

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 28	Fourth 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 30	6:10 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Jan 31	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Feb 1	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb 2	6:10 PM Bingo
Sun Feb 4	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-8 9:15-10:15 AM 9 th Grade Session 2-All Students, CCD & BG



Monday, Jan. 29

8:30 a.m.

†Michael McGraw (*Wife & Sons*)

Tuesday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m.

†Stanley Halerz (*Carolyn Sylvester*)

Wednesday, Jan. 31 St. John Bosco

8:30 a.m.

†Paul Engelman (*Lee & Paula Baranik*)

Thursday, Feb. 1

8:30 a.m.

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

Friday, Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m.

†Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

Saturday, Feb. 3 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

4:00p.m.

†Mary Prorok (*Marie Prorok*)

Sunday, Feb. 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Raymond Schoch (*Altoona Catholic High School-Class of 1952*)

10:30 a.m. †Edward & Anna Mae Polo (*Breanne Rodgers*)

12 Noon Mass For the People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 3, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Grace Callahan, Hope Callahan, Brennen Myrick

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woome, Brenda Altiero, Patricia Fromknecht, Sarah Fromknecht, Joseph Fromknecht

Readers: Viola Bettwy, Nancy Little

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Marin Cooney, Hamilton Gates, Josephine Gates

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woome, William Beard, Delores Cree, Kathleen Gburek, Cindy Sharbaugh

Readers: Paul Cooney, Shawn Wesner

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Eva Bagley, Braden Reilly, Patrick Reilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Terrance Heiss, Dennis Housum, Carole Housum, Kimberly Irwin, Karen McGraw

Readers: David Karl, Carolyn Kline

12:00 Noon

Servers: Madelyn Myers, Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Eberhart, Ronald Eberhart, Mary Masic

Readers: Deborah Kawtoski, Volunteer

PASTOR'S CORNER

On Saturday, February 3 the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Blaise. Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that takes place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. St. Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies. In honor of St. Blaise, we will bless throats next weekend at all the Masses.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JAN. 20-21, 2018

Regular	\$6243.02	Christmas	\$ 60.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 18.00	Initial	\$ 10.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 289.58	Candles	\$ 40.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 45.00	Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00
Candlemas	\$ 5.00	Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1.00		
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00	Total	\$6727.50

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

From January 15 to March 2, 1933, the Virgin Mary appeared 8 times to an 11-year old girl, Mariette Beco, from Banneux, a town 20 km from Liege, Belgium.

On January 15, 1933, around 7 o'clock p.m. Mariette was sitting by the window of her home. The snow was falling outside. It was freezing, at 10°F. When Mariette raised the curtain, she was startled by the sight of an unusual light in the yard. Looking closer, she saw a "beautiful lady." The Virgin called her, and Mariette followed her outside...at each apparition, Mariette went outside in the cold, and followed the beautiful Lady.

Message of January 19, 1933: "Who are you, my lovely lady?" "I am the Virgin of the Poor." The Virgin asked the girl to dip her hands in a spring... a spring for all the nations, to relieve the sick. "I came to relieve suffering," she heard.

February 15, 1933: "Believe in me, I believe in you. Pray so very much!"

March 2, 1933: "I am the Mother of the Savior, the Mother of God. Pray so very much. Farewell!"

August 22, 1949, the diocesan bishop officially approved the apparitions of Banneux.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 3	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
Feb. 4	8:00 a.m.	CCD Students
	10:30 a.m.	Joe & Regina Friedenberger
	Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Our Loving Grandson, Evan J. Hileman by Grandma & Pap Brown & Family, Jacqueline Dano by Cherrielyn Hrzic, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Special Intention-Steve Traifante by Linda Zakrzwski, Special Intention by Pat Trexler, Health of Cheryl Sedon by Joan & Linda Turcovski, Ted Mikolajczyk by Daughter & Son.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Arlene Rainelli and Richard Anslinger whom we honored with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to their family.

There will be no Religious Education Class for Grades 10 & 11 next weekend, February 4.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for February 2, 2018 will be held at St. Mary Church, 1405 5th Ave. Altoona from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

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.

SUPPER CLUB

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

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The Catholic believer is usually assisted with three distinct prayers at the time of death. The Church initially gathers with the family at the **Vigil for the Deceased**. This prayer is grounded in Holy Scripture. The central prayer at the time of death is the **Funeral Mass**. At the funeral liturgy the deceased is given over to the mercy of God. We gather celebrating the Sacred Mysteries of the Lord's death and resurrection, asking that our beloved dead rest in the peace of Christ. Finally the family gathers graveside for the prayers of **Committal**. We pray that our dead rest in their graves until the Lord calls them forth at his coming again in glory.

Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989.

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.

HELP NEEDED

Would you be willing to help take care of our church? We clean the first Wednesday each month after the morning Mass. Any help is greatly appreciated.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 28

Mark 1:21-28

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience, addictions and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

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 Avenue

\$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.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish

Father Kelly Hall (25th Ave. & 5th St.)

Fridays during Lent.

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Baked or Fried Fish OR Fried or Steamed Shrimp Macaroni & Cheese OR French Fried OR Baked Potato, Cole Slaw OR Apple Sauce, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll/Butter Dessert. Drink (not with take-outs). Take-Outs Available.

\$10.00 Adults -\$7.00 Children (under 12)

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625
Catholic Daughters of the Americas

On January 13, 2018, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Prince Gallitzin held the judging of the annual education contest.

The following students from St. Rose CCD were winners:

ART Division 1 (grades 4-5)
Second Prize—Payton Ronan, grade 4
Third Prize—Xander Rogers, grade 4

ART Division 2 (grades 6-8)
First Prize—Arden McKendree, grade 7
Second Prize—Isabella Frank, grade 6
Third Prize—Logan Kline, grade 8

PHOTOGRAPHY Division 2 (grades 6-8)
Second Prize—Tyson Rehm, grade 6
Third Prize—Conner Adams, grade 6

ESSAY Division 2 (grades 6-8)
First Prize—Brianna Dawson, grade 6

Congratulations to all the winners!

Sister Theresa will be offering Bishop Robert Barron's DVD titled-UNTOLD BLESSINGS: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS at Holy Rosary Church in Juniata. The dates and times are as follows: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. February 20th, 27th, and March 6th. Bishop Barron paints a beautiful picture of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. If you are able to attend please call Sister at 942-5747. God bless you.

BG BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

BG Baseball is having a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale at the BG Cafeteria Sunday, March 11, 2018. 11:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 and tickets can be purchased at the door, purchase from your favorite BG Baseball player, or call Kathleen Dombrosky 695-1509. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatball, sauce, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Eat in or take-out!! Walk-ins welcome!!

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you not filled with a sense of wonder whenever Jesus speaks to you? May your astonishment cause Jesus' fame to spread wherever you go. May you serve with deep conviction as a disciple of Jesus Christ with your actions.

BASKET SOCIAL— The Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will hold this event on March 25, 2018. Ticket are \$5.00 for 25 chances. Desserts and beverages will be served. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. with the raffle starting promptly at 2:00 p.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This 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