

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 18	First Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15 AM	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	9:15 -10:15 AM	Parent Meeting-First Eucharist-Social Hall
	6:30-8:00 PM	Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11
Tues Feb 20	6:10 PM	Bingo
	7:00 PM	Legion of Mary
Wed Feb 21	5:00-6:00 PM	Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Feb 22	9:00-11:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb 23	1:30 PM	Student Stations
	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
	6:10 PM	Bingo
Sun Feb 25	Second Sunday of Lent	
	9:15-10:15	Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	6:30-8:00 PM	Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



Monday, Feb. 19

8:30 a.m.

†Patricia Ronan (*Elizabeth Shea*)

Tuesday, Feb. 20

8:30 a.m.

†George Sheedy (*M/M Philip Sheedy*)

Wednesday, Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian

8:30 a.m.

†Fred D. Hunter (*Zita Ann Milliron*)

Thursday, Feb. 22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 a.m.

†Vickie (Popovich) Popert (*Frank & Mary C. Rubino*)

Friday, Feb. 23 St. Polycarp

8:30 a.m.

†Ronald Geis (Patti Marshall & Nikki Bowmaster)

Saturday, Feb. 24

4:00p.m.

†Margaret Vinglas (*Family*)

Sunday, Feb. 25 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. †Irene Racz (*Lady Marauders Soccer Team*)

10:30 a.m. †Deborah Dillon (*Cathy Damiano*)

12 Noon Mass For the People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Stations of the Cross, February 23, 2018

5:30 p.m. **Alter Servers:** Volunteers

Saturday, February 24, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Grace Callahan, Braden Reilly, Patrick Reilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Cindy Boslet, Kevin Boslet, Brittany Boslet, Volunteer

Readers: Ellen Rahm, Elizabeth Tully

Sunday, February 25, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Matthew Neumeyer, Delilah Noel, Elias Wesner
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Diane Gormley, Martin Kooman, Barbara Kooman, James Trexler

Readers: Helen Mirenda, Shawn Wesner

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Finley Steinbugl, Lucas Steinbugl, Maren Steinbugl

Eucharistic Ministers: Caitlin Berkheimer, Gina Goss, Thomas Goss, Kathryn Nazaruk, Kitty Zelnosky

Readers: Deborah Kawtoski, Michael Nazaruk

12:00 Noon

Servers: Caleb Trexler, Noah Trexler, Josh Yasuliitis

Eucharistic Ministers: Philip Bracken, Johnine Mueller, Ronald Skupien

Readers: Christina Bracken, Patrick Condrin

PASTOR'S CORNER

THE SHROUD OF TURIN - Is this the face of Jesus?

All are invited to hear a talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin! The presentation will take place on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church.

All are welcome to join us for this wonderful Lenten opportunity.

Holy Land Cross Raffle

St. Rose is raffling off one of the olive wood Crosses from the Holy Land. The Cross contains soil, rocks, incense, and flower petals from the Holy Land, and was carried through each Station of the Cross in Jerusalem.

The cross is currently on display in the foyer. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the winner will be drawn at the 10:30 Mass Easter Sunday. Please see Father or the Deacon for tickets.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-Feb. 10-11, 2018

Regular	\$7808.25	Christmas	\$28.00
Maintenance	\$168.75	Candles	\$5.00
Parish Upgrade	\$10.00	Candlemas	\$232.00
Ash Wednesday	\$67.00	Total	\$8319.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Wigratzbad is a village close to Bavaria, Germany. It is an important place of pilgrimage, known mainly because of the Marian apparitions. There, Our Lady is venerated under the title of "The Immaculate Conception, Mother of Victory."

The apparitions began during the octave of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, on December 15, 1936, while Hitler was already at the head of Germany. The Virgin first appeared to Antonie Rädler, who was cured of the Spanish flu, and on February 22, 1938 to Cäcilia Geyer. The Virgin asked Cäcilia: "Build a chapel for me here, and I will trample the head of the infernal serpent. People will come here in droves, and I will pour upon them a torrent of graces."

