

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun March 29	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
	4:00 PM	Parish Penance Service
Tues March 31	6:10 PM	Bingo
Wed April 1	5:45-6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
	6:30-7:30 PM	Parent Meeting Re: First Communion (Social Hall)
Thurs April 2	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri April 3	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun April 5	Palm Sunday	
	10:30 AM	<i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>



Monday, March 30

8:30 a.m. †Elda B. Skupien (*Ron Skupien*)

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 a.m. †Joseph Bucarelli (*Mark & Bonnie Frederick & Family*)

Wednesday, April 1

8:30 a.m. †Gerald Wustrow (*Family*)

Thursday, April 2 St. Francis of Paola

8:30 a.m. †Joe Bauman (*Steve & Marianne (Sister) Banholzer*)

Friday, April 3

8:30 a.m. †Grace V. Fedeli (*Matthew & Leah Kraft*)

Saturday, April 4 St. Isidore of Seville

8:30 a.m. †Jean Wilk (*Sonja & Jerome Stein*)
5:30 p.m. †Daniel Slowik (*Dorothy Eichenlaub*)

Sunday, April 5 Passion (Palm) Sunday

7:00 a.m. †Shirley Maier (*Joan Turcovski & Family*)
8:15 a.m. †Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)
10:30 a.m. †Marian Rankey (*Mary Bettwy, Barbara Field & Marjorie Poske*)
12 Noon Mass for the People

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—MARCH 21-22, 2009

Regular	\$7989.57	Christmas	\$ 44.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 110.00	Bishops' Relief	\$ 183.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 245.00	Rice Bowl	\$ 5.09
Mandeville-Peru	\$ 258.84		
Candles	\$ 15.00	Total	\$8850.50

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Stations of the Cross, April 3, 2009

5:30 p.m. Justin Bimle, Vera Boyer, Stefan Beard

Servers for April 4-5, 2009

5:30 p.m. Brendan Trybus, Joshua Trybus
7:00 a.m. Michala Cooney, Ireland McCreery
8:15 a.m. Alex Gburek, Loretta Bobetich, Kyle Haney
10:30 a.m. Delaney Hallinan, Alana Hallinan
12 Noon Elissa Ehredt, Josh DeGol

Eucharistic Ministers for April 4-5, 2009

5:30 p.m. B. Shoenfelt, J. Shoenfelt, J. Scarfone, M. Tillard, J. Frena
7:00 a.m. J. Fox, R.M. Fochler, R. Kline
8:15 a.m. K. Gburek, R. Smith, P. Blanchard, M. Dombrowski, R. Friedenberger
10:30 a.m. Y. Gibson, R. Murphy, T. Heiss, M. Wiley, K. Zelnosky

12 Noon J. Eberhardt, R. Fiore, D. Shrift

Lectors for April 4-5, 2009

5:30 p.m. Joseph Maschue, Elizabeth Tully
7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, Paul Cooney
8:15 a.m. Patrick Labriola, Randy Donnelly
10:30 a.m. Todd Cammarata, Chris Rickens
12 Noon Michael Nazaruk, 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: 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.

LENTEN AND HOLY THURSDAY ALMSGIVING As we pray with God throughout our Lenten journey, we reach out to those in need and grow in solidarity with them. Our second collections are our alms for our brothers and sisters in Lima, Peru and the diocese of Mandeville. We also invite your daily home alms to Operation Rice Bowl. We gather your Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week.

Holy Thursday, the day of the Lord's Supper, is also our occasion to honor the continuing good work done in the name of the rectory's former cook, Gloria Gates. We forward the gathered Holy Thursday offering to the Gloria Gates Foundation that helps the children and youth of Evergreen Manor. Be abundantly generous in your Lent and Holy Thursday almsgiving.

FIFTH 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

The week of March 30th is Science Fair Week for our 6th and 8th graders. Their projects will be on display in the Maria Parish Center. Take some time to walk through and see all the hard work that our students put into their projects. Awards will be given the evening of April 2nd.

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).

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

April 4	5:30 p.m.	Amy & Robert Yahner
April 5	7:00 a.m.	Linda Repko & Family
	8:15 a.m.	Ron Skupien & Mary Lou Moffitt
	10:30 a.m.	Barbara Field & Mary Bettwy
	12 Noon	James & Rosemary Fiore

CANDLES: Kay Patton by John Patton, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, In Appreciation by Jeanne Traficante, Martha Rougeux by Joan & Linda Turcovski.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents meeting, Wednesday, April 1, 2009 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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

This Sunday, March 29 we will have our Pot Luck Dinner.

It will begin 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.

For LENT 2009 make plans to attend **THE PASSION PRAYER** coming to St. Rose Maria Parish Center, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. presented by St. Rose of Lima Seventh Grade. Come and share with our students the Passion of Our Lord Jesus as we recreate in silhouette form the Good Friday Gospel Reading from John. "A powerful presentation!" "added greatly to my Lenten experience" - an anonymous viewers

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

April 4-5, 2009

5:30 p.m. Amy Yahner, Jen Myrick, Bea Shoenfelt

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, Kim Irwin, Mary Wiley

12 Noon P.J. Bracken, Chris Bracken, Jeanne Danison

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

"The Christian tradition from the earliest days reveals a firm antiabortion attitude. From apostolic times, the Christian tradition overwhelmingly held that abortion was grievously evil." Charles Chaput, OFM.Cap., Archbishop of Denver.

