

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

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
Tues Dec 8	6:10 PM Bingo
Wed Dec 9	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Dec 10	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Dec 11	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Dec 13	Third 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, Dec. 7 St. Ambrose**

8:30 a.m. †Robert Reese (*Joann & Family*)  
7:00 p.m. †Shane McConnell (*Jack Barnes*)

**Tuesday, Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary  
8:30 a.m. †Joseph & Dorothy Bucarelli (*Bucarelli & Fromknecht Families*)  
7:00 p.m. †Vito Gataleta (*Antonio & Nicoletta Recchia*)

**Wednesday, Dec. 9 St. Juan Diego**

8:30 a.m. †William Seymour (*Clarence Seymour*)

**Thursday, Dec. 10**

8:30 a.m. †Marguerite Hricko (*Jim & Carmela (Sinisi) Marin*)

**Friday, Dec. 11 St. Damasus I**

8:30 a.m. †Msgr. George B. Flinn (*Pat & Rosemary Ronan*)

**Saturday, Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 a.m. †Mary Foresio (*Tom & Josephine Bozella*)  
5:30 p.m. †Thomas Riley (*Joe & Kathy Harella-Josh, Renee & Kaitlyn Link*)

**Sunday, Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent**

7:00 a.m. †Joseph Archey (*Joanna & Matt Michaelangelo*)  
8:15 a.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Family*)  
10:30 a.m. †Norman Ream (*Tom & Betty Seasoltz*)  
12 Noon Mass for the People

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Servers for Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 7**

7:00 p.m. Julia Paule, James Novack

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8**

7:00 a.m. Volunteer

8:30 a.m. St. Rose School Children

7:00 p.m. Vera Boyer

**Servers for December 12-13, 2009**

5:30 p.m. Megan McCall, Maggie McCall, Molly McCall, Johnny Brown

7:00 a.m. Michala Cooney

8:15 a.m. Chase McGeary, Kaitlyn Lersch, Alex Gburek

10:30 a.m. Mackenzie Bracken, Zachary Bracken, Sarah Irvin, Kevin Condryn

12 Noon Noah Trexler, Luke Frederick, Josh DeGol

**Vigil for Immaculate Conception, December 7**

7:00 p.m. Readers: Vi Bettwy, Frances Hesser

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers: J. Frena

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8**

7:00 a.m. Readers: Volunteer

7:00 a.m. Eucharistic Ministers: J. Wustrow

8:30 a.m. Readers: St. Rose School Children

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Ministers: R. Friedenberger, D. Cree

7:00 p.m. Readers: Joseph Breton

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers: L. Zakrzwski

**Eucharistic Ministers for December 12-13, 2009**

5:30 p.m. J. Frena, S. Askey, J. Scarfone

7:00 a.m. W. Beard, E. Beard

8:15 a.m. K. Charlesworth, J. Trexler, K. Gburek

10:30 a.m. P. Bracken, K. Zelnosky, D. Gormley

12 Noon R. Fiore

**Lectors for December 12-13, 2009**

5:30 p.m. Nancy Little

7:00 a.m. Paul Cooney, John Kenny

8:15 a.m. Shawn Wesner, Damian Charlesworth

10:30 a.m. Christina Bracken, Patrick Condryn

12 Noon Joseph Macharola, Heather Macharola

**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.**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING– NOV. 21-22, 2009

Regular	\$7086.00	Christmas	\$ 61.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 93.00	School Reserve	\$ 244.50
Thanksgiving	\$ 95.00	Register	\$ 15.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 50.00	Human Dev.	\$ 304.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00	Initial	\$ 3.00
		Total	\$7971.50

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING– NOV. 28-29, 2009

Regular	\$7237.87	Christmas	\$ 43.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 38.00	Candles	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 567.00	Register	\$ 20.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 25.00	Rose	\$ 170.13
Christmas Flowers	\$ 85.00	Initial	\$ 5.00
Human Develop.	\$ 33.00	All Saints	\$ 2.00
All Souls	\$ 2.00	Total	\$ 8233.00

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please use the envelope that is located in your pack of envelopes.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are expected to participate at Mass on this day. This is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of the United States. Catholic faith proclaims that Mary was immaculate, free from the stain of Adam's sin, from the moment of her conception. She who was to bear the eternal Son of God was immaculate in her mother Anne's womb. Masses will be held on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### PARISH DEBT REDUCTION

Next weekend December 12 & 13, the Second Collection will be for the Parish Debt Reduction. We received \$384.49 for the month of November. We welcome your generosity

### 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.

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 12	5:30 p.m.	Riley Family
Dec. 13	7:00 a.m.	William & Elfrieda Beard
	8:15 a.m.	Religious Education Students
	10:30 a.m.	William & Kathleen Gburek
	12 Noon	Volunteers

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The students will attend the 8:30 Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. They will not attend Mass on Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays the school children are involved in many outreach programs: Oxfam and St. Vincent DePaul's Family Kitchen/ two food drives/ cards for veterans, military personnel, and prisoners/ Catholic Charities "Adopt-a-Family" program/Family Kitchen Toy Drive/ loose change collection for our diocesan mission in Fulton County. Thank you, students, for your kindness and generosity to those in need. "Whatsoever you do to the least of these, you do to me."

On Dec. 1 we began our annual TOY DRIVE to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Family Kitchen which is under the direction of Sr. Paula DeGrosso. 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.

The St. Rose School **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Maria Parish Center. All are welcome to attend this delightful performance. There is no admission cost. (snow date – Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>)

"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.

**CANDLES:** Kay Patton by John Patton, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions for the Living, Thanksgiving & Special Intentions for the Living.

