

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun March 1	First Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf
Tues March 3	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed March 4	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs March 5	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri March 6	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun March 8	Second Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Monday, March 2

8:30 a.m. †Kay Patton (*John & Kids*)

Tuesday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 a.m. †Vera Biel (*Linda Taddei*)

Wednesday, March 4 St. Casimir

8:30 a.m. †Richard Traficante (*Frances Bell & Kathy Mirabella*)

Thursday, March 5

8:30 a.m. †Edmund Ventresca (*Regina Ventresca*)

Friday, March 6

8:30 a.m. †Grace V. Fedeli (*Janette DiGiacobbe*)

Saturday, March 7 SS. Perpetua & Felicity

8:30 a.m. †Luts Harella (*Joe & Kathy Harella*)
5:30 p.m. †Charles Love (*M/M Jay Eiman & Family*)

Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m. †Louise A. Aungst (*Linda Zakrzwski & Cheryl A. Cotton*)
8:15 a.m. †Richard Engelman (*Mary & Paul Engelman*)
10:30 a.m. †Melvin Chirdon (*Family*)
12 Noon Mass for the People

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross, March 6, 2009

5:30 p.m. Stefan Beard, Billy Beard, Connor Campbell
Altar Servers for March 7-8, 2009
5:30 p.m. Joshua Shultz, Megan Shultz, Loretta Bobetich, John Barnes
7:00 a.m. Ireland McCreery
8:15 a.m. Chase McGear, Connor Campbell, Kaitlyn Lersch
10:30 a.m. Sarah Goss, Brian Goss, Macy Adams, Sarah Irvin
12 Noon Frank Macharola, Pauline Macharola, Nicholas A. Macharola
Eucharistic Ministers for March 7-8, 2009
5:30 p.m. J. Shultz, G. Bettwy, J.E. Brown, D. Fraundorfer N. Solimando
7:00 a.m. B. Altiero, D. Altiero, N. Altiero
8:15 a.m. M. Dombrowski, J. Trexler, R. Friedenberger, P. Engelman, M.L. Horton
10:30 a.m. T. Goss, G. Goss, D. Irwin, M. Kooman, B. Gentile
12 Noon G. Beck, S. Baker, G. Baker
Lector for March 7-8, 2009
5:30 p.m. Viola Bettwy, Elizabeth Tully
7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, Raymond Kline
8:15 a.m. Patrick Labriola, Randy Donnelly
10:30 a.m. Thomas A. Irwin, Joseph Breton
12 Noon Joseph Macharola, Heather Macharola

FROM THE PASTOR

PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION Our Lenten reconciliation service is Sunday, March 29, 4:00 p.m. We will have three priests in the reconciliation rooms as well as other priests stationed throughout the school. Other opportunities for your celebration of sacramental reconciliation are: St. John's, Lakemont-Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.; St. Matthew's, Tyrone-Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.; Cathedral-Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.; Our Lady of Lourdes, Friday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. and St. Mary's Hollidaysburg, Sunday, April 5, 4:00 p.m. Additionally Sacred Heart will have sacramental reconciliation nightly at 6:30 p.m. during its Novena, March 23-31. These communal services heighten our awareness that we are a pilgrim people in need of forgiveness and that as a community we celebrate God's saving grace. Times for individual celebration of reconciliation at St. Rose are the usual Saturday times (Noon and after the 5:30 evening Mass), and following morning Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.

RENEWING JOURNEY Lent is so rich in theology and history, so filled with tradition and so shaped by memories, both ecclesial and personal, that every Lenten journey yields fresh insight and deeper wisdom. Lent is the season in which we "prepare .

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—FEB. 21-22, 2009

Regular	\$7674.20	Christmas	\$ 59.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 116.00	Rose	\$ 207.30
Debt Reduction	\$ 25.00	Peru	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 16.50	Candles	\$ 35.00
Bishops' Relief	\$ 20.00	Black & Indian	\$ 20.00
Mass Intention	\$ 10.00	Total	\$8188.00

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

joyfully for the mystery of Easter with minds and hearts renewed." In Lent, a spirit of loving reverence for God and of willing service to neighbor blesses the community of faith.

Lenten purification and enlightenment prepare Candidates and the Elect to receive the sacraments of Easter initiation. During Lent as Jesus' redeemed community, we recall our own initiation and prepare for spiritual renewal.

Thus Lent is a time for more intense prayer and reflection and for particular attention to the word of God. This takes place above all in the Sunday Eucharist. Lenten penance is not "only inward and individual but also outward and social." Prayer, fasting, almsgiving and other works of charity are the traditional ways of deepening conversion to Christ.

The second collections during Lent are alms for our sister parish in Peru and for the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Prepare yourself for the purifying gift of Christ's Sacrament of Reconciliation

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

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 1009-2010 is OPEN. Pre K-4 and Kindergarten are optional full or half day programs. Please call the school office for more information (942-7835)

ST. ROSE OF LIMA BASKET BINGO

St. Rose of Lima School will be having a Longaberger Basket Bingo on Monday, March 30th at the school's social hall from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:00 p.m.) Tickets are \$20.00 which includes 15 regular bingo games, a chance for a grand prize, food, drinks, and lots of fun. Call the school office to purchase tickets at 942-7835 or Kim Irwin at 942-6892.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to the Easter Flowers in the Church, please use your Easter Flower envelope (or a plain envelope) and drop them into the collection basket by April 5. Please print the name of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. Your memorials will be printed in our Easter Bulletin.