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.

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 and May 18, 2009. Bring your Bible and attend one or all classes as suits your schedule.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION -The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for April 3, 2009 will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 6th Ave. & 20th St., Altoona from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

5th Sunday of Lent

For Catholics who choose to live as disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, good deeds are done without expecting any reward in return. We act not because we "should" but because our heart's desire to share our gifts with others.

CARE FOR CREATION PROJECT

Come and join us at a gathering at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 806 11th St., Altoona

Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to share your ideas, your time and your enthusiasm in caring for creation. Some of the ideas we may discuss: Development of a care for creation center, Gardens for the community, Spring and fall family festivals, Help feed the hungry, promote a CSA farm. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, call 814-942-8254.

Parish members of the **Star of the Sea Council of the Knights of Columbus** will be greeting parishioners before and after all Masses on April 18-19 to solicit donations for the Annual "Measure-Up" Campaign. The money that is raised benefits The Arc of Blair County. The Arc of Blair County offers programs and services for individuals with intellectual disabilities in our community. Please support this worthwhile effort!



PRAYER CORNER

March 29, 2009

Asking Forgiveness

Dear Holy Father, I thank You for being a kind and loving as well as a forgiving Father. Only through the grace of Your love, faith, and kindness can I make it to Your heavenly home and protection for everlasting life. Please continue to forge me, protect me and love me. In Jesus' holy and precious name. Amen

THE 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:

April 5 pages 272-331.

It is not necessary to read the book to enjoy the discussion.

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.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S, 355 Baynton Ave. Lakemont

Janna Lower, Violin & David 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.

MIRACLE OF LIFE MINISTRY

Miracle of Life Ministry/Pro Life Billboard Volunteers will be here **April 25-26** 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. . Pray the Rosary and bring others to see the Sculptures and Pro-Life Messages.

Together we are Changing Hearts and Saving Lives. Abortion destroys the lives of approximately 1.30 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!

Father Ronald Osinski, Pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Portage.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD

Incarnation Center
394 Bem Road
Gallitzin, Pa. 16641

Clay of the Earth— A Word for Today

April 4, 2009 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

The Lord said "Rise up, be off to the potter's house; there I will give you my message" (Jer 18:1-2) As children clay was a part of our play. At some point this play dropped from our adult experience. Yet the image of clay in God's hands is a powerful symbol of God's interaction with us. This reflection day, in a hands on experience, we will spend working with clay and reflecting on the insights we receive and allow ourselves to be led into prayer. All are welcome. NO experience is needed. Held at Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, Pa. 814-886-4098 Register by March 31, 2009.

Reconnecting with the Traditional Prayers of the Catholic Church: An Overnight Retreat

April 17-7:00 p.m.-April 18, 3:00 p.m.

Come and explore the rich heritage & symbolism of our Catholic Prayers. Delve into the meanings of the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, & the Creed. Spend time in study, reflection and prayer guided by Sr. Jane Miller. Opportunity for Spiritual Direction will be available. Held at Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, Pa. 814-886-4098. Register by April 14, 2009

The 5th Annual CCW Paschal Festival will take place on April 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Hall in Johnstown, Pa. It includes a buffet dinner, a silent auction and this year, entertainment by Alabaster Productions which will perform "Magdalen," a most appropriate entertainment for the Easter Season. A contemporary musical drama, Magdalen is a beautiful-moving-inspirational portrayal of compassion, healing, friendship. The performance is a scripture based & reverent rendition of the story of the woman who has been identified as the first witness of the Resurrection. For information and or tickets please contact 814-886-4098 or any CCW Sister. Advance Reservations Required by April 17. Tickets: \$30.00 Adults, Children 13 & under \$15.00. Tables of 8 paid at same time-10% discount.

"BREAKING NEWS"

The St. Rose parish youth ministry/youth group has taken some huge steps toward its formation thanks to the great feedback that we received from our enthusiastic future members.

Our first meeting will take place on April 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Maria Parish Center with an open gym night. Please come and have fun playing volleyball, basketball, hockey and all other indoor games. We will provide the refreshments and supervision and we ask you to provide open minds, joyful hearts and some of your favorite music to be played on the awesome sound system.

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 member 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.

WHAT BG ALUMNI ARE SAYING ABOUT THEIR ALMA MATER

"Bishop Guilfoyle High a reputation for excellence in developing one's academic ability in a faith based environment. Graduates are prepared to move forward and to become leaders in a variety of fields. My BG classroom experiences tremendously helped in my field of study."

Ashlee Sommer

Class of 2005

Pharmacy student, University of Pittsburgh

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This uplifting retreat experience provides participants with an excellent opportunity for renewal and recommitment of their faith and is an exciting introduction into the life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The retreat will include dynamic spiritual teachings and witness talks by local priests, religious & laypersons, spirit-filled praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration & more. To register call 941-3832. Presented by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group. All are welcome.

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.