

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
Tues Dec 1	6:10 PM Bingo
Wed Dec 2	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Dec 3	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Dec 4	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Dec 6	Second Sunday of Advent
	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	10:30-11:30 AM Religious Ed. Pre-K
	10:30 AM <i>Interpreted Mass for the Deaf</i>
	6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



Monday, Nov. 30 St. Andrew

8:30 a.m. †Joseph & Dorothy Bucarelli (*Bucarelli & Fromknecht Families*)

Tuesday, Dec. 1

8:30 a.m. †Geraldine Brown (*Ron & Janet Brown*)

Wednesday, Dec. 2

8:30 a.m. †Stephen Donnelly (*Lucia Donnelly & Family*)

Thursday, Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m. †Helen Kettl (*Paul & Mary Engelman*)

Friday, Dec. 4 St. John of Damascus

8:30 a.m. †Dave Seidel (*Staff & Students of St. Rose of Lima School*)

Saturday, Dec. 5

8:30 a.m. †William Seymour (*Clarence Seymour*)
5:30 p.m. †Alphonse Vigliotti (*Mrs. Shirley Williamson*)

Sunday, Dec. 6 Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. †Richard Traficante (*Paul & Shirley Hatch*)
8:15 a.m. †Frank Skupien (*Family*)
10:30 a.m. †Theresa J. Wojcik (*Don & Alicia Buck & Ruth Westley*)
12 Noon Mass for the People

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Servers for December 5-6, 2009

5:30 p.m. Michael Fox, Tonya Lee, Heather Lee, Matthew Zupon

7:00 a.m. Ireland McCreery

8:15 a.m. Maryssa Brandt, Thomas Irwin III, Maya Irwin

10:30 a.m. Sarah Goss, Brian Goss, Justin Bimle, Mikayla Mignogna

12 Noon Megan Danison, Colin Berkheimer, Frank Macharola

Eucharistic Ministers for December 5-6, 2009

5:30 p.m. J. Shultz, N. Solimando, K. McGraw

7:00 a.m. R.M. Fochler

8:15 a.m. B. Stoltz, E. Stoltz, M.L. Horton

10:30 a.m. Y. Gibson, G. Goss, T. Goss

12 Noon D. Shrift

Lectors for December 5-6, 2009

5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Tully, Frances Hesser

7:00 a.m. Frank Fochler, John Kenny

8:15 a.m. John Donley, Ken Haney

10:30 a.m. Laverne Previte, Deborah Brown

12 Noon Jim Lane, Michael Nazaruk

PASTOR'S CORNER

AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES

These opportunities exist for your celebration the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are:

Sunday, Dec. 6	2:00 p.m. St. Matthew, Tyrone
Saturday, Dec. 12	10:00 a.m. St. Therese, Altoona
Sunday, Dec. 13	4:00 p.m. St. Mary, Hollidaysburg
Monday, Dec. 14	6:30 p.m. St. John, Lakemont
Wednesday, Dec. 16	6:30 p.m. Cathedral, Altoona
Wednesday, Dec. 16	6:30 p.m. Holy Rosary, Altoona
Thursday, Dec. 17	5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart, Altoona
Thursday, Dec. 17	5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona

Our Parish reconciliation service is **Monday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.** The priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Tuesday, December 22 and Wednesday, December 23.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND PARISH GROUPS

Please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience and let us know when and where your regular meetings are held. We need to recreate a master list of usage of space here at the church, so that I don't mistakenly double book any of our rooms. Thank you for your cooperation

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

There is no school Nov. 30 due to our Thanksgiving break.

St. Rose School's annual lottery calendar is going on. If you would like to purchase a calendar, please contact any St. Rose School student or call the school office (942-7835).

On Dec. 1 we will begin our annual TOY DRIVE to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Family Kitchen which is under the direction of Sr. Paula DelGrosso. We will be collecting **new, unwrapped** toys (**MAXIMUM \$20.00**) until Monday, Dec. 14. You may give your donation to any St. Rose School student or bring it to the school office. As you know we are in a very difficult economy, and the need is great, so we would appreciate your support. Thank you.

"Thank you" to all who contribute to the second collection on the third weekend Masses. This money has been a significant help to the school as we work to rebuild our reserve account. Thank you so much. We continue to pray for you.

