

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 22	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11
Tues Jan 24	6:10 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Jan 25	5:45-6:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Jan 26	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Jan 27	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Jan 29	Fourth 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. 23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

8:30 a.m.
†Raymond Schoch (*Sr. Mark*)

Tuesday, Jan. 24 St. Francis de Sales

8:30 a.m.
†Paul Engelman (*Vince Frank Family*)

Wednesday, Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30 a.m.
†Vincent Stevens (*Tim Link*)

Thursday, Jan. 26 Ss. Timothy and Titus

8:30 a.m.
†Dennis Drass (*Christy & Greg Ray*)

Friday, Jan 27 St. Angela Merici

8:30 a.m.
†Eugene Furgone (*Amerigo P. Musto*)

Saturday, Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

4:00p.m.
†Evan Hileman Jr. (*Grandma & Grandpap Brown*)

Sunday, Jan. 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Paul Cassarly (*Ivory Family*)
10:30 a.m. †Elizabeth Marnecheck (*Roy D. Leister*)
12 Noon Mass For the People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 28, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Dylann Condrin, Rebecca Paule, Ellen Yarnell

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Brenda Altiero, Dan Altiero, Viola Bettwy, Volunteer

Readers: Nancy Little, Joseph Maschue

Sunday, January 29, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Jonah Brandt, Marin Cooney, Delilah Noel

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Mary Engelman, Kathleen Gburek, Diane Gormley, Volunteer

Readers: Paul Cooney, William Gburek

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Collin Campbell, Nathan Murphy, Karlee Noel

Eucharistic Ministers: Regina Friedenberger, Barbara Gentile, Terrance Heiss, Regina Murphy, Mary Wiley

Readers: David Karl, Laverne Previte

12:00 Noon

Servers: Kaytlin Jones, Madelyn Myers, Kylie Kathleen Pacovsky

Eucharistic Ministers: Mari Ann Eberhart, Ronald Eberhart, Volunteer

Readers: Deborah Kawtoski, Jim Lane

PASTOR'S CORNER

Monday, January 23, all dioceses in the United States of America are observing a Day of Prayer for the **Legal Protection of Unborn Children**.

January 22, is the day of the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), the Church in America prays for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to the right to life. Members of the Diocese are encouraged to go to Mass on this day, pray the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, fast and abstain, and join the Altoona-Johnstown family in praying the following:

O God, who adorn creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of 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.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017 -
PRAYER AT ALTOONA CATHEDRAL**

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 as 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

WHEN: Friday, January 27, 2017
WHERE: Washington, D.C.
COST: Adults-\$15.00; Students- \$10.00
 For Reservations, call:
 Patricia or Marita Forr-946-0681
 Roxann Blazewicz-695-8008
 Anne Zelnosky-942-2723

The buses will be leaving the Altoona area at 7:00 a.m. on January 27, 2017 and should return to this area about 9:30 p.m. The cost will once again be kept at \$15.00 per person, \$10.00 for students, and each of the participants will be requested to bring their lunch with them and enough money to cover the cost of their supper.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Jan 28	4:00 p.m.	Wayne & Gloria Delozier
Jan. 29	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

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Stezzano is a town in the province of Bergamo, Italy. On July 12, 1586, two young girls of the town, Bartolomea Bucanelli, 10, and Dorotea Battistoni, 11, walked by a small church dating from the 13th century, built on the spot of an alleged apparition of the Virgin Mary to a woman in prayer. The church door was closed but the girls saw "the silhouette of a woman" through the window. The figure was wearing a black dress with a white veil that came down to her shoulders. She appeared to be reading a little book that she held in her hands.

Many people have subsequently claimed to have seen a "beautiful woman" in prayer at different times. In the early summer 1586, one of the church's frescoes depicting the Madonna and Child began to exude water to the point of flooding the floor.

The investigation led by the bishop contended to the extraordinary nature of these facts, and a Marian shrine was inaugurated at the church in 1600.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT

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

CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

This Wednesday, the Church celebrates the Conversion of Saint Paul. This feast marks a major change not just in the life of one man but in the trajectory of the Church itself.

From persecutor to proclaimer, Saint Paul felt called to share the Good News not just with his Jewish brothers and sisters, but with all people.