On June 17, 1938, the German government authorized the construction of the chapel dedicated to "Mary Mother of Victory." The inauguration was scheduled for December 8th, for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, but Antonie was arrested by the Nazis on November 21...However, during the night of December 7, 1938, the Virgin appeared to her and told her about her imminent release. Antonie was freed on December 18, 1938. As a result, Wigratzbad's popularity increased.

PRAYER BRANCH

The Branch in the foyer contains the names of our First Holy Communion, the Confirmation Candidates and the RCIA Adults. Please take a card from the Branch and pray for them during Lent so they may become true Christians and soldiers of Christ.

Supper Club is meeting Sunday, March 4 at Noon at Jethro's Restaurant.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 24	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
Feb. 25	8:00 a.m.	Noel Family
	10:30 a.m.	Joe & Regina Friedenberger
	Noon	Volunteers

REMINDER: SERVICE HOURS ARE NOW DUE

Students from 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade need to submit their service hours as part of the Confirmation Process. If you for some reason have not submitted them you may bring them to class on Sunday. If you need an extension, please call me with any questions or concern. You may contact me at (Rectory) 944-8509 or (Home)943-5659 or email bshoenfelt@stroselima.com

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.

Adult Religious Education Classes

Adult Religious Education nurtures the life long development of the whole person—body, mind, heart, and spirit. The following classes are being offered this spring that provide the opportunity for study, exploration, reflection and spiritual development. These classes can also be used for continuing education credit.

Christian Prayer and Spirituality (8 weeks)

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville; Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25.

Church History (10 weeks)

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville; Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8

For more information visit www.ajdiocese.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or call 361-2000/email: mheinze@dioceseaj.org

PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION

Our Lenten reconciliation service is Sunday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.

The first Penance Service in the area will be next Sunday, February 25, at 4:00 PM at St. John, Lakemont

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

1st Sunday of Lent

Today's readings remind us that "baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (Catechism of the Catholic Church; 1216). In your Lenten Journey, may you re-commit yourself to living as Jesus' disciple and passionate steward of all God's gifts in the kingdom of God.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to the Easter Flowers in the Church, please use your Easter Flower envelope (or a plain envelope) and drop it in the collection basket by March 25. Please print the name of the loved one on the back of the envelope.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Lent has us reflect on our sinfulness and invites us to call upon God's mercy. We cannot be forgiven without the mercy of our God. Upon death Catholics have a Funeral Mass for the deceased believer. At this Mass we call upon God's mercy for the dearly departed. We place our dead in the merciful hands of God. Are the faithful departed in heaven, hell or purgatory? Only God knows, the Lord is judge. We gather to call upon the loving mercy of our Redeemer that our dead be at peace in the love and forgiveness of God.

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BASKET SOCIAL

The Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish in Ebsburg 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 and concluding at 4:00 p.m.

St. Leonard's Home will host its 3rd annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 24 from 5:00—8:00 pm at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The event includes a meal, cheese bar, desserts, wine, auction, prizes for bidding and entertainment. Tickets are \$30, and are available at St. Leonard's Home or by calling 695-9581 during business hours.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 18

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that a person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

Lenten Study Series—Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering

Mondays, Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19 from 9:30-11:30 AM. This is an excellent way to focus on the events surrounding Jesus' Passion, death and Resurrection. Donation for the series \$25/person. Hard copy of the study guide is \$16. a free online version is available at <http://www.turningtogodsword.com/ttgw-studies/jesus-passion/> beginning Ash Wednesday.

CCW Sunday Sabbath Series: Spend a Sunday afternoon enriching yourself spiritually!

