

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 7	Epiphany of the Lord 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11
Tues Jan 9	6:10 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Jan 10	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Jan 11	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Jan 12	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Jan 14	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15-10:15 Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



### Monday, Jan. 8 Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m.

†Clair J. Lockard (*Carol Gensimore*)

### Tuesday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m.

†Jeff Eggerstorfer (*Carolyn Sylvester*)

### Wednesday, Jan. 10

8:30 a.m.

Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

### Thursday, Jan. 11

8:30 a.m.

†Deceased of Golden & Halicky Families (*Family*)

### Friday, Jan. 12

8:30 a.m.

†John Lloyd (*Mary Engelman*)

### Saturday, Jan. 13 St. Hilary

4:00p.m.

†John Lloyd (*Fairbanks Family*)

### Sunday, Jan. 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Clair J. Lockard (*Bill & Theresa Brady*)

10:30 a.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)

12 Noon Mass For the People

## MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:00 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Patrick Reilly, Braden Reilly, Maeve Reilly  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brenda Altiero, Dan Altiero, Joseph Fromknecht, Mary Masic, Nate Sanders

**Readers:** John Donley, Joseph Maschue

### Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 a.m.

**Servers:** Marin Cooney, Hamilton Gates, Josephine Gates  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Delores Cree, Diane Gormley, Tim Link, Cindy Sharbaugh, Linda Zakrzewski

**Readers:** Paul Cooney, Volunteer

10:30 a.m.

**Servers:** Ellie Irwin, Mary Irwin, Sophia Simanski

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomer, Barbara Gentile, Yvonne Gibson, Terrance Heiss, Karen McGraw

**Readers:** Patrick Labriola, Laverne Previte

12:00 Noon

**Servers:** Rachel Lucas, Marcus Lucas, Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomer, Ronald Eberhart, Mari Ann Eberhart

**Readers:** Jim Lane, Helen Rhodes

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### BLESSING OF HOMES

Traditionally, the Feast of the Epiphany is the day to bless our homes for the upcoming year. Holy Water, incense and chalk are traditionally used; water; reminding us of the water of the Jordan in which Jesus was baptized; incense; one of the gifts of the Magi and a symbol of our prayers rising to God, and chalk; an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we are made. The water from church is sprinkled in each room of the house. The chalk is used to mark 20+C+M+B+18 over the doorways. The numbers consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi-Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar-and also stand for the Latin Motto.

Christus mansionem benedicat ("May Christ bless the house") The following prayer may be used for the blessing.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed you only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DEC. 23-24,2017

Regular	\$7815.52	Christmas	\$ 33.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 24.00	Candles	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flow.	\$ 67.00	Rose	\$ 193.60
Immaculate Con.	\$ 26.00	Sol. Of Mary	\$ 3.00
	\$	Total	\$8172.12

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION—\$10,762.38

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DEC. 30-31,2017

Regular	\$5527.10	Christmas	\$ 762.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 18.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 426.00	Rose	\$ 341.40
		Total	\$7123.50

Deacon Jim’s “A Moment with Our Lady”

Carmel of Mary, Missionary Virgin, is a rather new Catholic community founded in Dieulefit, in the south of France, in 1997, by Father Maria-Michel, Carmelite and Father Santa Maria Van. On January 11, 2002, the founders were present in Rome at the private Mass of Pope Saint John Paul II and met with him. Father Marie-Michel gave the pope The Book of Life and received his blessing for the whole congregation.

The charism of the foundation is well expressed in The Book of Life: Born of the Father’s mercy, our little Carmel of the Missionary Virgin receives a beckoning call to follow Christ with Mary through a semi-eremitic and missionary community life. Based on the Carmelite Rule and its vibrant tradition, it is a new expression of the Carmel in the Church after Vatican II. The Carmelite liturgy offers a concise description of our Marian vocation: “After welcoming us among her children...She dressed us with the habit of her Order so that we could be her living image in the world...This is our fundamental call: to “live the mystery of her heart in every moment” in order to become virgins and missionaries of Merciful Love.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Jan. 13	4:00 p.m.	Mary Lou Moffitt
Jan. 14	8:00 a.m.	James & Linda Trexler
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis, Carole & Devon Housum
	Noon	Volunteers

**CANDLES:** Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Improved Health for Cheryl Sedon by Joan & Linda Turcovski.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fred Hunter whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to his family.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God’s blessing be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2017. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2017 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provided that information for you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of:  
Frances & Joe Andrews, Tom Andrews, Rich Andrews by Donald Andrews