As we reflect on the life of Saint Paul, perhaps we might ask ourselves who we might be called to share God's love with.

Who needs a little encouragement? Who needs a little help? Saint Paul was a man who heard the call of God (although it did take getting knocked off his feet), responded and changed the world.

What might we change if we are willing to hear God's call in our lives and respond?

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

In a time when the Sacrament of Marriage is not celebrated as often as in preceding decades, the Church holds up the holiness and dignity of the sacramental covenant between a man and a woman. The matrimonial covenant, by which the two spouses establish a life-long partnership between themselves, derives its force and strength from creation as proclaimed in the Book of Genesis. And for the Christian faithful it is raised up to a higher dignity, since it is numbered among the Sacraments of a new covenant.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 22

Mt 4:12-23

When Jesus called his disciples, they came immediately. Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It's a process like walking, not done immediately but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

Holy Trinity Catholic School Guardian News

St. Vincent DePaul Cereal Drive (Kids Helping Kids)

Holy Trinity Catholic Schools will be having a Cereal Drive from January 9th-January 30th to benefit St. Vincent DePaul. Students can bring a box of cereal or oatmeal.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 28th-February 5th. The theme will be "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service".

Save the Date: Fundraising Event: "Cash Bash" March 11, 2017. Please call the school office for ticket information. \$100.00 ticket admits two.

Holy Trinity welcomes Mr. Alex Schwind and Mrs. Nicole Barrick to our school family. They will be teaching Music at the various sites.

Holy Trinity Catholic School-Altoona Campus is looking for a Full-Time Janitor/Maintenance. For an interview, please call: 814-942-7835.

SMALL POCKETS OF PRAYER

By Jeanne Hunt

Our fast-lane mentality is a deterrent to active prayer lives. I suggest we learn to combine prayer and work.

This may seem a surprising combination. Prayer is often pictured as a knelling activity. However, if we wait for knee time, we'll rarely connect the God. St. Benedict taught his monks to always be at prayer, to see every action as an opportunity to talk to God. Does God want us to keep the conversation going while driving car pool, walking grocery aisles, and stirring soup?

YES!

Each day offers pauses when prayer fits perfectly. I call these "small pockets of prayer." We pick up the morning paper, notice the breathtaking sunrise and pause to praise the Creator. We're tied up in traffic, so we pray the rosary. We arrive early at the soccer field, turn off the car and talk with God.

God offers us many pockets of prayer. These moments begin to infuse our schedule, and we start hearing God's invitation to create more: Once a week, eat lunch alone and pray, or skip the evening news and watch the night sky with God instead. God walks through the day with us. God listens and watches. Knee time is a rare commodity, yet three minutes here and two minutes there add up. Looking for small pockets of prayer makes our entire day holy.

Janie enters the grocery checkout line and sees the "coupon lady" ahead of her. Rather than move to another lane, Janie pulls out her daily reflection book; she reads and prays as she waits. For the first time in months she's relaxed and free of the constant guilt of too little, too late with God. She unloads her cart praying, "Good and gracious God, I'm weary tonight as I head home to make supper. Give me renewed strength and a smile for my family. Amen." As she puts the bags in her car trunk she reflects on how praying on the run has changed her. She realized that God doesn't only wait for us in chapels; he loves to find us wherever we go.

Jesus, sit down with me. I want to simply be with you. My heart needs nothing profound. I only want to know your presence here. Share this time with me and speak to my heart.

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ECUMENICAL SERVICES

This 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 Rhyné of the Lutheran tradition will host an ecumenical service at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1000 Scalp Ave. (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.

SACRAMENTS CLASS

This 8 week course will focus on an understanding of the Sacraments today.

Participants will study the post Vatican II theologies of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Sacrament of Healing, Marriage, Holy Orders and the central mystery of our faith, the Mass. The course is being offered at 2 locations, **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament—Seton Suite, Altoona; Msgr. Robert Mazur, instructor and St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael; Father D. Timothy Grimme, instructor.** The cost of registration and material, which includes a book on each sacrament, is \$65.00.

Registration forms are available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or by contacting Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or by mail at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. **All are welcome.**

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.