

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 1	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Feb 3	6:10 PM Bingo
Wed Feb 4	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Feb 5	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb 6	6:10 PM Bingo
Sat Feb 7	9:00-10:30 AM Retreat-Grade Seven
Sun Feb. 8	Fifth 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, Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. †Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

Tuesday, Feb. 3 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

8:30 a.m. †Richard V. Engelman (*Janette DiGiacobbe*)

Wednesday, Feb. 4

8:30 a.m. †Rose Cardinal (*John, Ann & Tony DeGol*)

Thursday, Feb. 5 St. Agatha

8:30 a.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (*Sandy & Sue Trotter*)

Friday, Feb. 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 a.m. †Grace Fedeli (*Pat Ronan*)

Saturday, Feb. 7

8:30 a.m. †Richard V. Engelman (*Paul & Mary Engelman*)

5:30 p.m. †James Nasralla (*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, Feb. 8 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. †Kay Patton (*John & Kids*)

8:15 a.m. †Thomas J. Wojcik (*Don & Alicia Burk*)

10:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (*Family*)

12 Noon Mass for the People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—JANUARY 24-25, 2009

Regular	\$8734.30	Christmas	\$ 100.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 128.00	Rose	\$ 352..70
Candles	\$ 20.00	Candlemas	\$ 10.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 25.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 11.00	Total	\$9381.00

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Servers for February 7-8, 2009

5:30 p.m. Loretta Bobetich, Nate Sanders, Jessica Sanders, John Barnes

7:00 a.m. Ireland McCreery, Michala Cooney

8:15 a.m. Connor Campbell, Matthew Eiman, Kurtis Fink

10:30 a.m. Sarah Fromknecht, Jillian Lemme, Caitlin Berkheimer, Kevin Condrin

12 Noon Alex Baker, Zachary & Mackenzie Bracken

Eucharistic Ministers for February 7-8, 2009

5:30 p.m. G. Bettwy, M. Tillard, J. Shultz, J. Brown, S. Askey

7:00 a.m. R. Fox, L. Zakrzwski, J. Fox

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

10:30 a.m. P. Fromknecht, J. Fromknecht, C. Rickens, D. Irwin, D. Gormley

12 Noon G. Baker, S. Baker, P. Bracken

Lectors for February 7-8, 2009

5:30 p.m. Vi Bettwy, Barbara Kooman

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

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

10:30 a.m. Pat Condrin, Tom Irwin

12 Noon Chris Bracken, Jim Lane

FROM THE PASTOR

NEW ALTAR MINISTER SCHEDULING Current Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers should have received scheduling cards by school backpack, surface or electronic mail. Call Leona (944-8509) if the scheduling cards have not arrived by February 2. Please complete and return these scheduling cards by February 9. The training for new *religious education* Altar Servers (Grade four or older) will take place 4:00-4:30 Wednesday afternoons starting February 11.

You are invited to: **CELEBRATE REMARKABLE SIGNS OF HOPE**

An evening of celebration honoring those who are working to restore hope in Altoona.

Thursday, February 19th 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Reception-Dinner & Recognition of Honorees

Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center

1500 4th Ave. Altoona \$10.00 per person

RSVP to: 814-944-9388 or

email:aaccsignsofhope@gmail.com

PARISH DEBT REDUCTION

Next weekend, February 14-15, the Second Collection will be for the Parish Debt Reduction. For January we received \$461.15. We welcome your generosity.

RENEWED PEWS

The beautifully restored wooden surfaces of our pews are the result of the labors of Kathy Spayd, Sam Tirone, and Fr. Spishak. Thank You so much!

FOUND: During Christmas Mass an Nintendo DS Lite was left behind. Owner may claim by identifying the display user name. Call Leona at 944-8509.

