

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 9	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Tues April 11	6:10 PM	Bingo
	7:00 PM	Legion of Mary
Wed April 12	5:00-6:00 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs April 13	7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri April 14	12 Noon	Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Communion
	7:30 PM	Tenebrae
Sat April 15	12 Noon	Blessing of Easter Food
	8:30 pm	EASTER VIGIL
Sun April 16	EASTER SUNDAY	



Monday, April 10 Monday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m.

†Dr. Richard Capriotti (*Mary Lou Moffitt*)

Tuesday, April 11 Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m.

†Raymond Schoch (*Sante & Kay Bambocci*)

Wednesday, April 12 Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m.

†Joanne DeCriscio (*Son, Ed DeCriscio*)

†Stephen McConnell (*Sral Family*)

Thursday April 13 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m..(Con-celebrated)

†M. Elayne Gooderham (*Family*)

†Pete Yartin (*Annie Yartin*)

Friday, April 14 GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 Noon Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Saturday, April 15 HOLY SATURDAY

8:30.m.

†Mary Merlini (*M/M Robert Aprile*)

Sunday, April 16 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. †Dennis Drass (*St. Michael's Church Guild*)

10:30 a.m. †Mary E. Fiore (*Family*)

12 Noon Mass For The People

EASTER DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Easter Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. If you would be able to lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated.

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Altar Server: Kylie Kathleen Pacovsky, Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Mary Engelman, Volunteers

Readers: Deborah Kawtoski, Nancy Little

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

12 Noon

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Mary Engelman

Readers: Viola Bettwy, Deborah Kawtoski

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 15, 2017

8:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Marcus Lucas, Rachel Lucas

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, James Shoenfelt, Volunteers

Readers: Viola Bettwy, Deborah Kawtoski, Laverne

Previte, Bernice Shoenfelt, Nancy Little, Linda Wolf

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Madison Hooper, Marisa Hooper, Madeline Kling

Eucharistic Ministers: Delores Cree, Martin Kooman, Barbara Kooman, Robert Spinazzoli, Linda Zakrzewski

Readers: Damian Charlesworth, Shawn Wesner

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Nathan Breton, Madison Breton, Sophia Simanski

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Caitlin

Berkheimer, Damon Rickens, Shaelyn Rickens, Mary Wiley

Readers: Joseph Breton, Chris Rickens

12:00 Noon

Servers: Kelly Campbell, Emma John, Kylie Kathleen

Pacovsky

Eucharistic Ministers: Philip Bracken, Kathleen Wasicki,

John Wasicki

Readers: Christian Bracken, Michael Nazaruk

PASTOR'S CORNER

This week is the holiest week of the year for Christians. It will conclude with three days-only seventy-two hours-in which the greatest events of our redemption were accomplished—the Triduum of the crucified, buried, and risen. The Sacred Easter Triduum has been seen as a time of silence, during which the Church mourns the sufferings and death of her Divine Spouse. These “still-days” invite us to deeper reflection on the salvation won for us on the cross. Consider how you will spend these days of prayer and contemplation and join us in the many opportunities we have to deepen our experience of these sacred days.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-APRIL 1-2, 2017

Regular	\$5927.98	Christmas	\$ 59.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 25.00	Bishops' Relief	\$ 65.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 225.00	Rose	\$ 207.12
Black & Indian	\$ 25.00		
Debt Reduction	\$ 5.00	Total	\$9539.10

BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOODS

The special religious feature of Holy Saturday is the blessing of various foods, but especially the eggs and the lamb (or another item shaped as a lamb). Some of the traditional foods and what they symbolize follow: Eggs were often forbidden during Lent and thus were particularly tasty after 40 days without them. The egg symbolizes Christ in the tomb. At breakfast on Easter Sunday the egg is broken to represent Christ's resurrection and then shared with everyone to show the unity that exists between Christ and His loved ones.

The lamb, molded of butter or pastry, symbolizes the full realization that without the Lamb of God there could be no salvation. Because of their symbolic significance the egg and lamb are given the place of honor-in the center of the table.

