

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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 *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*
 6:30-8:00 PM **Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11**

Tues Dec. 15 **6:10 PM**
Wed Dec. 16 **5:45-6:30 PM** **Pro-Life Rosary**
Thurs Dec. 17 **9:00-11:00 AM** **Eucharistic Adoration**
Fri Dec. 18 **6:10 PM** **Bingo**
Sun Dec. 20 **Fourth 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 *Interpreted Mass for the Deaf*
 6:30-8:00 PM **Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11**



Monday, Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross

8:30 a.m. †Robert Goss (*Eugene & Barbara Stoltz*)

Tuesday, Dec. 15

8:30 a.m. †Special Intention (*Virginia Cronauer*)

Wednesday, Dec. 16

8:30 a.m. †Mary Gooderham (*Linda M. DiNicola*)

Thursday, Dec. 17

8:30 a.m. †Phyllis Timpone (*Orsena Family*)

Friday, Dec. 18

8:30 a.m. †Daniel & Helen Mirabella (*Family*)

Saturday, Dec. 19

8:30 a.m. †Marian & Thomas Swires (*Their Children*)

5:30 p.m. †James Nasralla (*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. †Richard Traficante (*Betty & David Ergler*)

8:15 a.m. †Frank & Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)

10:30 a.m. †Alphonse Vigliotti (*M/M Phil Longo*)

12 Noon Mass for the People

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

Servers for December 19-20, 2009

5:30 p.m. John Barnes, Brendan Trybus, Joshua Trybus, Julia Paule

7:00 a.m. Ireland McCreery

8:15 a.m. James Novack, Zachary Bender, Ian Campbell

10:30 a.m. Vera Boyer, Thomas Irwin III, Maya Irwin, Derek Mrdjenovich

12 Noon Daniel Maier, Jamey Brumbaugh, Taylor Brumbaugh

Eucharistic Ministers for December 19-20, 2009

5:30 p.m. K. McGraw, D. Fraundorfer, M. Tillard

7:00 a.m. R. Kline

8:15 a.m. D. Cree, R. Spinazzola, R. Smith

10:30 a.m. D. Irwin, K. Mrdjenovich, M. Wiley

12 Noon D. Shrift

Lectors for December 19-20, 2009

5:30 p.m. Joseph Maschue, Elizabeth Tully

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

8:15 a.m. Linda Wolf, Charles Wolf

10:30 a.m. Thomas A. Irwin, James Klueg

12 Noon Michael Nazaruk, Deborah Brown

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. 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.

PARISH DEBT REDUCTION

This weekend, December 12-13, the Second Collection will be for the Parish Debt Reduction. We welcome your generosity.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING—DECEMBER 5-6, 2009

Regular	\$ 9392.94	Christmas	\$ 180.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 100.00	Rose	\$ 208.56
Christmas Flow.	\$ 1428.00	House Fund	\$ 42.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 15.00	Human Dev.	\$ 15.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 37.00	Initial	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conc.	\$ 65.00	Reguster	\$ 15.00
Candles	\$ 10.00	Total	\$11513.50

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS

The last day of our TOY DRIVE is Monday, Dec. 14th. This benefits the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Family Kitchen which is under the direction of Sr. Paula DelGrosso. We have been collecting **new, unwrapped** toys (**MAXIMUM \$20.00**). 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 and generous response. Thank you.

The St. Rose School **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is Wednesday, Dec. 16th 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. 17th)

Christmas vacation is from Tuesday Dec. 22nd until Monday, Jan. 4th. Dismissal on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd is at 10:30. Mass is at 8:30.

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."

"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.

SCHOOL RESERVE ACCOUNT

Thank you for your most generous response to our second collection, taken up on the third weekend of every month. In November, we received \$244.50 which was forwarded to the school. We appreciate your support. Next weekend, December 19-20 the second collection will be for restoration of funds to our school reserve fund.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Children's Holiday Choir will sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Prelude music by the children will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The Combined Adult Choirs accompanied by Woodwinds, Brass & Percussion will offer a music prelude beginning at 11:30 p.m. for the Christmas Midnight Mass.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 19	5:30 p.m.	Carmie Maniglia & Rose Nasralla
Dec. 20	7:00 a.m.	Michael & Jeanne Traficante
	8:15 a.m.	Skupien Family
	10:30 a.m.	Karen, Damon & Shaelyn Rickens
	12 Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Kay Patton by John Patton, Fritz & Mary Werkmeister by Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Thanksgivein & Special Intentions

PRAYER CHAIN– If you would like our Prayer Chain to pray for your intentions, please call Bernice at 942-5659.

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 of 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Any parishioner that would like a Christmas Flower on our 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 Dec. 20. Your memorial will be in our Christmas Bulletin. Please print your remembrance.

COMING TO ST. ROSE

UP - December 27

Sixth Grade & up

St. Rose Social Hall

Activities at 6:00 p.m. Movie at 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a fun night at St. Rose. Bring your friends to see the movie "UP", on "the big screen".

