

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 26	<b>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11
Tues Feb 28	6:10 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed March 1	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs March 2	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri March 3	6:10 PM Bingo 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Sat March 4	10:30-12:00 PM Grade 5 Retreat
Sun March 5	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> 9:15-10:15 Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10



### Monday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m.  
†Deceased of Golden & Halicky Families (*Family*)

### Tuesday, Feb. 28

8:30 a.m.  
†David & Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

### Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society  
8:30 a.m. † Kay Patton (*John, Children & Grandchildren*)  
7:00 p.m. † Eugene Furgione (*George Corso & Family*)

### Thursday, March 2

8:30 a.m.  
†Raymond Schoch (*Mary Engelman*)

### Friday, March 3

8:30 a.m.  
†Shirley Mitchell (*M/M Bernie Shea*)

### Saturday, March 4

4:00p.m.  
†William Eichenlaub (*Family*)

### Sunday, March 5 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. †Paul Engelman (*Ron & Janet Brown*)  
10:30 a.m. †Elizabeth Marnecheck (*William Leahey*)  
12 Noon Mass For the People

### **NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR CCD STUDENTS**

There will be no class for the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD students during the month of March.  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD students will have class during the month of March, including April 2.

## MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

7:00 a.m.  
**Servers: Volunteers**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteer  
**Ash Ministers:** Linda Zakrzewski  
**Readers: Volunteer**  
8:30 a.m.  
**Servers:** Holy Trinity School Children  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteers  
**Ash Ministers:** Deacon Woomey, Mary Engelman  
**Readers:** Volunteer  
7:00 p.m.  
**Servers:** Kylie Kathleen Pacovsky  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Shoenfelt, Volunteers  
**Ash Ministers:** Volunteer  
**Readers:** Nancy Little, Bernice Shoenfelt  
**Stations of the Cross, March 3, 2017**  
5:30 p.m. Kylie Kathleen Pacovsky  
**Saturday, March 4, 2017**  
4:00 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Annika Barnes, Ronan Barnes, Ellen Yarnell  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomey, Brittany Boslet, Kevin Boslet, Martin Kooman, Barbara Kooman  
**Readers:** John Donley, Elizabeth Tully

### **Sunday, March 5, 2017**

8:00 a.m.  
**Servers:** Madison Hooper, Marissa Hooper, Madeline Kling  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomey, Mary Lou Horton, Cindy Sharbaugh, James Trexler, Kathy Woomey  
**Readers:** Charles Wolf, Linda Wolf  
10:30 a.m.  
**Servers:** Nathan Breton, Madison Breton, Gaige Reighard  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Yvonne Gibson, Karen McGraw, Robert Spinazzola, Kitty Zelnosky, Lauryn Zelnosky  
**Readers:** Joseph Breton, Amy Reighard  
12:00 Noon  
**Servers:** Alana Hallinan, Marcus Lucas, Rachel Lucas  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Philip Bracken, Ronald Skupien, Volunteer  
**Readers:** Christina Bracken, Volunteer

## PASTOR'S CORNER

All are invited to an ecumenical worship service celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, which will be held this Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Altoona, Pa. (1401 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Altoona). We will have Bishop Donald McCoid (formerly Bishop of Pittsburgh and surrounding area) as our preacher and speaker. Bishop McCoid has recently retired as the Ecumenical Executive for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who was instrumental in the creation of the ecumenical document "Declaration On the Way." This document collects the 32 points of agreement on ministry, mission and Eucharist where Lutherans and Catholics agree. Bishop Michael Rhyne of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, and Bishop Mark Bartchak will proclaim together these points of agreement. All are encouraged to participate in this historic celebration.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-FEB. 18-19, 2017

Regular	\$6127.06	Christmas	\$ 45.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 44.00	Candles	\$ 20.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 231.44	Ash Wed.	\$ 9.00
Candlemas	\$ 17.00	Religious Ret.	\$ 5.00
		Total	\$6498.50

**LENT**

This Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Good Friday (April 14) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7) are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small means and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are obliged to **ABSTAIN**. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18<sup>th</sup> year until their 60<sup>th</sup> year. (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

Begin this Lent at one of our Ash Wednesday Masses. Help your resolve with acts of prayer, fasting and charity. Devote time to prepare yourself for the purifying gift of Christ's Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Our Ash Wednesday collection will be for the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. We also invite you to offer your daily home alms to Operation Rice Bowl.**

Our participation of daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and reflective spiritual study further sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the grace of God welling up in our hearts.

**RETREAT-FIFTH GRADE**

There will be a Retreat for all children in the Fifth Grade on Saturday, March 4 from 10:30-12:00 Noon in the Social Hall. Parent participation is not required.

**OFFERTORY PRESENTERS**

March 5	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
March 6	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers
	10:30 a.m.	Volunteers
	Noon	Volunteers

**BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS**

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players study series showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization. **St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer**, radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church. **St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian**, demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source. **St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic**, gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond. **Blessed John Henry Newman, the Convert**, left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith. **G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist**, publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity. **Michelangelo, the Artist**, dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

Journey with Bishop Barron to explore the lasting influence of these Pivotal Players.

The 13 week course begins Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 PM in the School Art Room. Feel free to join us for some or all of the meetings.

A \$25.00 registration fee covers the cost of the study guide and is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms can be found on the foyer table.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for March 3, 2017 will be held at St. Mark Church, 416 6th Ave. Altoona from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Elder who died during the past week. May God give comfort to his Family.