Easter Breads are another common Easter tradition all over the world usually formed or twisted. Nearly every culture shares some form of twisted bread made to look like a person praying in spiritual reverence, or to symbolize a religious element of Easter. Different meat products represent abundance and generosity.

Horseradish, and bitter herbs that signify the bitterness of suffering of Christ, and salt a sign of hospitality and a reminder that we are called to be "salt of the earth." Candles represent Christ the Light of the World.

We will bless baskets Saturday, April 15 at Noon in the Parish Center.

BLESSING OF CHILDREN'S EASTER BASKETS

We will be blessing Children's Easter Baskets at the end of the Easter Sunday Masses. Please feel free to bring your baskets.

St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg will have a Reconciliation Service this Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 p.m.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

April 15	8:30 p.m.	Volunteers
April 16	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis, Carole & Devon Housum
	Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Fritz & Mary Werkmeister & Toby & Joyce Kjarsgaard by Family, Special Intentions for Jeanne Traficante by Traficante & Benton Families, Genevieve Mikolajczyk by Mary Ann Mikolajczyk, Don & Julia Hanley (Bieniek) by Joan & Linda Turcovski.

HOLY THURSDAY ALMSGIVING

Holy Thursday, the evening of the Lord's Supper, is our occasion to honor the continuing good work done in the name of Gloria Gates. We forward the gathered Holy Thursday offering to the Gloria Gates Foundation that helps the youth of Evergreen Manor. Be abundantly generous in your Holy Thursday almsgiving.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please use the envelope that is in your pack of envelopes. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

SERVICE HOURS-Anyone needing service hours may help Father Saylor set up Easter Flowers on Saturday morning, April 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The Virgin was absolutely sure that Jesus would resurrect from the dead, since he had openly predicted it. What she did not know was the hour of the Resurrection, which in fact is mentioned nowhere. However, in Psalm 56, David, speaking in the person of the Father addressing the Son, said: "Awake, my glory, awake my harp and my lyre!" And the Son answered: "I will awake at dawn."

After the Virgin Mary realized the time of the Resurrection, she wanted to find out if other prophets had mentioned the day of the Resurrection, and she found this text in chapter 6 of Hosea: "After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up and we will live in his presence."

The Virgin stood up and said, "These witnesses to the time when my Son will resurrect from the dead are enough for me." And immediately Christ sent the angel Gabriel to her saying, "You who told my mother about the Incarnation of the Word, go announce to her his Resurrection."

Immediately the Angel flew to the Virgin and said, "Queen of Heaven, rejoice, because the one you deserved to carry in your womb is risen, as he said." And Christ greeted his mother, saying, "Peace be with you."

There will be NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES on April 9, Palm Sunday and April 16, Easter Sunday. Class will resume on April 23. Please remember to put the Rice Bowls in the collection basket at Mass.

CENSUS FORMS

Due to a recent computer issue, we have to recreate our parish database. Please take a census form from the foyer and return the completed form to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your help.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

April 9 **Mt 26:14-27:66**
The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Students of St. Rose of Lima Church is having an Easter Egg Hunt. You are all invited.

Date: April 16 –Easter Sunday Morning

Time: 9:20-10:00 a.m.

Place: Father Saylor's Court Yard behind the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Bernice Shoенfelt at 944-8509 or 942-5659 or email bshoenfelt@stroselima.com

See you there,

Father Saylor-Pastor Bernice Shoенfelt-DRE

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The Local Church of Altoona-Johnstown will assemble on Monday of Holy Week, April 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for the annual Chrism Mass. Bishop will gather with his college of priests assisted by his deacons with the assembled faithful from throughout the Diocese. Bishop will bless the Oil of the Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism. These consecrated oils will be used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick; also, new altars will be consecrated with Sacred Chrism. Each parish community will take a portion of the three oils back to the parish for use in the appropriate liturgical celebration. The entire diocesan family is invited to participate in this annual Liturgy.

BISHOP'S NIGHT FOR VOCATIONS

The Serra Club of Cambria County invites you to the Bishop's Night for Vocations Dinner on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Ben Franklin Highway, Ebensburg, Pa. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored jointly by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation

Office. The theme for the event is: "***Led by the Spirit for Mission.***" Guest speaker is Reverend Stephen P. DeLacy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Tickets can be purchased by calling: Marjorie Lechene at 814-255-9797 or 814 255-6563.

