

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun March 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf
Tues March 24	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed March 25	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs March 26	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri March 27	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun March 29	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	Interpreted Mass for the Deaf



Monday, March 23 St. Toribio de Morovejo
8:30 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Tuesday, March 24
8:30 a.m. †Shirley Maier (Bob & Peggy Peterman)

Wednesday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord
8:30 a.m. †Vera Biel (M/M Jack Nagle)

Thursday, March 26
8:30 a.m. †Thomas Riley (Jack & Pat Brown)

Friday, March 27
8:30 a.m. †Marian Rankey (St. Rose of Lima School Faculty & School Children)

Saturday, March 28
8:30 a.m. †Joan Bator (Family)
5:30 p.m. †Ronald A. Geis Jr. (Family)

Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:00 a.m. †Richard Traficante (Paul & Shirley Hatch)
8:15 a.m. †Frank & Dorothy Skupien (Family)
10:30 a.m. †Thomas J. Wojcik (Terri & John Fraundorfer)
12 Noon Mass for the People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—MARCH 14-15, 2009

Regular	\$8597.13	Christmas	\$ 39.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 80.00	Bishops' Relief	\$ 31.00
Fire Victims	\$2080.37	Perquisites	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 613.00		\$
House Fund	\$ 100.00	Total	\$11550.50

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross, March 27, 2009
5:30 p.m. Matthew Zupon, Chase McGeary, Connor Campbell
Servers for March 28-29, 2009
5:30 p.m. John Barnes, Jessica Boslet, Brittany Boslet, Allison Boslet
7:00 a.m. Ireland McCreery
8:15 a.m. Jimmy Novack, Connor Campbell, Kaitlyn Lersch
10:30 a.m. Matthew Gormley, Mikayla Mignogna, Rebekah Hughes, Jillian Lemme
12 Noon Colin Berkheimer, Megan Danison, Kevin Condrin
Eucharistic Ministers for March 28-29, 2009
5:30 p.m. K. McGraw, C. Boslet, K. Boslet, D. Fraundorfer, S. Askey
7:00 a.m. C. Sharbaugh, W. Beard Sr., E. Beard
8:15 a.m. J. Woomer, K. Woomer, R. Novack, D. Cree, R. Spinazzola
10:30 a.m. D. Gormley, K. Madariaga, C. Housum, D. Housum, B. Gentile
12 Noon G. Beck, J. Wasicki, K. Wasicki
Lectors for March 28-29, 2009
5:30 p.m. Viola Bettwy, Frances Hesser
7:00 a.m. John Kenny, Raymond Kline
8:15 a.m. Shawn Wesner, Anthony Labriola
10:30 a.m. Ryan Reilly, Deborah Brown
12 Noon Chris Danison, Patrick Condrin

FROM THE PASTOR

FIRE RECOVERY Your fire recovery response for Richard & Robin Vinglas and their six-year-old daughter Kori, has generated nearly \$2,300. Please put further contributions in an envelope and write Fire Recovery Fund on this envelope. You may put the fire recovery envelope in the offering basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thanks for your compassion.

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: 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY WEEK ASSIGNMENTS – LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Practice for Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday) and the coordination of communion for the homebound occur at either of these two meetings: Monday, March 30, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM or Saturday, April 4, 9:15 AM -10:15 AM. Ministers would attend either of the meetings. Lectors will practice with copies of Our Lord's Passion and the readings for the Easter Vigil. Eucharistic Ministers will select those homebound to whom they will take Holy Communion following the Holy Thursday Evening Mass.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There is no school on Tuesday, March 24th due to a teachers' inservice.

The students 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).

There is an **OPEN HOUSE for Pre K through grade 8 on Thursday, March 26th** from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Faculty and parents will be available to answer your questions and take you on a tour of the school. Our school is firmly rooted in Catholic faith and values, and we provide a solid, balanced academic formation for our students. Come visit us and see the St. Rose difference. We look forward to seeing you!

Don't forget to gather some friends for a fun ladies' evening at our Longaberger Basket Bingo on Monday, March 30th. Tickets are \$20.00. Please call the school office for information or to order tickets (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.

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.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 28	5:30 p.m.	Terrance & Leigh McCall
March 29	7:00 a.m.	Jeanne & Michael Traficante
	8:15 a.m.	Ron Skupien & Mary Lou Moffitt
	10:30 a.m.	Stanley Wojcik & Diane Brennan
	12 Noon	Christopher & Jeanne Danison

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, Lisa Easter by Linda Snyder

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.

POT LUCK DINNER

Our monthly Pot Luck Dinner will be held on March 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Bring one of your favorite dishes and enjoy the Dinner with your fellow parishioners.

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.

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet on Sunday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m. at T.G.I. Friday's. Come and enjoy dining with your fellow parishioners. For reservations or information, please call Mary at 946-3449.

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are invited to join Bishop Joseph with his priests in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the Church's season to remind the faithful of our need to turn from sin and seek God's mercy. We seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor. Gather with all who identify themselves as sinners joyfully proclaiming the love and forgiveness of God. A Communal Penance Service focusing on the Pauline Year will be celebrated on **Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, at 6:30 p.m.** This public gathering of believers is a great preparation for the celebration of the Easter mysteries. Plan to gather for this hour of prayer celebrating God's mercy in liturgy

“IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”

The prominent Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer clearly described the act of abortion: “The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder.”

