

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 8	The 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 10	6:10 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Jan 11	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Jan 12	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Jan 13	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Jan 15	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



Monday, Jan 9 Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. (Con-celebrated)
†Sister Mary Claire (*Theresa & Walter Coanshock*)
†Herbert Reese (*Fritz & Bill Beard*)

Tuesday, Jan. 10

8:30 a.m. (Con-celebrated)
†Dr. Richard Capriotti (*Rose Nasralla*)
Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Wednesday, Jan. 11

8:30 a.m. (Con-celebrated)
†Paul Engelman (*Tom & Pat Forr*)
†Amy Donnelly Helffrich (*Nancy McConnell*)

Thursday, Jan. 12

8:30 a.m. (Con-celebrated)
†Viola Fliegerbauer (*Estate*)
†Mary Merlini (*M/M Robert Aprile*)

Friday, Jan. 13 St. Hilary

8:30 a.m. (Con-celebrated)
†Eugene Furgione (*Robert & Rosemary Korhan*)
†Pauline Schoch (*Mary Engelman*)

Saturday, Jan. 14

4:00p.m.
†Helen Crist (*Nasralla Family*)

Sunday, Jan. 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Theresa Sukala (*Anne Sukala*)
10:30 a.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)
12 Noon Mass For the People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 14, 2017

4:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Abby Yahner, Elizabeth Yahner, Erin Yahner
Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Fraundorfer, Nate Sanders, James Shoenfelt, Bernice Shoenfelt, Matthew Yahner

Readers: John Donley, Sarah Donley

Sunday, January 15, 2017

8:00 a.m.
Servers: Lucas Steinbugl, Maren Steinbugl, Finley Steinbugl
Eucharistic Ministers: Elfieda Beard, William Beard, Dolores Cree, Martha Dombrowski, Mary Lou Horton
Readers: Thomas A. Irwin, Helen Rhodes
10:30 a.m.
Servers: Nathan Breton, Christopher Fink, Ethan Wesner
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Karen McGraw, Robert Spinazzola, Lauryn Zelnosky, Kitty Zelnosky
Readers: Joseph Breton, Carolyn Kline
12:00 Noon
Servers: McKenna Berkheimer, Aleah Berkheimer, Alana Hallinan
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, John Wasicki, Kathleen Wasicki
Readers: Deborah Kawtoski, Jim Lane

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+17 over the doorways. The numbers consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of magi-Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar-and also stand for the Latin Motto

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

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your 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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DEC. 31-Jan. 1, 2017

Regular	\$6971.61	Christmas	\$ 975.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 13.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Sol. Of Mary	\$1286.00	Rel Retirement	\$ 15.00
Immac.Conception	\$ 15.00	Rose	\$ 163.39
		Total	\$9454.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The apparitions of Mary in Constantinople (today Istanbul, Turkey) were very common, especially at the Church of the Invigorating Source, still famous to this day and located on the west side of Istanbul. This shrine has seen many miracles for more than 15 centuries, and miracles continue to happen, through the intercession of the Virgin, "Source of Life."

The Byzantine historian Nikephoros Kallistos Xanthopoulos (13th-14th century) wrote that it was the first Emperor, Leo the Thracian (5th century) who found the location of the spring. A heavenly voice took him there, saying to him: "Emperor Leo, go far into this wood, dip your hands in the muddy water and quench the thirst of this blind man; coat his eyes with that mud too, and you will know immediately who I am. I have lived here for a long time." The blind man regained his sight and Leo, after he became emperor, built a church on that very spot in the year 474.

Many years later, the church threatened to collapse over the faithful one day, when the Virgin appeared and held it up herself to give time to all the people inside to come out safely. After the capture of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453, the church was laid to ruins, but the sick continued to flock to the spring where miracles and healings continued to occur frequently.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Jan. 14	4:00 p.m.	Wayne & Gloria Delozier
Jan. 15	8:00 a.m.	James & Linda Trexler
	10:30 a.m.	Tom & Gina Goss
	Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Fritz & Mary Werkmeister & Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard by Family, Family & Friends Health by Laurie & Mike Beckel.

PRAYER SERVICE

On Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Bishop Mark Bartchak will lead 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 27**. 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. **Due to the Inaugural Year, the March for Life was moved to Friday, January 27.**

RESPECT FOR LIFE

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 8

Mt 2:1-12

There are two different perspectives in today's gospel. For Herod, the child Jesus was expendable because He interfered with Herod's personal goals but the Magi risked all to protect the same child. Do you imitate Herod or the Magi? Are children a priority in your life or are they sacrificed for career, convenience and possessions.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord and the last Sunday of Christmas time. Tomorrow, Monday, January 9, is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the formal ending of the Christmas season. Today the Church celebrated 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 world to all inhabitants.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will meet at 6:30 for a social followed by a meeting at 7:00 on **Monday, January 9th, at St. Rose of Lima Social Hall.**

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

The Altoona Area Lyme Disease Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall.** The group meets on the second Thursday of each month. All are welcome. For questions, call Amber Altiero at 934-7403.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Duane Eichenlaub and Marco Tomeo whom we honored with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to their family.

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 years 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.

Adapted and reprinted from the booklet published by the Family Life Office entitled "HOLIDAY SPIRITUALITY IN THE HOME-Thanksgiving to Epiphany".

THIRTIETH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH

St. Matthew Church-Tyrone, January 15, 2017 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

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet at King's Family Restaurant on Sierra Drive on January 8 at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will host an ecumenical service at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona, Pa. The service begins at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

On Sunday, January 29, 2017, Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Lutheran tradition will host an ecumenical service at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1000 Scalp Avenue (Richland), Johnstown, Pa. The service begins at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

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 a 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.

DEBT REDUCTION

The Second Collection for the Debt Reduction will be taken up next weekend, January 14-15. For December we received \$164.41. Thank you for your generosity.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessing be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2016. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2016 are asked to call the Rectory.

We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

.KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL 4245, HOLLIDAYSBURG, will hold its Free Throw Championship on January 28, 2017 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Gym in Newry. REGISTRATION 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Competition is free but donations of non-perishable food item for local food bank is encouraged. Open to boys and girls 7-14 as of January 1, 2017. Must bring proof of age. May only participate in one council competition.

Awards for all age groups. Questions of pre-register by calling Dennis Dombrosky at 695-1509 or email at dinopapt@aol.com

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

The St. Rose Chapter of the St. Vincent dePaul will have a meeting on **Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library**. We are in need of new members. Please consider coming to the meeting to help us with the less fortunate.

Volunteers are needed at the St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Shop. Call 943-1981 if you can give them a hand.

We would like to thank St. Rose Parishioners who contributed to St. Vincent dePaul Society during the past year. Your generosity was well received.