The Branch in the foyer contains the names of our First Holy Communion Children, the Confirmation Candidates and the RCIA adults. Please take a card from the branch & pray for them during Lent so they may become true Christians and soldiers of Christ.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 7	5:30 p.m.	Volunteers
March 8	7:00 a.m.	Linda Zakrzewski & Family
	8:15 a.m.	Mary & Paul Engelman
	10:30 a.m.	Joe & Jean Chirdon
	12 Noon	Volunteers

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

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Jonah Al Funtal Noel and Delilah Maria Funtal Noel children of M/M Barry Noel who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.

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.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for March 6 will be held at St. Mark's Church, 6th Ave. & 4th St. Altoona, from 8:00 until 11:00 p.m.

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please remember to renew your membership in the ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY. As a member of the society you partake in the graces of a Mass each month and at the time of your death. The Altar Society provides flowers, candles, and altar linens used throughout the year. Please use the envelope provided in your box of envelopes.

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 7-8, 2009

5:30 p.m. Amy Yahner, 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. Tom Goss, Pat Condrin, Mark Zelnosky

12 Noon Jeanne Danison, Bonnie Frederick, Mary Campbell

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:

March 8 pages 118-192

March 22 pages 193-271

April 5 pages 193-331

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

You are invited to join the Catechumens and Candidates from St. Rose of Lima to celebrate the Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates, a diocesan wide event at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on March 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Joseph Adamec on behalf of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, will be officially welcoming them to the next step of their journey to full membership in the Catholic Church as the Elect and Candidates. Everyone is invited to a reception in the Cathedral Hall following the ritual.

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.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"One day... our nation will... look back on what we have been doing to innocent human beings within their mothers as a crime no less heinous than what was approved by the Supreme Court in the 'Dred Scott case' in the 19th century, and no less heinous than what was perpetrated by Hitler and Stalin in the 20th." Cardinal Edward Egan in Catholic New York, October 23, 2008.

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. Tyrone, Pa. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Debbie Zakrzwski at 814-632-3070 or email at dzakrzwski@aol.com. There will also be lunch available with baked items and homemade soups, potato salad and haluski.

ALTOONA CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRIES: We are asking anyone who would like to get involved with youth ministries to please attend a meeting on March 2. Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: St. Mary's School. It only takes a few hours a month to make a difference in a child's life. We have coordinators from 4 different parishes involved and are always in need of more help. Please come and join us! We have 2 youth ministries, C.R.O.S.S. Youth Group is geared for children from ages 5 to 12 years. T.E.E.N. Youth Group is geared for youth from 13 and on up. For information call Joe or Vickie Pacovsky at 940-8665. Need not register to attend.

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 at 946-5383 or Janette 946-4342.

FRANCIS AND CLARE RETREAT IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE

Saint Francis University invites you to explore you to the richness of the Franciscan heritage at historical locations in southern France, where the early Franciscan Order flourished during the Middle Ages. You will enter the minds of Saints Francis and Clare on this memorable journey, in settings reminiscent of their world. From your base in the monastery of Ambialet, where the University operates its study abroad program, you will have an opportunity to marvel at the natural beauty of the region, while participating in inspiring lectures. The itinerary will guide you through a wide variety of sites in the region, balancing the schedule to maximize your time. The Retreat cost is \$2,900 all inclusive (including airline tickets). For more information contact Juliana Horvath, Director of Saint Francis University's International Education and Outreach at 814-472-3245 or jhorvath@francis.edu.



PRAYER CORNER

March 1, 2009

A Prayer for the beginning of Lent

by St. Ignatius of Loyola

Oh Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for living close to You we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things. Amen

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, please call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information to you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

AREA FISH DINNERS DURING LENT

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

Our Lady of Lourdes will have Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent. Dinners served 4:30-7:00 p.m. or until sold out. \$7.50 for adults; Children under 12 \$5.00.

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

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Roast Beef Dinner/Spring Festival on Sunday, March 22. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church social hall (former St. Patrick building) at the top of Church Street. Time 11:00 a.m. to ...? Tickets: Adults \$7.50; children, \$4.00; Under 4 free, Takeouts, \$8.00.

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 drive or fundraiser for the Society's Mission to feed the hungry of our area please contact the Executive Director at 814-539-4627.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S, 344 Baynton Ave. Lakemont. Janna Lower, Violin & David Allen Wehr, Piano. Hollidaysburg native and violinist Janna Lower returns home for a very special concert. She is joined by Pittsburgh area Pianist David Allen Wehr on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$8.00 adults/\$15.00 family.

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 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.



SAINT OF THE MONTH *SAINT JOSEPH*

FEAST DAY: March 19

**PATRONAGE: of the dying,
the universal church, fathers,
carpenters, and social justice.**

PROFILE: Joseph was the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. According to the gospels, Joseph was a skilled craftsman, a carpenter or builder. We know he was not a rich man because when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified, he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or pigeons, therefore he could not afford a lamb. Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from the royal lineage of the house of David, the greatest king of Israel. We know that Joseph was a compassionate, caring, obedient man, who had deep faith in God. We know he was an excellent husband to Mary and that he loved Jesus very much. He protected his family, and was known as a righteous man.

Joseph has another feast day on May 1. This feast day honors him as Joseph the Worker.

Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, you are that faithful and wise servant, who by divine providence was the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus.

Yours, O Joseph, was the happiness of living in the company of Jesus and Mary. May we imitate the virtues you demonstrated in life here on earth.

Whatever we do, may it be for the greater honor and glory of God.

St. Joseph pray for us. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

1st Sunday of Lent

As we begin Lent, all three readings today remind us that "baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (Catechism of the Catholic Church; 1216). May we re-commit ourselves to living as disciples of Jesus Christ and wise stewards of all of our gifts.