

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sun Feb. 22 | Seventh 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 |
| Tues Feb 24 | 6:10 PM Bingo |
| Wed Feb 25 | Ash Wednesday 5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary |
| Thurs Feb 26 | 9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration |
| Fri Feb 27 | 5:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross 6:10 PM Bingo |
| Sun Mar 1 | First Sunday of Lent 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i> |



Monday, Feb. 23

8:30 a.m. †Thomas J. Wojcik (*Katie & Bernie*)

Tuesday, Feb. 24

8:30 a.m. †Alfred Angstenberger (*Wife & Family*)

Wednesday, Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
8:30 a.m. †Robert Reese (*Joann & Family*)
7:00 p.m. †Marian Rankey (*M/M Robert A. Hicks*)

Thursday, Feb. 26

8:30 a.m. †Stephen Kimmel (*Janette DiGiacobbe*)

Friday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m. †Robert P. Breslin (*Bernard & Virginia Breslin*)

Saturday, Feb. 28

8:30 a.m. †Richard Engelman (*Paul & Mary Engelman*)
5:30 p.m. †Patricia Shellenberger (*Husband*)

Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †Pat Trexler (*Jim & Linda Trexler*)
8:15 a.m. †Thomas Riley (*Tim Leighner*)
10:30 a.m. †Theresa Jean Wojick (*Bob George*)
12 Noon Mass for the People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—FEB. 14-15, 2009

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| Regular | \$6726.23 | Christmas Club | \$ 36.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 71.00 | School Reserve | \$ 384.52 |
| Candlemas | \$ 15.00 | Christmas | \$ 50.00 |
| Ash Wednesday | \$ 8.00 | | \$ |
| | | Total | \$7287.75 |

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Altar Servers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009
7:00 a.m. Maryssa Brandt, Ireland McCreery
8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children
7:00 p.m. Vera Boyer, Megan Danison, Chase McGeary

Stations of the Cross, February 27, 2009
5:30 p.m. Thomas Keating, Connor & Ian Campbell

Altar Servers for February 28-March 1, 2009
5:30 p.m. Jessica, Brittany & Allison Boslet, Megan Shultz
7:00 a.m. Michala Cooney
8:15 a.m. Alex Gburek, Jimmy Novack, Maryssa Brandt
10:30 a.m. Sarah & Brian Goss, Macy Adams, Nathan Murphy
12 Noon Frank, Pauline & Nicholas Macharola

Readers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009
7:00 a.m. Chuck Wolf
8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children
7:00 p.m. Joe Breton, Chris Danison

Eucharistic Ministers for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009
7:00 a.m. Ron Skupien
8:30 a.m. D. Fraundorfer, M. Dombrowski, K. Irwin, N. Solimando
7:00 p.m. R. Novack, M.L. Horton, P. Bracken

Ash Minister –Feb. 25, 2009
7:00 a.m. L. Wolf
8:30 a.m. M. Engelman, P. Engelman, R. Friedenberger
7:00 p.m. K. McGraw, J. Wustrow

Eucharistic Ministers for February 28-March 1, 2009
5:30 p.m. J. Shultz, J. E. Brown, S. Askey, M. Kooman, K. McGraw
7:00 a.m. Brenda, Dan & Nicole Altiero
8:15 a.m. R. Novack, K. Woomeer, D. Cree, R. Skupien
10:30 a.m. T. Goss, G. Goss, R. Murphy, M. Wiley, K. Mrdjenovich
12 Noon G. Baker, S. Baker, D. Shrift

Lectors for February 28-March 1, 2009
5:30 p.m. Barbara Kooman, Vi Bettwy
7:00 a.m. Robert Fox, Ray Kline
8:15 a.m. Jim Woomeer, Anthony Labriola
10:30 a.m. Laverne Previte, Todd Cammarata
12 Noon Christina Bracken, Heather Macharola

FROM THE PASTOR

ASHES FOR OUR JOURNEY The ashen brand we receive this Wednesday is a reminder of death in the shape of the Christ's cross. The cross is our tree of life, our ark's anchor, our pole for the bronze serpent that saves us from dying in the desert of sin. Ashes call us away from sin and turn our hearts to Christ and the Gospel of reconciliation and eternal life.