FIRST PENANCE

There will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. This meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Any parishioner that would like a Christmas Flower on the altar dedicated for a loved one is asked to use your Christmas Flower Envelope or use a plain envelope. Kindly drop the envelope in the collection basket by December 20.

Your memorial will be in our Christmas Bulletin. Please print your remembrances.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 5	5:30 p.m.	Stephen, Jennifer & Andrew Zupon
Dec. 6	7:00 a.m.	Michael & Jeanne Traficante
	8:15 a.m.	Skupien Family
	10:30 a.m.	Oliver Savino & Tina Stasky
	12 Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Kay Patton by John Patton, Fritz & Mary Werkmiester by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Glasson whom we honored with Christian Burial last week. May God give comfort to his family.

SUPPER CLUB

Come and dine with the Supper Club on December 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ramada. For reservations or information call Mary at 946-3449.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for December 4, 2009 will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Broad Ave. & 27th St. Altoona. From 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

Reminder of Kentucky Outreach Project

We are still accepting donations for the Kentucky Project. You may bring the donation to class on Sunday, put it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory, please mark it Kentucky Outreach. Each year we collected \$7.00 per family or \$5.00 for individual student. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Bernice Shoenfelt, Director of Religious Education
Viola Bettwy, Chairperson

ADVENT TREE

The ornaments on our foyer Advent Tree remind us of our homebound parishioners. We have tied with each ornament a card that has the name, address and phone number of a homebound parishioner. Untie this card and arrange an "Advent through Christmas time" visit with the named person. You may want to take a "gift" for beyond the visit.

You may want to learn whether being a green thumb or free of diet restrictions is a consideration for your gift. Friendly conversations grow friendship and have zero calories and are specially enriched with love— the Spirit that brought Jesus to visit all of us!

Liturgical Reflection...

A new liturgical year begins. It is the season of Advent. It is the time to prepare for Christmas, Remembering the Lord's birth in Bethlehem, and a time to prepare for the Lord's return in glory. This year the Diocesan Liturgy Office will prepare us for the new Roman Missal which has been in preparation for some time. What is the Roman Missal? The Roman Missal is the liturgical book containing the complete rite of the Mass for Sundays and every day in the year according to the Roman Rite. This book contains everything that is said or sung by the ordained at Mass.

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 5-6, 2009

5:30 p.m. Jim Shoenfelt, Bea Shoenfelt, Jen Myrick

7:00 a.m. Ken Lenze, Sherry Price

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

10:30 a.m. Mary Wiley, Pat Condrin, Becky Bimle

12 Noon Heather Macharola, Karen Watt, Mary Campbell

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Please support the Poinsettia Fundraiser by purchasing a ticket which can be redeemed at A&M Greenhouse at the Meadows Intersection. Pick-up dates are November 27 to December 18th. Proceeds benefit St. Rose of Lima School. Tickets may be purchased after weekend Masses in the vestibule, by stopping in the school office, or by contacting Diane Gormley 946-0684.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

If you paid attention to the media, you would think that those who oppose embryonic stem cell research and a host of other laboratory-created life techniques are "anti-science." But this is not a science debate. It's a debate about ethics, morality and what is right and wrong. (Wesley Smith, *NRL*, News, June, 2008)

BOOK CLUB

Come and join us for the Book Club. We meet in the Computer Room at 9:15 a.m. The book which we are now reading is THE FAITH CLUB—a Muslim, a Christian and a Jew –3 women search for understanding.

Schedule is as follows:

November 29—Chapters 17, 18, 19

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Get En-Rich Quick

Ever hear the story of the rich man who had a tough time giving away a million dollars? Seems he went down a busy street offering a dollar to all those he passed. He had decided the first one to accept the dollar would get the big money. But nobody would touch it; for they were suspicious of a stranger trying to give a dollar away. There seems to be a suspicion, even disbelief, that a simple thing like a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can yield such great dividends. The next weekend is at the beautiful Toftrees Resort in State College Feb. 19-21, 2010. Register by February 1st for a \$10.00 discount on the registration fee. Call 1-412-635-7775 for details or any other questions about Marriage Encounter.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE INFORMATION SESSION

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School will host an informal "Parent Coffee" for parents who wish to learn more about secondary education at BG. The session, which will be held on Wed., December 9, from 9-10:30 a.m., includes overview of the school, a video presentation and school tour. RSVP at the BG website (bishopguilfoyle.org) or by calling Jana Sidler at 944-4014.