**St. Rose of Lima Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul** will have their meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. We welcome new members along with our regular members. We wish to express a Special Thank You for all those who donated food for Thanksgiving. We were overwhelmed by your generosity.

### SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 12-13, 2009

5:30 p.m. Brenda Altiero, Dan Altiero, John Brown

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

8:15 a.m. Damian Charlesworth, Kelly Charlesworth,  
P.J. Bracken

10:30 a.m. Mary Wiley, Pat Condrin, Mark Zelnosky

12 Noon Heather Macharola, Bonnie Frederick,  
Jeanne Danison

### 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 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 from now until December 18. 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.

### ADULT FORMATION CLASS

TOPIC: PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

COMPUTER ROOM

FACILITATED BY ANN MINGYAR

### 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!

### ANGEL TREE

You are invited to take one of the angels from the table next to the tree in the foyer and write your own petition on it. The angel can then be placed on the tree so that we can pray with you.

### Liturgical Reflection...

Advent time is an occasion to prepare for Christmas. The Diocesan Liturgy Office will begin to prepare our people for the revised Roman Missal this new liturgical year. Since the Second Vatican Council, there have been three editions of the Roman Missal promulgated by the Church in 1970, 1975, and 2000. The first two editions were under the pontificate of Pope Paul VI following Vatican Council II: The most recent edition was issued by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the Great Jubilee of the Incarnation

### "IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

Writing in the *Michigan Law Review* about Oregon's assisted suicide law, two physicians stated that reasonable sounding safeguards, which proponents said were there to protect patients, do not appear to have achieved that purpose and are easily circumvented. "As a result, Oregon physicians appear to have been given great power without being in a position to exercise it responsibly." *NRL News*, June, 2008)

In honor of the celebration of the Immaculate Conception, the Saint 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<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will send all donated items to Birthright and Precious Life—two area organizations that offer alternatives to abortion and help support young mothers. We appreciate your generosity.

### MUSIC NOTES

The St. Rose of Lima Combined Choirs & Orchestra will present "The Glory of Christmas" a concert of worship music for Christmas featuring the choral work "Manger Suite" by Michael W. Smith, on Sunday evening December 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Maria Parish Center. Lighted parking is available near the Parish Center and in the Church's Sixth Avenue parking lot. We will have access open through the Church foyer to the Parish Center entrance.

The concert will feature a 50+ member choir or adults and children and a 12 piece orchestra under the direction of Bryce Cossitor, with narration by Fr. Brian Saylor. Our 25 member Children's Holiday Choir will be featured in several numbers. A free will offering to help defray costs will take place during the Concert. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

## SECOND 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](http://www.ajdiocese.org)

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

#### When You Care Enough...

Give the very best to your marriage, treat yourselves to a Marriage Encounter Weekend to deepen your love and communication. It's the perfect weekend for married couples in love! The next weekend is at the beautiful Toftrees Resort in State College Feb. 19-21, 2010. Register by February 1<sup>st</sup> for a \$10.00 discount on the registration fee. Call 1-814-940-0270 for details or any other questions about Marriage Encounter.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court Prince Gallitzin 2525 will hold its meeting on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall.

**Altoona Catholic Youth Ministry:** C.R.O.S.S. (*Children Remembering Our Sacred Savior*) Youth Group. Geared for children from 5 to 12 years of age. **Advent Party:**

**Date:** December 12th **Place:** St. Mary's Memorial Hall

**Time:** 1:30 to 4:00. **Activities:** Arcade, Bowling, Crafts, large group games, Religious workshop. Snacks and drinks. will be served at the end of the program and a special gift to all who attend. Need not register to attend but helpful. Call Mary Adams at 942-5362 or Jim Mock at 942-0142.

### St. Leonard's Home, Hollidaysburg

Are you worried about a loved one continuing to live along? St. Leonard's Home in Hollidaysburg, a licensed personal care home under Catholic sponsorship, offers a caring, home-like environment for people over age 55 who can no longer safely live at home. We also have two apartment units which include meals and housekeeping for persons who are more independent. For information and a tour, call Sister Cynthia Meyer, Director, at 814 695-2920.

### Returning to your Catholic Faith at Christmas

Christmas is that time of the year which seems to naturally stir hearts to go to church. Perhaps it is the Christmas Carols, the memories of Mid-Night Mass, or the desire to be with family. I like to think that it is the mystery of God becoming man, Emmanuel, God still with us, the baby in the Manger, the Messiah, our Savior, our Redemption, the shepherds, the Kings, the Holy Family. These images seem to stir our souls, actually our faith and belief, into wanting to find our way back to the church which has always been a sacred place in our lives. Even when one leaves the church, the heart always seems to desire its place inside the church doors rather than outside of them.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RETURN TO YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH FOR CHRISTMAS?** This can be one of the greatest Christmas gifts you can give to yourself. If you are a Catholic and have been away from the Church for some time this invitation is for you. The church misses you. No matter how long you have been away and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. The Parish Life Office of our Diocese is offering this **CATHOLICS RETURNING TO THEIR FAITH** session to provide you with an opportunity to return to the practice of your faith, for Christmas.

Join me for this Returning to you Catholic Faith for Christmas session, on Thursday, December 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Formation Center, located on 6th Ave. Between 21<sup>st</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> St. If possible, please call in advance to sign up. Call Sister Linda LaMagna, CCW 814-944-3922 during the day or 942-4747 in the evening.

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent—LIGHT

The Light of Jesus dispels the darkness of sin and confusion. He said, "*I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.*" (John 12:46)

St. Athanasius said that "True Joy and genuine festival calls for a casting off of selfishness and everything that is not of God." The call to repentance is intended to purify us for the coming of the Lord.