Free popcorn, soda and Pizza by Father Brian.

Call the Rectory 944-8509, Michael Kuzio 942-4920 or Bernice Shoenfelt 942-5659 for information.

"IN DEFENSE OF LIFE"

Speaking of her Down syndrome baby as a "gift from God." Congresswoman Cathy M. Rodgers stated, "There are tremendous resources, support and early intervention available to families. There are medical advances and breakthroughs in the realm of education and early learning. I am extremely grateful to those who have walked this path before me." (NRL.News, May, 2008)

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 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.

**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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

3rd Sunday of Advent

At a time when advertisers are trying to convince us to buy those "must-haves," we hear John the Baptist calling us to share our possessions with others who are less fortunate. May we, as Christian stewards, demonstrate gratitude for the gifts that God has entrusted to us by giving joyfully to others in need.

SCRIP CARD VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

December 19-20, 2009

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

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

8:15 a.m. Judy Wood, Sherry Price, Tayna Neumeyer

10:30 a.m. Kim Irwin, Tom Goss, Chris Bracken

12 Noon Mary Stoy, Karen Watt, Mary Campbell

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

This Advent Sunday is named *Gaudete* Sunday. This word translated from Latin into English means *Rejoice*. The tone of this Sunday's Mass is joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and second coming. English-speaking Catholics are preparing for the third edition of the Roman Missal. Once there is the approval by the Holy See with the consensus of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, the third edition of the Roman Missal will become available. It is important that we be prepared for the new translations to be contained in this Missal.

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.

**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OR CATECHIST FORMATION
COURSE SCHEDULE**

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

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

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has received many inquiries about the Church's position on the health care reform process unfolding in Washington, D.C. To learn more about Catholic Church's position, go to the Diocesan website at www.ajdiocese.org Catholics are also encouraged to contact their lawmakers and urge them to, among other things, exclude mandated coverage for abortion. Contact information for lawmakers in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is also available on the website.

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

At 10:00 a.m. December 11, 2009 and on December 12 at 10:00 a.m. we will be hosting an Academic Department Presentation Day in the Wolf-Kuhn Gallery. Come and tour campus with a small group of prospective students and their families. While you're here, you'll hear from a Financial Aid Counselor and meet one-on-one with an Admissions Counselor and a Professor from an Academic Department of your choice. All prospective students in attendance will receive a free-waived application.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. LEONARD'S HOME, HOLLIDAYSBURG

Are you worried about a loved one continuing to live alone? 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.

GATHER ME IN YOUR JOY

In my scattered and distracted life,
gather me in your joy.
Let your joy be a thread that holds together the
disparate pieces of my life.
For when I rejoice in you who are my great good,
I find hope and refreshment.
When I rejoice in you, I can see beyond sorrow.
When I rejoice in you,
I am free of fear and anxiety
When I rejoice in you,
I know that
I am home.

Amen.

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Music Ministry is announcing two musical events for the Advent Season. On **Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m.**, the Cathedral Festival Choir and St. Luke Chancel Choir will present the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 803 13th St. Altoona.

On **Sunday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m.**, the choirs, along with the Cathedral Youth Choir, will present the annual *Advent of Christmas Concert* at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by orchestra and featuring Part 1 of G.F. Handel's *Messiah*. The choirs will be under the direction of Nicholas Will, Cathedral Music Director, and James Dengler, Organist and Choirmaster of St. Luke Episcopal Church. A free-will offering will be accepted at both events.

Have you seen the new-and-improved website of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown lately? The website contains news and information about the Diocese, links to all Diocesan offices and ministries, a directory of parishes and schools and Bishop Joseph's blog *Random Comments*. Visit the website anytime at www.ajdiocese.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"And the greatest gift is love." Husbands and wives, the most precious gift that you give to each other is your love. Why not renew your love with the experience of a Marriage Encounter Weekend. It's a perfect Christmas gift. The Marriage Encounter Weekend is intended for couples with good marriages. It provides the opportunity to look at your relationship in an atmosphere of privacy and gives you a chance to give thank for the gift of your lover, something that most of us don't take the time to do often enough. 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 1-814-940-0270 for details or any other questions about Marriage Encounter.

An Advent of Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. Under the direction of Cathedral Music Director Evonne Yanzetich-Homway, the concert will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Hilltop Brass.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

December 13

Lk 3:10-18

When the crowds in today's gospel asked "What shall we do?" the Baptist was very clear: SHARE. Resist giving token obligatory Christmas gifts. Instead give NECESSITIES to the poor. If those who have nothing or very little are not on your Christmas list, you missed the point of Christmas.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

3rd Sunday of Advent-JOY

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude. St. Paul said, "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything.*" (Philippians 4:4-5)

Called Gaudete from the Latin word meaning "rejoice," this Sunday's liturgy breaks from the somber mood of penance and reintroduces joy. We await the coming of the Lord with glad anticipation and try to be sensitive to the needs of others.