HOLY NAME ELEMENTARY

Holy Name School Ebensburg is seeking alumni for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Contact the school via standard mail, email or phone

Holy Name Alumni, 215 W. Horner St. Ebensburg, Pa. 15931 (814)472-8817.

holynamealum100@gmail.com A Face Book page is also available. We want to keep everyone informed of our celebration plans.

Altoona Catholic Youth Ministry:

T.E.E.N. Advent Party: "5th Annual Overnighter at Slinky Action Zone".

Date: December 4th

Time: 10:45 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Place: Slinky Action Zone

Cost: tentative

Registration a must: call Jim Mock at 942-0142

You are allowed to bring your friends.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

Come and join us for a tour of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Hosted by the Catholic Daughters of Americas Prince Gallitzin Court No. 2525. The tour will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2010 from 1:30 –2:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow the tour.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OR CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE SCHEDULE

Course: Advent Day of Reflection

Place: San Damiano Hall at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Altoona

Date: Saturday, December 12

Time: 8:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Rev. Christopher Panagoplos, T.O.R.

Course: Basic Catechist Formation-Part 2

Place: Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg

Date: Starting Thursday, January 14

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m. (8 weeks)

Instructor: Jean Vasilko

Course: AC-30-D Morality

Place: St. Catherine, Duncansville

Date: Starting Monday, Jan 25

Time 6:30-8:30 p.m. (8 weeks)

Instructor: Rev. Msgr. Michael Becker

For additional information or registration form please contact Francine Swope at the Religious Education Office 693-1401 or forms can be printed from the web at www.ajdiocese.org

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE will present its **39TH ANNUAL MADRIGAL CHRISTMASSE FEASTE**, on Friday, December 4 thru Sunday, December 6. \$40.00 per person. Senior Citizens discount available on Sunday. Call (814) 886-6395 or visit mtaloy.edu/madrigal.

In honor of the celebration of the Immaculate Conception, the St. Rose of Lima Pro-Life Committee is once again collecting items for newborns.

You may drop off new or gently used baby items in the play pen in the back of the church between December 5 and December 13. We will send all donated items to Birthright and Precious Life—two area organizations that offer alternatives to abortion and help support young mothers.

For a complete list of items needed, please see the flier in this week's bulletin. We appreciate your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT SHOP

(2223 8th Ave. Altoona)

We are in need of blankets and gently worn coats for adults and children. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Are you pregnant? An unplanned pregnancy does not have to mean an unwanted baby. Catholic Charities understands that this may be a very difficult time and we recognize how very brave and selfless a parent is for considering adoption. We are a private, confidential agency licensed by the state of Pennsylvania to provide service to birth parents and families considering adoption.

Highly trained counselors are available throughout the Diocese to meet with pregnant women and help educate them about the many choices available to them and their baby. Catholic Charities wants birth mothers to feel comfortable about their decision. We can offer counseling and support before, during and after the birth of the child. If adoption is the right choice, birth parents are now able to choose the adoptive couple that will raise their child. They can also choose the level of openness and contact with the adoptive family that is right for them. Our services include adoption education, emergency financial assistance and legal counsel through our agency attorney.

Catholic Charities has many prospective adoptive families awaiting to adopt an infant. All families have undergone extensive screening and a rigorous home study. They are waiting to love your child as their own. Please contact the Catholic Charities Adoption Director at (814) 944-9388 if you are interested in learning more about our many adoption services.

Advent Reflections

The four weeks of Advent prepare us to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation: God became human to bring us out of the darkness into His eternal light. During Advent, liturgy stresses not only penance, but also hope, light, joy and surrender.

1st Sunday of Advent—HOPE

Jesus is our hope. Hope believes that the best is yet to come, "*Christ is in you, the hope of glory. It is He whom we proclaim.*" (Colossians 1:27-28)

As St. Clement of Alexandria write, "If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes."

