

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 21	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 23	6:10 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Jan 24	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Jan 25	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Jan 26	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Jan 28	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. 22

8:30 a.m.

†Meda Rankin (*Fritz & Bill Beard*)

Tuesday, Jan. 23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

8:30 a.m.

†Patricia Ronan (*Sally Miller & Family*)

Wednesday, Jan. 24 St. Francis de Sales

8:30 a.m.

†Raymond Schoch (*Altoona Catholic High School-
Class of 1952*)

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

8:30 a.m.

†Deceased of Golden & Halicky Families (*Family*)

Friday, Jan. 26 Ss. Timothy and Titus

8:30 a.m.

†Deceased Members of Sylvester Family (*Frank &
Mary C. Rubino*)

Saturday, Jan. 27 St. Angela Merici

4:00p.m.

†Evan J. Hilelman (*Grandma & Grandpap Brown*)

Sunday, Jan. 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Deborah Dillon (*JoAnn & Steven Goodreau*)

10:30 a.m. †Clair J. Lockard (*Renie Eichenlaub*)

12 Noon Mass For the People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 27, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Yahner, Abby Yahner, Erin Yahner

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomeer, Debra Fraundorfer, James Shoenfelt, Nikki Solimando, Matthew Yahner

Readers: Ellen Rahm, Bernice Shoenfelt

Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Margaret Keating, Matthew Neumeyer, Delilah Noel

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomeer, Martha Dombrowski, James Trexler, Volunteers

Readers: Damian Charlesworth, Helen Rhodes

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Gaige Reighard, Jacob Stephens, Marian Stephens

Eucharistic Ministers: Caitlin Berkheimer, Gina Goss, Thomas Goss, Kathryn Nazaruk, Mary Wiley

Readers: Michael Nazaruk, Amy Reighard

12:00 Noon

Servers: Noah Trexler, Caleb Trexler, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Philip Bracken, Johnine Mueller, Ronald Skupien

Readers: Christina Bracken, Jim Lane

PASTOR'S CORNER

Because of the seriousness of this flu season, Bishop Barchak has asked that the Precious Blood of the Lord not be offered at Mass temporarily. It is the belief of the Catholic Church that the whole Body of Christ is present under either form of consecrated bread and wine. Also, the exchange of the sign of peace should avoid bodily contact. A reverent nod with eye contact and a smile will be the temporary practice.

Reception of Holy Communion on the hand is encouraged; however, reception on the tongue may not be denied. These norms are in effect throughout the winter months or until the flu season is over.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JAN. 13-14, 2018

Regular	\$6090.01	Christmas	\$ 23.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 26.00	Candles	\$ 35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 63.00	Register	\$ 15.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 183.99	Initial	\$ 6.00
		Total	\$6442.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Mr. Jean Jaures, the famous French socialist Member of Parliament (1859-1914), was an atheist who chose a highly anticlerical teacher for the education of his daughter, to ensure that any trace of faith would be eradicated from the soul of his child.

On the evening of one of his finest oratorical successes, returning home rejoicing in his triumph, Jaures heard a light tap on the door of his office. His daughter Germaine came in. "Father, I am so happy," she said. "I came to let you know that I have set my mind on the person who will be my life's companion." She knelt in front of her father and confessed: "I want to give my life to God in the religious life."

For Jaures this was like a thunderbolt. He only had the strength to ask: 'How long have you had this idea?'. "For four years, Father. One day when I was walking with my teacher in the countryside, we found a broken cross by the roadside. I tried to put the pieces back together, but my teacher gave it a kick. I felt utterly crushed inside, and since that day, many seeds of new thoughts have grown in my soul that you didn't plant in it." She kissed her father's hand, but he motioned to her to leave.

Story told by Brother Albert Pflieger

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 21 **Mark 1:14-20**

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee & Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children are never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Jan. 27	4:00 p.m.	Mary Lou Moffitt
Jan. 28	8:00 a.m.	James & Linda Trexler
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis, Carole & Devon Housum
	Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Improved Health-Cheryl Sedon by Joan & Linda Turcovski, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Special Intention by Pat Trexler, Helen Mirabella-Anniversary by The Family.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gary Zonfrilli whom we honored with Christian Burial during the past week.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessing be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2017. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2017 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

In today's Gospel the fishermen abandoned their nets and followed the Lord. Faithful Christians follow Christ by having total love for God and neighbor. In every celebration of the dead, the Church attaches great importance to the reading of the word of God. The readings proclaim the paschal mystery, convey hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom, and encourage the witness to the Christian life on the part of the living. As we continue on our pilgrimage of life, we seek God's mercy and love. May our dead know peace in Christ, and may we be comforted in that same peace.

Order of **Christian Funerals**, 1998-1989, Number 22

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet at the Outback Steakhouse on February 4 at **12:00 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Monday, January 22, all diocese 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 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.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH...

St. Mathew Church-Tyrone, January 21, 2018 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.

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

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Today, January 21, 2018, Bishop Mark Bartchak of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will have 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 28, 2018, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Orthodox tradition will host an ecumenical service at Christ the Saviour Cathedral, 300 Garfield Street, 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On Sunday, February 18, 2018, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, beginning at 7:00 p.m. These are men and women who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter from our parish and those in the surrounding area.

The adults who are seeking Baptism will be formally named and welcomed as the Elect of God and the Candidates seeking full initiation will declare their intent and be blessed by Bishop Mark Bartchak. All parishioners are invited to join our Catechumens and Candidates and their sponsors and families in prayer and communal support. Everyone is invited to attend a light reception afterwards in the Cathedral Hall.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Star of the Sea Council 4245, Hollidaysburg, will hold its Free Throw Championship on January 27, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Gym in Newry. REGISTRATION 11:00-11:30 a.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, 2018. Must bring proof of age. May only participate in one council competition. Awards for all age groups. Questions or pre-register (recommended) by calling Dennis Dombrosky at 695-1509 or email at dinopapt@aol.com.

BINGO

Plan to join Holy Family Parish at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage for a night of Bingo, Sunday, January 28th in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$20.00 per person. Extra specials and cards will be available. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Early bird games will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and the regular games will begin at 6:15 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available.

Travel with Father Brian on our Budapest, Prague, Vienna, Poland trip.

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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ST. ROSE OF LIMA ST. VINCENT DePAUL CONFERENCE ANNUAL APPEAL

This is the Season For Hope

Our hope is that through your support and prayers we can continue...

Changing lives...One at a time.

Since 2007 we have been helping our neighbors in our community get through times of crisis and need. It is only with your financial, material and spiritual support that we can continue these efforts.

In this season of hope we look to you for help, so we can continue to help others.

The second collection at all of our masses next weekend, January 27-28 will go to our SVdP Conference.

Please donate what you can to help us help others.

FISH DINNERS

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
February 14, 2018**

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Serving at School Cafeteria on 8th Ave.

\$8.00 BAKED OR FRIED FISH

Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office
806 11th St. Take outs available.

Altoona Almrausch Schuhplattlers will be having Fish Dinners from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 to and including Good Friday, March 30. Dinners will be held at the Unter Uns Club on Van Buren Ave. & 14th St. Altoona.

Dinners served from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Baked or Fried Fish. Cost \$9.00 for adults \$5.00 for children 4-10 years old and under 3 free. Dinners are open to the public.