4TH ANNUAL ST. ROSA PALOOZA

Please join us for the 4th Annual St. Rosa Palooza. Come and enjoy a fun evening including an expanded dinner buffet, live music and dancing, and CASH PRIZES totaling over \$3000.00

- WHEN:** Saturday, February 21, 2009
From 6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** St. Rose of Lima Maria Parish Center
- HOW:** Donation of \$85.00 (admits 2 Adults over 21 years of age)
- WHY:** Benefits St. Rose of Lima School Athletic Programs

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Boslet (942-7637) or the school office (942-7835). Limited number of tickets available.

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

- February 7-8, 2009
- 5:30 p.m. Jen Myrick, Vi Bettwy, Gene Bettwy
- 7:00 a.m. Dan Altiero, Brenda Altiero, Ken Lenze
- 8:15 a.m. Sherry Price, Damian Charlesworth, Kelly Charlesworth
- 10:30 a.m. Mark Zelnosky, Pat Condrin, Becky Bimle
- 12 Noon P.J. Bracken, Chris Bracken, Jeanne Danison

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 7	5:30 p.m.	Rose Nasralla & Carmie Maniglia
Feb. 8	7:00 a.m.	Bob & Mary Ann Fox
	8:15 a.m.	Volunteers
	10:30 a.m.	Steve & Pam Brumbaugh & Family
	12 Noon	Volunteers

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard Traficante and Vera Biel whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to their families.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Catherine Lucia Cammarata, daughter of M/M Todd Cammarata who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

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 Shoenfelt at 942-5659.

SUPPER CLUB (THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED)

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

RETREAT GRADE SEVEN

There will be a Retreat for all children in the Seventh Grade on February 7, 2009 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in Social Hall. Parents participation is not required.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for February 6 will be held at St. Mary Church, 5th Ave. & 14th St. Altoona from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

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

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.

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.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The primordial song of the Liturgy is the canticle of victory over sin and death. Liturgical singing is established in the midst of this tension between death and life, defeat and victory. For Israel, the event of salvation in the Red Sea will always be the main reason for praising God, the basic theme of the songs it sings before God. For Christians, the Resurrection of Christ is the true Exodus, the definitively new song has been intoned. Death is defeated, and the baptized are invited into new life in Christ.

Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship, Number 7

BOOKCLUB

The Bookclub will begin discussing "Big Russ and Me" Father and Son: Lessons of Life by Tim Russert on February 8. We will discuss the first 7 chapters. It is not necessary to read the book to enjoy the discussion. Come to the computer room, between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. Come and have a good time while your children are at CCD!

BG DRAMA CLUB PRESENT FOOTLOOSE

Mark your calendar for the annual BG musical to be held March 27, 28, 29 at the Mishler Theatre. This year's production is *Footloose*. Tickets will be available through the Mishler Box Office .

STEWARDSHIP REFLECIONS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, we learn that becoming human, Jesus faced many challenges and temptations that are relevant even in our lives today. His responses demonstrate to us that we too can prevail over evil when we commit our entire being to doing God's will.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

On Sunday, February 15, 2009, Metropolitan Nicholas Smisko of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the U.S.A. will host an Ecumenical Service 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.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

Seeing in an ultrasound the unborn child she is carrying has been a powerful influence on Women contemplating abortion. One study showed 75.5 percent of undecided women decided not to have an abortion after viewing her baby's ultrasound. (*The Southern Cross*, August, 2008)

HEAL ME, LORD JESUS

*Holy one of God,
cast out from my life
every trace of evil and selfishness.
Heal me, gentle Jesus,
from all afflictions of mind and body,
and free me from the lingering effects
of my past sins.
Just as you cured the broken of your day,
look with mercy and pity on my brokenness,
and restore me to wholeness. Amen*

VOCATION VIEWS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God chooses ordinary people to speak his message. Try to perceive the voice of God in those around you. If you hear God's voice, harden not your heart. (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)



PRAYER CORNER

February 1, 2009

An ancient Welsh Prayer

*Grant us, O God, Your protection; and in
Your protection, strength; and in strength,
understanding; and in understanding,
knowledge; and in knowledge, the
knowledge of justice; and in the knowledge
of justice, the love of justice;
and in that love, the love of
existence; and in the love of existence,
the Love of God, God and all goodness.
Amen.*

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

Facing Your Giants: An Overnight Retreat

February 6– 7:00 p.m.—February 7– 3:00 p.m.
Held at CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, Pa.

