacobbe*)

Thursday, Jan. 22 St. Vincent

8:30 a.m. †Thomas Riley (*Jim & Linda Trexler*)

Friday, Jan. 23

8:30 a.m. †Grace Fedeli (*St. Rose of Lima School & Faculty*)

Saturday, Jan. 24 St. Francis deSales

8:30 a.m. †Melvin Chiridon (*Family*)
5:30 p.m. †M/M Stanley Halzer (*Margie Decoskey*)

Sunday, Jan. 25 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. †Pat Trexler (*Diana Macharola & Family*)
8:15 a.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Family*)
10:30 a.m. †Rose Cardinal (*Dolores Kunzler*)
12 Noon Mass for the People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—JANUARY 10-11, 2009

Regular	\$8028.85	Christmas	\$ 126.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 118.00	Debt Reduction	\$ 461.15
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00	Peru	\$ 10.00
Perquisites	\$ 50.00		
	\$	Total	\$8844.00

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Servers for January 24-25, 2009

5:30 p.m. Jessica Sanders, Nate Sanders, Brittany Boslet, Jessica Boslet
7:00 a.m. Volunteers
8:15 a.m. Jimmy Novack, Kaitlyn Lersch, Matthew Eiman
10:30 a.m. Thomas Irwin III, Maya Irwin, Caitlin Berkheimer, Kevin Condrin
12 Noon Elissa Ehredt, Eugene Ehredt, John M. Berger

Eucharistic Ministers for January 24-25, 2009

5:30 p.m. V. Bettwy, G. Bettwy, M. Tillard, S. Askey, B. Bartley
7:00 a.m. J. Fox, E. Beard, W. Beard Sr.
8:15 a.m. K. Woomer, K. Charlesworth, R. Novack, B. Stoltz, E. Stoltz
10:30 a.m. Y. Gibson, R. Murphy, C. Housum, D. Housum, B. Gentile
12 Noon R. Eberhart, M. Eberhart, M.A. Eberhart

Lectors for January 24-25, 2009

5:30 p.m. Nancy Little, Frances Hesser
7:00 a.m. Paul Cooney, Robert Fox
8:15 a.m. James Woomer, Damian Charlesworth
10:30 a.m. Thomas A. Irwin, Patrick Condrin
12 Noon Jim Lane, Heather Macharola

FROM THE PASTOR

MARCH FOR LIFE MASS In addition to the many activities listed in this bulletin, Mass is set for 6:15 AM at St. Theresa on January 22.

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.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE Lord, forgive us when we are indifferent to each other, and bring your healing to the wounds and divisions that keep us apart. Sustain each of us and our communities as we continue on the path toward the unity you desire for all your disciples. May the Holy Spirit continue to enlighten church leaders and grant them the grace to work in harmony, joy and love. Grant that all civil authorities work toward justice and peace, and give them the wisdom to attend to the needs of all, especially the most vulnerable.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who, inspired by you, Lord, have held an important place in our lives of faith, and for all who have reflected your forgiveness, compassion and love. May their gifts and generosity inspire our own desire to give and to serve with our lives. As we bring the gospel to bear on the great ethical challenges of our times may we learn to play our part in mitigating the global and ecological disasters that bring human suffering and threaten your creation.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Finally, we pray for all Christian churches and ask for your help, Lord, so that one day they can gather around the table and share the fellowship of holy communion. Adapted from *Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity*.

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.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There is no school Monday, Jan. 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Congratulations to our top three National Geographic Society's School Geography Bee finalists: First Place – Patrick Irwin, 8th grade / Second Place – Alex Gburek, 5th grade / Third Place – Lizza Franco, 8th grade.

Catholic Schools Week is from Jan. 24 – Jan. 30, 2009. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service". Here at St. Rose we will begin our celebration at the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, Jan. 24th. All parishioners and friends are invited to join with us at Mass to celebrate St. Rose School.

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 remember you in our morning prayers.

SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT:

This weekend the second collection will be for the School Reserve Account. In December we receive \$714.64. Thank you for being so generous. Remember, also that your after Mass purchase and use of merchants' gift cards helps also. We appreciate your support.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Jan. 24	5:30 p.m.	St. Rose School Children
Jan. 25	7:00 a.m.	Jim & Linda Trexler
	8:15 a.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
	10:30 a.m.	Joe & Patti Fromknecht
	12 Noon	Richard & Carol Anslinger

CANDLES: Kay Patton by John Patton, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, For the well being of Sgt. 1st Cl. Michael J. Chirdon & The Stryker Brigade, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions for the Living, Michael Turcovski by Joan Turcovski & Family.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Creek whom we honored with Christian Burial 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.

PRAYER CHAIN– If you would like our Prayer Chain pray for your intentions please call Bernice Shoefeld at 942-5659

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

January 24-25, 2009

5:30 p.m. John Frena, Gene Bettwy, Bev Elder

7:00 a.m. Brenda Altiero, Dan Altiero, Ken Lenze

8:15 a.m. Damian Charlesworth, Kelly Charlesworth, Mary Reffner

10:30 a.m. Diane Gormley, Mary Wiley, Kim Irwin

12 Noon Heather Macharola, Bonnie Frederick, Jeanne Danison

POT LUCK DINNER

The Pot Luck Dinner will be held next Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please bring one of your favorite dishes and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners.

SUPPER CLUB (CHANGE OF DATE)

Come and dine with the Supper Club on February 8th at 5:00 p.m. at the Boardwalk. For reservations or information please call Mary at 946-3449

THE RETREAT FOR FOURTH GRADE WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

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.

EUMENICAL 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.

A PRAYER FOR WISDOM

Eternal God, you alone are the source of goodness and truth.

Keep me firm in my conviction of what you have revealed to me through the Scriptures, church Tradition, and my own experience of your grace.

But also keep me open to receive new ideas and perspectives which may enlarge the truth you have already given me.

Amen.

THE BOOK CLUB schedule for the book "Saint Paul Called to Conversion" will be held on January 25 pages 91 through 129. Come and enjoy the discussion of this book, in the computer room, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Obedient to Christ and to the Church, we gather in liturgical assembly, week after week. As our predecessors in the faith, we find ourselves, "singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16). This common, sung expression of faith within liturgical celebrations strengthens our faith when it grows weak and draws us into the divinely inspired voice of the Church at prayer. Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations can foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken it. Music is an integral component of good liturgy.

**Sing to the Lord, *Music in Divine Worship*,
Number 5**

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 18 Jn 1:35-42
In Today's gospel Philip told Nathaniel "Come and see." He didn't preach, he invited and Nathaniel became a disciple of Jesus. If our children SEE the excitement of our faith, that will be invitation enough. Words will not be necessary.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Dear Friends,
St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop would like to wish you a Happy New Year! On behalf of the Thrift Shop, we would also like to thank you for the blanket donations. It made the biggest difference in our clients situations.

ATTENTION CHOCOLATE LOVERS!

Is your marriage like a box of chocolates? Discover the delightful surprises in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter over Valentine's weekend, Feb. 13-15, 2009 at Toftrees Resort in State College! The weekend is already filling up, so we ask you to please register as soon as possible, If you do so by Jan. 23 you will receive a \$10.00 discount on the registration fee. Call 1-412-635-7775 for details.



PRAYER CORNER

January 18, 2009

A prayer for our country
by Bishop Desmond Tutu:

Bless our beautiful land, O Lord, with its wonderful variety of people, of races, cultures and languages. May we be a nation of laughter and joy, of justice and reconciliation, of peace and unity, of compassion, caring and sharing. We pray this prayer for a true patriotism, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like Samuel in today's first reading, w may not immediately realize that it is God who is calling us. However, when we do realize that God is calling us to do His will, may we response emphatically, "Here am I, Lord: I come to do Your will!"

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

As we mark the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion, this question still confronts our society: Which living members of the human species should be seen as having fundamental human rights, such as a right not to be killed? The answer that still evades so many is: no human being should be treated as lacking human rights, and we have no business dividing humanity into those who are valuable enough to warrant protection and those who are not.