Bob & Shirley Mitchell & Hugh & Judi Gowan by M/M Joseph Campbell

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

The Altoona Area Lyme Disease Support Group will meet on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and is the Altoona Region of the PA Lyme Resource Network. [www.palyme.org](http://www.palyme.org). All are welcome. For more information call Amber Altiero at 934-7403

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Rose of Lima Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is inviting caring men and women of all ethnicities and cultural backgrounds to assist God's people in our community needing food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other emergency needs. Let us remember from Matthew 25, the Last Judgment: "The king will say, 'For I was hungry and you gave to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' And the just will say, 'Lord, when did we do these things?' And the King will say to them, 'Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.'" **Is it time for you to really live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received?**

**Come join us this Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library to find out more about what we do.**

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord and the last Sunday of Christmas time. Tomorrow, Monday, January 8, is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the formal ending of the Christmas season. Today the Church celebrates with the wise visitors from the east that the Word Made Flesh has arrived for all peoples and all nations. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, and crucified in Jerusalem, is Lord of all races and nations. May the Christian Gospel be proclaimed throughout the

### THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH...

St. Mathew Church-Tyrone, January 21, 2018 at 12 noon. Walk 1.25 miles to grave of Baby Agnes Doe. Luncheon after the March in Parish Hall. Bring a Sign.  
Sponsored by the St. Gregory Council #1218 Knights of Columbus.  
world to all inhabitants.

## FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 7

Matthew 2:1-12

The magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

The Annual March for Life will be held on Friday, January 19, 2018 in Washington, D.C. Buses will be leaving the Altoona area at 7:00 a.m. on January 19 and should return to this area about 9:30 p.m. The cost will be \$15.00 per person, \$10.00 for students. Participants will be requested to bring their lunch with them and enough money to cover the cost of their supper. For reservations, call: Patricia or Marita Forr-946-0681, Roxann Blazewicz-695-8008 or Anne Zelnosky-942-2723.

Thursday, January 18, 2018

### Prayer at Altoona Cathedral

On Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, there will be a prayer service for the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of *Roe vs. Wade* (1973). There will be a blessing for the pilgrims attending the March For Life in Washington, D.C. the next day, Friday, January 19. All are welcome to participate in this prayer. All who have a respect for life from conception to natural death are welcome to join our brothers and sisters at the Altoona Cathedral.

### BINGO

Plan to join Holy Family Parish at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage for a night of Bingo, Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$20.00 per person. Extra specials and cards will be available. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Early bird games will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and the regular games will begin at 6:15 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available.

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL**

**January 8**

**Mark 1:7-11**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Parents can be so busy criticizing they overlook good behaviors. Like God the Father in today's gospel, tell your children you are "well pleased" with them. Children are never too old for praise.

**PERSONAL CAREGIVER**

We are looking for a personal caregiver, or CNA to care for our Mother. Shifts would be 3 to 4 hours, weekday evenings or Saturday morning. Please call 942-4182 after 5:00 p.m. Thank You.

**SUPPER CLUB**

The Supper Club will meet at Perkins Restaurant on January 7 at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

**ST. LEONARD'S HOME**

Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard's Home in Hollidaysburg provides quality personal care for persons over age 55 for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. We provide medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in home-like environment. For more information and a tour of our facility, please call Sister Cynthia Meyer at 814-695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are Catholic owned and sponsored but accept all eligible applicants, and assist with financial aid applications where applicable.

**GARVEY MANOR & OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES**

*Currently Needed:*

Mass escorts daily (especially weekends): Monday-Saturday, 9:20 -10:45 a.m.

Sunday, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Rosary escorts Monday-Friday 3:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m.

Substitute Eucharistic Ministers; days vary, times:

Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Call Kathy LaVelle 695-5571 ext. 4009.

**WHAT IS EPIPHANY?**

Epiphany is the Christian festival marking the visit of the Magi to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. It was the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Until recent year the Epiphany always fell on January 6. The feast was changed to the Sunday following New Year's Day due to its importance. It marks the end of the Christmas Season and the Church wanted to celebrate it in a special way. Rather than make it a Holy Day that would often fall on a weekday, it was given a fixed Sunday so all people could celebrate the feast. Celebrating the Epiphany in a special manner help us remember that Christmas is a "season" and not just a day.

The word epiphany has been used in various other ways in recent years so just what does it really mean?

It is a sudden realization or a leap of understanding through an ordinary occurrence. Or an illuminating discovery, a revealing scene or moment.

Jesus' birth was all of the above. And so are many other moments in our lives. Look for them and celebrate them.

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