

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 9	Second Sunday in Advent 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Grade 10 & 11 Session 2 (Mandatory)
Tues Dec 11	6:30 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Dec 12	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Dec 13	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Dec 14	6:30 PM Bingo
Sun Dec 16	Third Sunday in Advent 9:15-10:15 Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



Monday, Dec. 10

8:30 a.m.

†Jack & Helen Kulick & Family (*Ann Yartin*)

Tuesday, Dec. 11 St. Damasus I

8:30 a.m.

†Deborah Dillon (*Gilda Eggerstorfer*)

Wednesday, Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m.

Health & Welfare of Joanne Leap (*M/M A. Mandichak*)

Thursday, Dec. 13 St. Lucy

8:30 a.m.

†Michael McGraw (*Wife*)

Friday, Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross

8:30 a.m.

†Mary Gooderham (*Linda DiNicola*)

Saturday, Dec. 15

4:00p.m.

†Bill Love (*Family*)

Sunday, Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. †William Klayko (*Marie Brenneman*)

10:30 a.m. †Frank & Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)

12 Noon Mass For the People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Keegan Myrick, Brennen Myrick, Patrick Reilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Altiero, Brenda Altiero, Joseph Fromknecht, Nate Sanders, Nikki Solimando

Readers: Nancy Little, Elizabeth Tully

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Josephine Gates, Hamilton Gates, Matthew Neumeyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Engelman, Kathleen Gburek, Diane Gormley, Martin Kooman, Linda Zakrzewski

Readers: William Gburek, Barbara Kooman

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Nathan Breton, Andrew Zupon, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomeer, Caitlin

Berkheimer, Regina Friedenberger, Karen McGraw, Regina Murphy

Readers: Joseph Breton, Volunteer

12:00 Noon

Servers: Madelyn Myers, Rylee Swander

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomeer, Ronald Eberhart, Mari Ann Eberhart

Readers: Christina Bracken, Mary Masic

PASTOR'S CORNER

Week 1– HOPE

Prophet's Candles

Reminds us Jesus is coming

Verse: Romans 15: 12-13

Prayer:

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour out your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from your abundant graces. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen

Week 2—FAITH

Bethlehem Candle

Reminds us of Mary & Joseph's

Journey to Bethlehem

Verse: Luke 2: 1-7

Prayer:

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve you with pure minds. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DEC. DEC 1-2, 2018

Regular	\$8493.76	Christmas	\$ 78.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 23.00	Candles	\$ 20.00
Immac.Concep.	\$ 45.00	All Souls	\$ 3.00
Rose	\$ 175.99	All Saints	\$ 4.00
Rel. Retirement	\$ 55.00	Christmas Flow	\$ 1166.25
Thanksgiving	\$ 25.00	Register	\$ 3.00
		Total	\$10092.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Anthony Claret was born in 1807 in Spain near Montserrat, a shrine dedicated to the Virgin Mary. As a young child, he already had a strong devotion to the Madonna. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1835.

One day, Anthony was forced to stay in bed with a bad 'flu. As he shook with fever, impure images came into his mind. So he called on the Blessed Virgin for help. She appeared to him holding in her hands a crown of roses. "Anthony," she said, "if you win this victory, this crown is for you!" Anthony triumphed over temptation and calm returned to his soul.

His apostolate was particularly effective because of his deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Wherever he went, he established the Confraternity of the Holy Heart of Mary and pushed for the recitation of the family Rosary. But his master-achievement was his founding of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Catalonia on July 16, 1849.

Appointed Archbishop of Cuba in 1849, to mark his gratitude to the Blessed Virgin, he added the name of Mary to his name. In Cuba, Father Antony Mary Claret founded the "Institute of the Religious of Mary Immaculate, the Claretian Missionaries" for the education of girls.

Stewardship Reflection

2nd Sunday of Advent

Paul prays that all in the faith community increase their love and their knowledge to "discern what is of value" (Phil 1:10). We grow as stewards and disciples of Jesus Christ by making decisions daily that demonstrate just how much we value our faith.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 8	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
Dec. 9	8:00 a.m.	Noel Family
	10:30 a.m.	Stacey Knott & Family
	Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Fritz & Mary Werkmeister, Joyce Kjarsgaard, Jack & Dick Werkmeister by The Family, Pray for the Speedy Recovering of Judge Steve Jackson by Dr. S. R. Traficante, Special Intention—Cheryl Despot by Linda L. Zakrzwski, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Allison whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week. May God give comfort to her family.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On December 17 at 7:00 p.m. the First Reconciliation will be at the Parish Penance Service.

AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE

These opportunities exist for your celebration in preparation for the Birth of Christ.

- Mon. Dec. 10 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Thurs. Dec. 13 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes
- Sat. Dec 15 10:00 a.m. St. Therese
- Sun. Dec. 16 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg
- Mon. Dec, 17 7:00 p.m. St. Matthew, Tyrone
- Wed. Dec. 19 6:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thurs Dec. 20 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart and Saint Mary (at Sacred Heart)

Our Parish Reconciliation Service is Monday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. The priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Tuesday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 19.