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 28-29, 2009

5:30 p.m. Bea Shoenfelt, Jim Shoenfelt, Deb Fraundorfer

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

8:15 a.m. Judy Wood, Sherry Price, Kathy Woomer

10:30 a.m. Mark Zelnosky, Pat Condrin, Diane Gormley

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

STEWARSHIP REFLECTIONS

4th Sunday of Lent

The next time you attend a sports event and see someone waving a sign with “John 3:16,” think of today’s Gospel. And recall that you have been gifted—undeservedly so—by all-loving and awesome God. By choosing to believe, we will receive the gift of eternal life!

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

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.

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 pack of envelopes.

THE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club has begun reading “Bin 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 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 you children are at CCD!

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

Basket Raffle will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2009 at Cosgrave Student Center-Dining Hall. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Drawings begin at 2:00 p.m. 26 chances for only \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Sponsored by the Mount Aloysius Phonathon Relay for Life Team. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

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.

St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Roast Beef Dinner/Spring Festival on Sunday, March 29. 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, \$7.00; Children, \$4.00; Under 4, FREE; Takeouts, \$8.00.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul 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.

2009 National Medjugorje Conference
University of Notre Dame—May 29, 30 and 31

Come to Notre Dame on Pentecost Weekend to experience a Spirit filled event that will open your heart to Jesus through Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Speakers include **Immaculee Ilibagiza** an internationally known author and speaker. Her book “Left to Tell” recounts her amazing story of survival during the Rwandan genocide. Also speaking will be **Doctor Tom Jones**, a scientist, author, pilot and former NASA astronaut. **Sister Rita Marie Sofka** left a successful career in business at age 50 to enter the convent, after a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 1991 and having a conversation with **Fr. Slavko Barbaric** about her future. **Joseph Palko** founded MIR movement in Ontario, Canada, in 2004 following a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. **Father Mark Gurtner** went to Medjugorje as a teenager and felt a calling to the priesthood. **Michael O’Brien** was given a personal message from Vicka while on pilgrimage to **Medjugorje** in 1988 that changed his life drastically. He became a singer for Our Lady. The cost for this pilgrimage will be \$275 per person based on double occupancy. There is a \$50.00 non refundable reservation fee. We will be traveling with Lodestar Bus Lines, and staying at a 4***hotel, The Inn at St. Mary’s. Price does include bus transportation, conference fee, meals are not included. Please call Theresa Bauer for more information on this spirit filled experience, 814-948-7117.

WHAT BG ALUMNI ARE SAYING ABOUT THEIR ALMA MATER

"Bishop Guilfoyle's rigorous academic program more than prepared me for the challenges of college. However, BG is about much more than academics. It's first and foremost about the Catholic faith. The Catholic principles and values that BG helped to instill in me are the bedrock upon which my life is built."

Bruce Toth

BG Class of 1983

B.S. Aerospace Engineering, Penn State University

M.S. Computer Science, Loyola College

Currently a Research Engineer at PSU

ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

On March 27 and 28, 2009, the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness at St. Francis University is sponsoring "Fostering the Common Good," a conference featuring several renowned speakers in the areas of ethics and values.

This is the inaugural conference for our new DiSepio Institute and we would like to invite all parishioners to see our new building and participate in this wonderful event.

March 27 7:00 p.m. The Road to Peace and Justice: Creative Nonviolence in a World of Violence

A presentation by Noble Peace Prize Nominee, the Rev. John Dear, S.J. at the John F. Kennedy Student Center Lounge, free and open to the public.

March 27 and 28 The North American Undergraduate Conference in Religion and Philosophy.

March 28 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Healthcare Ethics and the Franciscan Tradition. This conference pre-registration 814-472-3923 and the fee is \$25.00 which includes lunch. See the Bulletin Board for more details.

AWAKEN MY HEART

O Lord, I have been asleep too long,
feeling so comfortable in the darkness,
Awaken my heart to your presence and help me to be:
accepting to those who differ with me;
calm despite countless demands;
patient when others are irritable;
a reflection of your presence in times of trouble.
As I remember your goodness, help me grow in love
and holiness today.
Amen



PRAYER CORNER

March 22, 2009

A Lenten Prayer by St. Basil

O Lord, the helper of the helpless, the hope of those who are past hope, the savior of the tempest-tossed, the harbor of the voyagers, the physician of the sick. You know each soul and or prayer, each home and its need. Become to each one of us what we most dearly desire, receiving us all into

Your kingdom, making us children of the light.

Pour on us Your peace, and love,

O Lord our God. Amen.

INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

For The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Adelaide G. (Heverly) Welge College Scholarship

To be eligible for the Welge scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. A members of a Roman Catholic parish located in Blair County;
2. A junior or senior (third or fourth year), enrolled as a full time undergraduate student at an accredited four-year college or university;
3. Demonstrate financial need; and,
4. Submit a completed application form on or before June 1, 2009. The application must be signed by Fr. Crookston to verify an applicant's active membership in our parish.

You may pick up the application here at the Rectory.

GARVEY MANOR & OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES

Garvey Manor is seeking volunteers that are Eucharistic Ministers to assist with Holy Communion rounds to those residents that are not able to come to our 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you can help 1 day a week we would greatly appreciate it. We also need volunteers to help wheel residents to and from our 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our Café needs some one to assist a staff person on Wednesday's from 9:30 to 1:30. We also have residents that would like to have someone to visit with and weather permitting they can be taken outside on the front porch to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine. Opportunities are endless. Know what a blessing your time is to others. Volunteers receive complementary lunch and snack breaks. Call Garvey Manor at 695-5571 and ask for Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Dorazio at ext. 4009