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

In the revised **Order of Celebrating Matrimony** (2016), the Church states that it is the Sacrament of Baptism that has incorporated a man and woman into life with Christ. Baptism, the Sacrament of faith, invites husband and wife to enter into the covenant of Christ with the Church. The conjugal love of the spouses is assumed into Christ's charity and enriched by the power of his Sacrifice. Thus, the valid Marriage between the baptized is always a Sacrament. The covenant love between man and woman is held in the highest esteem. Husband and wife model the love of God and his people.

### BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

The annual Black and Indian Mission Collection is the first national collection, authorized by the U.S. Bishops in 1884.

Next weekend, March 4 & 5 we will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Our financial contribution helps support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Please use the envelope located in your pack of envelopes.

### SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet at Jethro's on March 5 at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

### "WALK OF FAITH"

You may still purchase a personalized brick to put into the "Walk of Faith." Bricks are \$50.00. Order forms are in the gathering area of the church. Take a look at the walkways and see hundreds of names and add yours to the walkway.

### PALM COLLECTION

A basket will be available in the foyer throughout Lent to collect your palm from past year. The palm will be burned during the Easter Vigil.

### Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

In 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three young children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, in Fatima, Portugal. She asked them to pray for the conversion of Russia and the world. One day, a deeply moved Jacinta told her cousin Lucia:

"Our Lady came to see us, Francisco and me, and she said she would come soon and take Francisco with her to Heaven. To me, she asked me if I still wanted to convert more sinners. I told her yes. Our Lady wants me to stay in two hospitals, but not to recover, it is to suffer still further for the love of Our Lord and for sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She told me that my mother would take me, and then I would stay there alone; but that I shouldn't be afraid, because she would take me to Heaven."

The vision of hell had so affected her that she could not get it out of her mind. Sometimes thoughtful, she repeated aloud: "Hell...Hell... I feel so sad for the souls who fall into it. We will pray very hard and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners."

### C.F.M...What is it?

The initials stand for Christian Family Movement. It is the kind of lively Christianity that Pope Francis is now talking about and encouraging. C.F.M. began flourishing in the U.S. and 25 other countries 60 years ago.

It is a network of small groups each within a parish. A typical group is made up of 6 to 8 married couples who meet monthly in each other's homes to reinforce Christian values and encourage other Christian parents through active involvement.

One of these is active in St. Rose Parish and now is inviting other couples to "come and see". Interested couples may call Damian and Kelly Charlesworth, 814-946-4502 for information.

**CANDLES:** Fritz & Mary Werkmeister & Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard, Special Intention-Jacobs Family, Special Intention-Jacobs Family, Derek Turcovski-Healing by Joan & Linda Turcovski, Duane Eichenlaub by Irene Eichenlaub.

### **FISH DINNERS**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will have a Fish Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Serving at School Cafeteria on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. \$8.00-Baked or Fried Fish. Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office, 806 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Take outs available.

The Unter Uns Club on Van Buren Ave. & 14th St. will have Fish Dinners from Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 to and including Good Friday, April 14. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Cost \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 4-10 years old and under 3 free. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend. Sponsored by Altoona Almrausch Schuhplattlers.

### **Saint Mark's Fish Fries (6th Ave. & 4th St. Altoona)**

Mark you calendar for the following three Fridays: March 10, March 24 and April 7 from 4-6:30 p.m. (while supplies last). Baked or Fried Fish. The cost will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Take outs available.

### **St. Leonard's Home will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 18 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg.**

The event includes a meal, cheese bar, desserts, wine tasting, auction, prizes for bidding and entertainment. Tickets are \$30.00, and are available at St. Leonard's Home or by calling 695-9581 during business hours.

**Christian Prayer and Spirituality Course** will be offered at two locations this March. Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be teaching Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at **St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville**, beginning March 8<sup>th</sup> and Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at **St. Patrick School, Johnstown** beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>. During this 8 week course, participants will explore both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality that will help deepen their relationship with God. The cost of this course which includes registration and materials is \$55. For further information and registration please contact the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or email [mheinze@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mheinze@dioceseaj.org)  
**All are welcome!**

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

#### **For Persons With Disabilities and Their Families**

Will you know exactly what to do when an emergency happens? Please join us to learn more about steps to take in an emergency situation.

**Date: Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.**

(Registration/coffee opens at 8:00 a.m. at

The Arc of Blair County

431 Jackson Ave. Altoona.

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

(Pre-registration is required) Registration

Deadline: March 24 814-946-1011

[www.thearcblair.org/training](http://www.thearcblair.org/training).

**Training and Lunch provided at No Cost**

Learn what to do when an emergency happens!

### **CARDINAL DOLAN AT S.F.U.**

Saint Francis University is pleased to announce His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be our guest on Thursday, March 30, 2017. While in Loretto, the Cardinal will celebrate an on-campus, public Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the Maurice Stokes Athletics Center. The University is pleased to offer a limited number of Mass tickets on a first-come, first serve basis. Following Mass, a black-tie optional *Dinner with the Cardinal* will begin at 6:00 p.m. on campus in the John F. Kennedy Student Center. Tickets are \$250 each (\$1750 for table of eight). Proceeds will benefit *The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology*. You can reserve Mass and dinner tickets by visiting: [www.francis.edu/Cardinal-Dolan-Mass](http://www.francis.edu/Cardinal-Dolan-Mass). The Mass will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend by visiting the same website. Please call (814) 472-3021 for more information.

**A Lenten series on Bishop Robert Barron's DVD "Seven Deadly Sins and the Lively Virtues," will be offered on four weeks in March.** This series will be at St. Mary's Church Hall on 5th Ave., Altoona on March 7, 14, 21, 28. Class will be from 6:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Easter. Please call Sr. Theresa at 942-5747 if you can attend.