

September 10, 2023

St. Rose of Lima Church



23rd
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

“Again, [amen] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

Matthew 18:19

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A NOTE OF INTRODUCTION FROM FR JOHN LYNAM:

I was born in Wilmerding PA (east of Pittsburgh) and I am one of seven children (the only boy). I graduated from East Allegheny High School in 1979. I served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. I worked as a mechanic for several years and entered the Pittsburgh seminary in 1993. After philosophy and theology studies I was ordained to the priesthood in 2000. I have served at a number of parishes and in the last sixteen years have served as a pastor.

I am very grateful to be serving as pastor here at St. Rose and I look forward to getting know all the parishioners. I pray that you will be patient with me as I get to know you and our parish as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and His beautiful Church

OUR COMMUNITY ROOM: The Saint Rose Community Room (the former School library) has received a fresh paint job. Tables and chairs have been delivered, as well as a refrigerator. The new carpet is coming soon! We are also replacing the window glass, which was damaged by years of moisture. All good things come to those who wait.

OUR SANCTUARY PROJECT CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE! As you can see, our sanctuary enhancement continues. Thank you for your patience and generosity! Now that the painting of the panels is complete, we await the delivery of the art work which will be mounted

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN? You are not alone! Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful and struggling world. Here at St. Rose, we are in the beginning stage of forming a "Prayer Community" of Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica as they attend this prayer ministry in our parish. What is involved? Like St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we will pray fervently for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. All mothers, young and old, who believe in the mother's power of prayer, are urged to participate, praying as a group one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children. More information will be available in the weeks to come.

"LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW" This is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. September 1 was declared by Pope Francis as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This time of prayer and reflection will extend until October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

40 WEEKS WITH ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: Beginning in September, all will be encouraged to participate in a program entitled 40 Weeks: The Path To Christ With Sacred Story Prayer. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 in the Community Room. Books will be available and an introduction to this program will be given. All that is required is an openness to daily prayer (15 minutes daily), with a desire to deepen one's relationship with Christ. Begin today by praying this most beautiful of prayers by Ignatius: *Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me.*

WELCOME FR. JOHN LYMAN PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 16TH AND SUNDAY, SEPT 17TH AFTER EACH MASS FOR SWEETS AND BEVERAGES IN OUR NEW COMMUNITY ROOM. THIS WILL BE A WONDERFUL OPPORUTNITY FOR US TO WELCOME FR. JOHN TO OUR SAINT ROSE FAMILY.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 10 -Twenty Second Sun. in Ord. Time

Wed. Sept. 13 - 5:00-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Sept. 11

8:30 a.m.

†Joseph Ruggerio (Dan & Barb Minielli)

Tuesday, Sept. 12 Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary

8:30 a.m.

†Elsie Massmilla (Massimilla Family)

Wednesday, Sept. 13 Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m.

†Poor Souls in Purgatory (Anonymus)

Thursday, Sept. 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 a.m.

†Joseph Ruggerio (Michael & Norma Slavin)

Friday, Sept. 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 a.m.

†All God's People

Saturday, Sept. 16 Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

4:00 p.m.

†Antonio & Maria Maniglia (Family)

Sunday, Sept. 17 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 a.m.

Mass for the People

10:30 a.m.

†Lou Bettwy (Mary Bettwy & Family)

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
August 27, 2023**

Regular	\$ 8,382.73	Loose	\$ 217.25
Children	\$ 3.00	Vigil Candles	\$ 10.00
Missionary Co-op	\$ 192.00	Assumption	\$ 41.00
Feast Day of St. Rose	\$ 10.00	Holy Trinity	\$ 20.00
Christmas Club	\$ 30.00	St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 5.00
Missionary Co-op	\$ 591.00	Religious Education	\$ 10.00
		Total	\$ 9,319.98

St. Rose Liturgy Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekdays Monday through Friday 8:30 AM

Holy Day Vigil 7:00 PM

Holy Day 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Adoration Thursday after 8:30 AM Mass to 10:00 AM

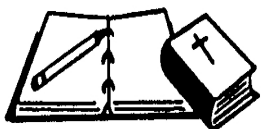
Confessions Saturday at Noon or by appointment

FAREWELL FROM FR JUSTIN

It is with sadness that I will be leaving St Rose of Lima Parish, along with Msgr. Becker. Although I have only been here for about two months, I have enjoyed my time with all of you here. I will be part-time chaplain at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. This wonderful parish is in good hands, and I will remember all you in my parishes. God bless all of you!

September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance



Religious Education News

First Day of Religious Ed. Class Sept. 10th New Time: 9:15 am to 11:30 am

(THESE SESSIONS INCLUDE MASS)

Confirmation Process Meeting 9th –11th grades Sept. 17th 9:15am in our new Community Room

K thru 8th Parent Meeting Oct.1 at 9:15am in the Community Room

For questions, please text or call Yvonne Gibson, DRE, at 814-330-2518

**Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"
September 10, 2023**

In the 1930s in Brazil, as a Freemason was dying, his family and friends kept close watch of the house to prevent any priests from entering. A priest tried to come three times but was sent away without the knowledge of the dying man.