Sunday, February 25—Blessed Solanus Casey, Priest, Porter, Prophet. A film about a modern day mystic who was relegated to doing little more than being a simple doorman in his monastery. But God transformed the role his superiors assigned him, appointing a far greater significance. Sunday Sabbath gatherings begin at 1:30 PM and end at 5:00 PM. Includes the DVD presentation and time for prayer, reflection and discussion. No charge but a free will offering will be welcomed. Pre-registration requested 5 days before the session, which will be held at the Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin. Call 886-4098.

One-Day Pilgrimage to National Center for St. Padre Pio

On May 16th, join Fr. Dave Peles and Deacon Michael Russo on a one-day pilgrimage to the National Center for St. Padre Pio in Barto, PA. The Center has been recognized by the Holy See for its spiritual work. There will be plenty of time to visit the Museum and cultural Center, the Our Lady of Grace Chapel, and the gift shop.

Round trip bus transportation will be provided. The cost for the bus is \$55.00 per person. Lunch is additional. There is no fee to visit the Center.

Please contact Deacon Michael for more information: Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net or 288-3036. space is limited. First come-first served.

FISH DINNERS

Altoona Almrausch Schuhplattlers will be having Fish Dinners on Friday's during Lent 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, 25th Ave. & 5th St. will be having Fish Dinner during Lent. February 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23. 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Baked or Fried Fish OR Fried or Steamed Shrimp Macaroni & Cheese OR French Fries OR Baked Potato. Cole Slaw OR Apple Sauce, plus Stewed Tomatoes, Roll/Butter, Dessert. Drink (not with take-outs). Take-outs available \$10.00 Adults-\$7.00 Children (under 12)

Our Lady of Lourdes will be having their famous Lenten Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent. Baked or hand dipped fried haddock, fresh cut French fries or homemade macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, dessert and drink. Adults \$9.50 and children \$7.50. Take out start at 3:30 and eat in 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saint Mark Parish—6th Ave. & 4th St., Altoona Mark your calendar for the following three Fridays: February 23, March 9, and March 23 from 4-6:30 PM (while supplies last). The menu is as follows: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes or Cole Slaw, Roll, Butter, Drink, and Free Dessert. The cost will be \$11 for adults and 45 for children 12 and under. Take Outs will be available.

Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage, Pa will hold Fish Dinners on Friday's, Feb. 23, March 9 & 23 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **Menu:** Hand Dipped or Baked Fish, French Fries, Haluski or Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, Roll, Coffee/Punch and Dessert. Orders for take-outs will be taken starting at 1:00 p.m., but will not be ready until 4:00 p.m. or later. Please call 736-3146 to place orders. Adults \$10.00, Children 6-12 \$5.00, Children 5 & under are free.

THE ART OF FORGIVING

When we forgive and accept others with their imperfections we are sparing ourselves the negative emotion of resentment. If you resent others you squander your energies. You become sour, sad and cynical. You can easily become depressed and gloomy. The unforgiving person destroys relationships and breaks hearts.

The art of forgiving can be essential to the art of living. Give up the blame and hatred you harbor for others. If their treatment of you was really horrible, then learn from it. Vow not to treat others that way. The decision is yours. Forgive them in your heart. If you cannot forgive them, then you will be choosing to be hurt, choosing to have all your energy bound up. This will only victimize you all the more.

Moreover, if you don't forget and forgive you will be the only person to suffer. Jesus is our model. He chose not to be resentful but to be forgiving. He knew that resentments can set up a very negative value system. By modeling ourselves on Jesus our wounds are healed; our lives can become free; our thinking can become positive —Thomas Morgan

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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 6:30-8:00 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.

Invitation to a Healthier You—2018

Forget Dieting. The In.Form meal plan which is clinically proven to reverse metabolic syndrome, (high blood pressure, cholesterol, and insulin resistance), will show the way. The 40 minute class will include: Weigh in with metabolic age results, Smoothies and super food recipes for your convenience, Educational hand-outs and quick tips.

Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 PM in the School Library.

Please register by February 26th on the sign-up sheet in the foyer or call Bernice Shoefelt at 942-5659