**ST. ROSE NEEDS CANTORS AT 4:00 P.M.
AND 10:30 A.M.**

Did you sing in your high school or college choir or musicals? Did you have solo parts? Have you sung in a community chorus? Do people tell you that you have a good singing voice? Then you have a talent that St. Rose needs at Sunday Masses. Please consider becoming a cantor to support your fellow parishioners in their weekly participation. We work around your schedule and all scheduling is done manually by the Liturgy Director. If you even have one Sunday to give every month or every other month, it will be a big help to the dedicated cantors who already are helping to support all of us every weekend. Please contact Fr. Brian at the rectory office 944-8509 or Sue Cossitor, Liturgy Director at 943-0174 and we will gladly help get you started in our music ministry.

SACRAMENTS CLASS

The class Sacraments will be offered at two locations this January. Msgr. Robert Mazur will be teaching a 6 week course (2 1/2 hour classes) beginning Monday, January 7 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cathedral, Seton Suite, Altoona and Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching an 8 week course (2 hour classes) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, January 8 at St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael. The cost of the course which includes registration and all materials is \$65.00. Participants will explore the history of the sacraments and the post Vatican II Theology of the Sacraments within the context of Christology, Ecclesiology and Ministry. For further information and registration forms visit:

www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact the Office of Adult Enrichment at 824-361-2000. All are welcome!

There will be **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER** of the Altoona Area Lyme Disease Support Group.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Rose of Lima Church Social Hall. The support group is the Altoona Region of the PA Lyme Resource network. www.palyme.org. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more info, Call Amber Altiero 934-7403.

TRAVEL WITH FR BRIAN SAYLOR

WHERE: Budapest, Prague, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Vienna, Czestochowa

TRIP DATES: June 01-14, 2019

COST: \$4,600.00 Airfare and ALL-Included.

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com (search "Brian").

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Air Fare, taxes, security fees & fuel surcharges from USA to Rome.
- All gratuities, sightseeing & admission fees.
- Daily Mass available.
- 4 or 5 star Hotels in Downtown Areas.
- All Breakfasts and all Dinners. Wine is also included at all dinners.

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Lunches
- Travel Insurance

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www.proximotravel.com

ADVENT TREE

The ornaments on our Advent Tree, located in the foyer of the church 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 the card and arrange an "Advent through Christmas time" visit with the named person. You may want to learn whether having a green thumb or being 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 be placed on the tree so that we can pray for you.

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS

Join us every Tuesday and Friday for St. Rose of Lima Bingo benefiting Holy Trinity Catholic School. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Early Birds at 6:30 p.m. and Regular games at 7:00 p.m.

Admission package is \$35.00. We now accept Visa, Master Card and Debit cards. Please help support Catholic Education.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the remembrance of the Lord's first coming and, also, recalling his final coming in glory at the end of time. There are many preparations for Christmas that demand our time and attention. Make sure to fill your Advent days with prayerful preparation. Read scripture, pray the rosary with special attention to the Joyful Mysteries, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Advent is a time of hope and joy.

Blair Type 1 Diabetes Foundation Fundraiser-
Texas Roadhouse Altoona. Please come out to
Texas Roadhouse on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, and enjoy dinner anytime between 3:00 –10:00 p.m. If you present the fundraising flyer (or show a picture of it on your smartphone) Texas Roadhouse will donate 20% of your total food purchase to BT1DF! Money raised will benefit cure-based research for type 1 diabetes. We will also have a booth out front selling baked goods! Thank you, in advance for your support! Questions? Call Susan Pohl 935-7169 for details or check out our website www.bt1df.org.

THANK YOU

We want to thank the parishioners of St. Rose of Lima Parish for all your donations to help the less fortunate of the area. We collected \$325.00 for food and health items. Everything will be used to fill tote bags to give to the homeless and less fortunate of the area not only for Christmas but all year around.

May God Bless You & Yours,

C.R.O.S.S. (Christians Remembering Our Sacred Savior)

Become an Adult Education Volunteer!

Volunteer opportunities are available to become a Tutor or Classroom Aide.

Assist adults to prepare for their High School Equivalency (GED® or HiSET®) exam, learn English, or brush up on their math and reading skills to enter postsecondary education, training, or employment. Assist at various sites in Altoona and Hollidaysburg. No experience necessary! Training is provided.

AASD Community Education Center. Call Barbe (814) 946-8495.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for December 9 -Second Sunday of Advent

You are invited to serve people in need in our St. Rose of Lima Parish area by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Helping us provide people in our Parish area needing food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other types of support will be a rewarding experience. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received?

Come join us this week Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Library to find out more about what we do.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

December 9

Lk 3:1-6

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the Allegro Restaurant for being a sponsor in the Bulletin. We urge you to patronize this place of business. If you are interested in putting an add in the Bulletin, please call Rick Cortez 800-233-8200