The latter's condition was worsening, and he lost consciousness. He was thought to be dead, when suddenly, causing a great shock around him, he sat up in his bed and shouted angrily:

"Stupid fools! It is true that there is a hell! I was about to be thrown into it, when a Lady in white stopped me on the edge, to give me time to confess!"

Then, addressing his brother and his wife:

"You were the ones who sent the priest away three times, he who came to visit me to close the gate of hell and open Heaven for me! You, brother, I'll let you know that you are not the master in this house! Let my wife go find that priest immediately! I want to confess!"

He made his confession full of joy, then he breathed his last breath.

Fall Adult Faith Formation Classes

We meet on **Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 in the St. Johns school cafeteria.** Please consider joining us for food, fellowship, and the opportunity to deepen your faith.

September 17 to October 1: Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. This series explores "the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members.

October 8 to November 19: The Search The Search, hosted by Chris Stefanick, guides us through seven videos examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith. Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point us to the person of Jesus Christ. For more information contact Mary Petrak, 814-502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.co

ANNUAL MARIAN CELEBRATION — MARY, MOTHER AND MODEL OF VOCATIONS

Family Mass and Rosary **October 1 at 3pm** St. Benedict Church 2310 Bedford Street Johnstown. Principal Celebrant Bishop Mark Bartchak.

Scripture Readings For the Week of Sept. 10, 2023

Monday

Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-

Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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St. Rose of Lima Prayer List

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call the office (814-944-8509) or email Becky Reed at breed@dioceseaj.org to add their name to the prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:

- Erma Anthony • Steve Anthony**
- Eileen Buxton Matilda Capouellez • Sarah Dietzel • Jared Dietzel Syrenah Dietzel • Jeremy Dietzel • Steve Lockard & Family**
- Frank and Rosemarie Fochler • Ed Garlanda David Garman Family • Larry and Nancy Harker Housum Family • Donna Ivory**
- Kelly Mullegan Kline • Ken Lenz**
- Hannah Lewis • Carmie Maniglia • Mike Murphy Rose Nasralla • Mike Nazaruk & Family**
- Marie Prorok • Jean Raugh Antonio Recchia Joe and Carole Reilly • Scott and Heather Reimer Alita Ricasoli • Julia Scarfone**
- Ann Schreiber • Mareo Washer • Webb Family Deacon Jim & Kathy Woomeer • Linda Zakrzwski Carole Zonfrilli**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Saturday, September 16, 2023 4:00PM

Helen Mirenda *Lector*

John Donley *Lector*

James Shoenfelt *Eucharistic Minister*

Theresa Knob *Eucharistic Minister*

Macy Zeak *Eucharistic Minister*

Macy Zeak *Server*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Server*

Sunday, September 17, 2023 8:00AM

Charles Wolf *Lector*

Linda Wolf *Lector*

William Beard *Eucharistic Minister*

Mary Lou Horton *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Eucharistic Minister*

Alexandra Knott *Server Swope Requested*

Thomas Krimmel *Server*

Sunday, September 17, 2023 10:30AM

Casey Kephart *Lector Swap Requested*

Patrick Condryn *Lector*

Kitty Zelnosky *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Eucharistic Minister*

Patrick Reilly *Server*

Braden Reilly *Server*

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference
Weekly Reflection for September 10: Twenty-Third
Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

To help someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

Our Conference's next meeting is on September 13, 2023 at 6 pm. We will be meeting in the St Rose Community Room. Please contact Dan Weaver at dweaver@Breezeline.net for more information.

Bereavement Support These groups are designed to offer support to anyone dealing with a loss. Programs are designed to acknowledge the pain and the loss, while offering positive ideas for coping. Join us for any or all of the following. Bereavement Gatherings are held monthly in the St. Michael Convent Building **Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 AM** & **Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 PM** **Journey Through Loss** is a six-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death. We meet **weekly from 6:30 -8:00 PM at the St. Michael Convent Building** The next session begins on **Wed. Jan. 10.** Programs are Christian based. All denominations are welcome! For information call/text:Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412 or Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076

8 SAINTS This is a pilot program to facilitate resource sharing among the 8 southern Blair County parishes. Members will share their many gifts under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. St. Rose Parish is part of this program. The program and events will include existing parish ministries, and those identified later. A team is planning a multi-parish youth group and a young Catholic professionals group. For more information, please contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis at 814-931-2651 or 8Saints@gmail.com

"BEGINNING AGAIN" DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PRESENTATIONS Sat., Oct. 14th 9:00-11:30 am Fr. Kelley Hall *Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Altoona. Msgr. Stanley Carson: "Presence: Stay With Me Lord"; Fr. John Slovikovski: "Roots Of Renewal" and Fr. Aaron Maghsoudi: "The Eucharist Forming Us As A Community" Cost \$10.00 To register go to www.dioceseaj.org/beginning-again or use the registration form found on the table in the gathering area. For information contact: Sister Linda at llamagna@diocesej.org*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES Bishop Mark Bartchak & the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (& their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend today, Sun., **Sept. 10**, in

ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sun., **Sept. 17** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Bishop Mark will be the celebrant & homilist. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.