Max Lucado's book invites us to look at the story of David and Goliath in a new way. We all have our Goliaths. When we focus on Giants we stumble. When we focus on God our giants tumble. Take this time of retreat to find the courage and strength of God to face your everyday challenges, struggles and disappointments. Time for input, silence and prayer will be part of this retreat. Sr. Marilyn Welch will facilitate this retreat. Opportunity for Spiritual Direction will be available. Suggested Offering \$55.00. Contact 814-886-4098 for information and/or registration by February 2.

Monthly Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2,
2009 6:30—7:30 p.m.
Held at CCW Incarnation Center

Pope Benedict has reminded us that Eucharist is the very life of the Church, the source of love that triumphs over death. He states, that from communion with Christ arises the charity that transforms our lives and supports all on the journey toward the heavenly homeland. **Come and spend an hour of communal and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in Our Incarnation Chapel. For information call: 886-4098.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesdays, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12,
2009 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Held at CCW Incarnation Center

The love of crochet and/or knitting along with a need to express care and concern for loved ones and friends has led to the establishment of many groups of persons devoted to Prayer Shawl Ministry. A prayer shawl is a symbol used to demonstrate God's loving embrace during times of sorrow or challenge, of joy and expectation, and the simple ordinary ups and downs of life. Each gathering begins with prayer for those for whom the shawl is being made and for those engaged in the ministry.

Join us as we begin a new group here at Incarnation Center. Shawls may be made for personal needs or to be given away to needy persons in nursing homes, those recovering from injuries sustained in the service of our country, those awaiting the birth of a child, and those who grieve the loss of a loved one or any other person needing to know God's embrace in a special way. For more information contact 886-4098.



**SAINT OF THE MONTH
SAINT BLAISE**

Feast Day: February 3

Patronage: against any throat disease, wild beasts and animals Veterinarians, & wool comers.

Profile: It is believed that St. Blaise was born of rich and noble parents and received a Christian education. He was a philosopher and physician. He was chosen to be a Bishop at a young age. His holiness was manifested through many miracles, including cures for the spirit and body, and even wild animals came in herds to receive his blessing. In 316, the emperor Licinius ordered the execution of all Christians. When St. Blaise was on his way to the prison, a poor woman's pig was attacked by a wolf. St. Blaise ordered the wolf to release the pig and it was freed unhurt. While in prison, he cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. The woman whose pig he saved brought St. Blaise candles so that his prison cell would have light and he could read the Sacred Scriptures. Thus, the connection between candles and curing of throat diseases.

St. Blaise was tortured and beheaded in 316.

In honor of St. Blaise, may we not fear to reach out to bless and heal those in our society whose throats are closed and whose voices are disregarded or silenced.

TO DO LIST

The list of things to do is endless. What about your marriage? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. This weekend together can reap benefits for you and your spouse for years to come.

The next weekend is at the beautiful Toftrees Resort in State College, February 13-15. Call 1-412-635-7775 for details

St. Catherine's Mardi Gras Picnic Buffet

Please join us at the St. Catherine of Siena Church Hall, Duncansville, for our Mardi Gras Picnic Buffet on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

All the comfort food you care to eat, including Hot Dogs, Kielbasa & Sauer Kraut, Perogies, Chicken, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Potato Salad and Assorted Delicious Desserts. The cost of Adults is \$7.50, Children (6 yrs to 12 yrs)-\$4.50, Children 5 and under eat free. All are welcome.