As part of our Lenten journey, we often resolve to respond to God's healing grace with acts of fasting, abstinence, almsgiving, prayer, and renewed virtue. During our procession to receive ashes, you may place "Lenten kindling paper" – your anonymous notes of Lenten resolves, hopes, and practices – in baskets after you have received the brand of the cross. Your kindling will help start the purifying Easter Vigil fire.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Begin this Lent at one of our Ash Wednesday Masses. Help your resolve with acts of prayer, fast, and charity. Devote time to prepare yourself for the purifying gift of Christ's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Ash Wednesday collection and the second collections during Lent are alms for our sister parish in Peru and for the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. We also invite your daily home alms to Operation Rice Bowl.

Our participation at daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and reflective spiritual study further sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the grace of God welling up in our hearts.

LENT This Wednesday, February 25, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty days journey toward the Triduum with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 25) and Good Friday (April 10) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent (February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3) are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two meals and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14th year are obliged to **ABSTAIN**. The church directs the holy **FAST** to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout the other days of Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

Evangelization—strengthening one's own faith and those around us....

“Support United States Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleute Missions”

The annual appeal is a vital part of the Church for the Year 2009. The Funds are needed to continue present Evangelization programs; even more, to assist those parishes devastated by hurricanes to totally rebuild their programs. Many places, lost everything and how soon we forget the rebuilding that needs to be done *cannot be done overnight*. The evangelization programs torn apart by the devastation need to be woven back together. It will take years. May new evangelization efforts are being made in these areas as well as the other Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities assisted by the Church's National Black and Indian Collection. Will you try to help us be successful. This collection will be taken up next weekend February 29-March 1. Please use your envelope that is located in your pack of envelopes.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

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| Feb. 29 | 5:30 p.m. | Shellenberger Family |
| March 1 | 7:00 a.m. | Jim & Linda Trexler |
| | 8:15 a.m. | John & Pat Brown |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Volunteers |
| | 12 Noon | Volunteers |

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, by His Family

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like our Prayer Chain to pray for your intentions, please call Bernice Shoenfelt at 942-5859.

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

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The school students will attend 8:30 Mass on Ash Wednesday. They will not attend Mass on Friday, Feb. 27th.

The students will pray the “Stations of the Cross for Young People” each Friday during Lent at 1:30 in the church. All are welcome to join us.

REGISTRATION for ALL GRADES (including Pre K 3 and Pre K 4) for 2009-2010 is OPEN. Pre K 4 and kindergarten are optional full or half day programs. Please call the school office for more information (942-7835).

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.

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

February 28-March 1, 2009

5:30 p.m. Deb Fraundorfer, Jen Myrick, Bev Elder

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

8:15 a.m. Judy Wood, Sherry Price, Marty Dombrowski

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

12 Noon P.J. Bracken, Chris Bracken, Heather Macharola

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Through grace, the liturgical assembly partakes in the life of the Blessed Trinity, which is itself a communion of love. The Church urges all members of the liturgical assembly to participate fully depending on their orders and their role in the liturgical rites. Within the gathered assembly, the role of the congregation is especially important. As the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy states, "The full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit" (#14).

Sing to the Lord, *Music in the Divine Worship*, Number 8

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

The framers of the Declaration of Independence asserted that all human beings have inalienable rights, bestowed on them not by any human power, but by their Creator. Those who hold a more exclusionary view need to explain why we should divide humanity into those who have moral value and those who do not. This moral line-drawing poses a serious threat to the dignity and rights of other poor and vulnerable members of the human family who need and deserve our respect and protection.

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet on March 1st at King's on Plank Road at 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy dining with your fellow parishioners. For reservations or information please call Mary at 946-3449

BOOK CLUB

The book club has begun reading "Big Russ and Me" by Tim Russert. We meet in the Computer Room between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.

The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 22 pages 60-118

March 8 pages 118-192

March 22 pages 193-271

April 5 pages 272-331

It is not necessary to read the book to enjoy the discussion, come and have a good time while your children are at CCD!

ST. ROSE OF LIMA JR. GIRL SCOUT TROOP 40531

Will be having a "Cookie Sale" after all the Masses on March 14 & 15, 2009. They would appreciate your support.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society thanks Doug Stephens for his work on repairing the candle stands and donating his work at no cost. They were beautifully done.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Christian discipleship means practicing what Jesus preached. Discipleship is found in relationship with Christ and a commitment to his mission of bringing "glad tidings to the poor. / ...liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free." (*Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice*, USCCB, 1998) What are you doing to free those who are paralyzed by poverty and injustice through no fault of their own?

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

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

Those individual 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 to you.