The Altoona Area Lyme Disease Support Group

will meet on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. There will be a presentation called, "Preventing Tick Bites & Tick-borne Diseases". The group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. All are welcome. For more info call Amber Altiero at 934-7403.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The nuptial covenant between God and his people Israel had prepared the way for the new and everlasting covenant in which the Son of God is inseparably united to his people. By becoming incarnate, giving his life on the cross, and rising from the dead, Jesus Christ has gifted all mankind with redemption, thus preparing his people for "the wedding feast of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7). Marriage stands as a true sign of our salvation forever sealed by the death and resurrection of the Lord (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1612).

The Mt. Carmel Social & Administration Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the Seneca Casino in Salamanca, NY, on Saturday, April 22nd. We will be departing from the Church Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m. and departing from the Casino at 8:00 p.m. We will not be making any stops going up or coming back from the Casino. The cost of the trip is \$35.00/person. Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play & \$5 food (subject to change). To receive the bonuses please bring to the Casino a valid picture ID. For reservations please call the Parish Office during the week at 942-8501.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Golf Outing

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Youth Ministry will hold its 9th annual golf outing Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Park Hills Country Club in Altoona. The entrance fee is \$75.00 per golfer (\$300 per foursome) includes green fees, cart, skills contests, on course refreshments and luncheon. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and tee time is 9:30 a.m. Tee sponsorship for businesses and organizations is \$100.00. To register an individual or a foursome or for more information call 814-659-8773 or email avcdepaul@atlanticbbn.net.

Holy Trinity Catholic School would like to "**THANK YOU**" for your assistance in making this year's "**CASH BASH**" event a success! With your help we raised over **\$30,000!** Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity's effort to enhance our technological and educational programs that promotes 21st century learning. Your support is continuing to help enrich our students, families, and our community. All of the funds raised from this event will be used to support Holy Trinity and its educational programs.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 will meet on Monday, April 10th, at 6:30 for a social followed by a 7:00 meeting in the St. Rose of Lima Social Hall. New members welcome!

CCW "HANDS & HEARTS HAITI FÈT"

The Carmelite Community of the Word invites you to our Hands & Hearts Haiti Fèt (formerly known as the Paschal Festival), on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall, 279 St. Elizabeth St., Loretto, Pa. The afternoon will include a buffet dinner, silent auction, and a program featuring Francois Victor, a popular presenter for Nicky-Nick Community TV in Brooklyn NY. Mr. Victor grew up in Haiti and his sister is Sr. Emmanuelle, the foundress and superior of the Little Sisters of the Incarnation in Haiti. He will share stories of growing up in Haiti as well as shedding light on Haitian family values.

Doors open at 1:45 p.m.; Dinner will be served at 2:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 13. Participants are asked to contribute a new item of children's and/or teen's underwear or socks. Contact 886-4098 for tickets. Deadline for tickets is April 21, 2017. All proceeds will help us continue our ministry in Haiti.

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Mission Presents Catholic Speaker

Dr. Edward Sri

St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford St. Johnstown, will be hosting Dr. Edward Sri April 23rd and 24th from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. each evening. This event is open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.

Dr. Sri is a renowned theologian, author, and well known Catholic speaker. Topics of these engaging and thought provoking presentations are *Walking With Mary: A Biblical Journey from Nazareth to the Cross*, *A Biblical Walk through the Mass: Understanding what we say and do at Liturgy, Marriage: The Good, the Messy and the Beautiful and Becoming Missionary Disciples:*

Pope Francis and the Real Challenges in Pastoral Ministry Today. For more information please contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net

PRAYER CHAIN

The Saint Rose of Lima Parish website now has an online form to submit any prayer requests/intentions you may have. Visit stroselima.com and you'll find the direct link to "Prayer Requests" within the "Home" tab.

These prayer requests are sent to Bernice Shoenfelt, our prayer chain organizer, and to Father Brian and Deacon Jim. You can also call Bernice Shoenfelt, with your prayer requests/intentions at 942-5659.