POT LUCK DINNER

The Pot Luck Dinner will be held this Sunday, February 22, in the Social Hall at 2:00 p.m. Please bring one of your favorite dishes and enjoy the afternoon.

MIRACLE OF LIFE MINISTRY

Miracle of Life Ministry/Pro Life billboard volunteers will be here **February 28th & March 1st** seeking your continued support as together we Help America End Abortion. Thanks to the support of everyone at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Parish, this is our 13th year of raising Pro-Life billboards.

Your donations are extremely important.

Thanks to all of you, this small ministry has touched lives in over 26 states. People stop and take photos, Pray the Rosary and bring others to see the Sculptures and Pro-Life Messages. Thanks to the support of Father Crookston and parishioners of Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Together we are Changing Hearts and Saving Lives.

Abortion destroys the lives of approximately 1.3 million babies each year. 3,500 every day. Nearly 50 million Americans to date. We must not stop until abortion stops!

As always **Thank you for being so generous!**

Members of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish/Portage
Father Ronald Osinski/Pastor

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AREA FISH DINNERS

On Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009 the **Cathedral Parish** will hold a Fish Dinner from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 for children. Also Available Pasta Fazoili soup for \$1.50 a bowl. Take out available.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 806 11th St., Altoona will have a Fish Dinner-Baked or Fried on Ash Wednesday. Tickets \$7.00. Take out available. Tickets may be purchased at the Rectory between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Unter Uns Club will have Fish Dinners starting on Ash Wednesday, and every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday. Dinners served from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. \$7.50 adults, \$5.00 children 3-12 years of age and free for anyone under 3. For more information call 944-0258.

St. Therese Church will have Fish Dinner during Lent except Good Friday. Baked or Fried Fish or Fried or Steamed Shrimp. Dinners serve 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. \$7.00 for adults; \$4.00 for Children under 12. Take out available.

ST. CATHERINE'S MARDI GRAS PICNIC BUFFET

Please join us at 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.. 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.

Mount Aloysius College will be holding a financial aid night on March 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library, Buhl Room. This event is open to the general public-interested students do not need to be attending Mount Aloysius College to participate.

Mount Aloysius College will be holding an Open House on Sunday, March 15, 2009. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Health and Physical Fitness Center. Students and families will learn about admissions. Financial aid, academic programs, athletics, and will have the opportunity to tour campus. For more information on either of event, please contact the Office of Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions at 1-888-823-2220.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

St. Matthew Home School Association is sponsoring a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew Church Hall, 1105 Cameron Ave. in Tyrone, Pa. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Debbie Zakrzwski at 814-632-3070 or email at dzakrzwski@aol.com There will be a variety of crafters with items available for the upcoming celebrations of St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and the Spring Season. There will also be lunch available with baked items, and homemade soups, potato salad and haluski.

VOCATION VIEWS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's healing power is at work in you. Who needs your compassion? How will you be an instrument of healing and forgiveness? (Mark 2:1-12)



PRAYER CORNER

February 22, 2009

A Prayer for the Suffering

*O Lord, please watch with those who wake,
or watch or weep tonight,*

*and give Thine angels charge
over those who sleep.*

Tend Thy sick ones, O Lord Christ,

Rest thy weary ones.

Bless Thy dying ones.

Soothe Thy Suffering ones.

Pity Thine afflicted ones.

Shield Thy joyous ones.

And all for Thy love's sake.

Amen.

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

Ronald Rohlheiser, OMI is a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, a specialist in the fields of spirituality and systematic theology. He has written extensively in matters of spirituality.

Using his DVD presentations on spirituality, we will spend a Sunday Sabbath afternoon in reflection, prayer and spiritual enrichment. This series will be facilitated by Sr. Marilyn Welch. Suggested Offering per session: \$15.00 Series \$35.00

March 1: The Passion of Christ

March 15: The Cross of Christ

March 29 Generative Discipleship

Contact 814-886-4098 for information and/or registration by February 25, 2009.

Our Lady of Fatima Kitchens, 2010 12th Ave. Altoona will have a Haluski Sale on February 25, 2009 \$5.00 per quart. Call you order in on Monday, February 23 by 12 Noon. 942-0371. Pick up times at the Rectory 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taking part in the Feinstein Challenge to Fight Hunger during the months of March and April. If any individual, business or groups would like to make a donation or sponsor a food rive or fundraiser for the Society's Mission to feed the hungry of our area please contact the Executive Director at 814-539-4627.