

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 2	First Sunday of Advent 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 9:15-10:15 AM Parent Meeting Re: First Reconciliation
Tues Dec 4	6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11 6:30 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Dec 5	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Dec 6	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Dec 7	6:30 PM Bingo
Sun Dec 9	Second Sunday of Advent 9:15-10:15 Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:30 PM Gr. 10 & 11 Session 2 Mandatory



Monday, Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m.

†Raymond Schoch (*Mary Engelman*)

Tuesday, Dec. 4 St. John Damascene

8:30 a.m.

†Rosemary Kwolek (*Bob Wasy/son*)

Wednesday, Dec. 5

8:30 a.m.

†William Klayko (*M/M Michael Felus*)

Thursday, Dec. 6 St. Nicholas

8:30 a.m.

†Mary Ann Fox (*Michael & Helen Smith*)

Friday, Dec. 7 St. Ambrose

8:30 a.m.

†Patricia Ronan (*Tony & Suzie Glass*)

Saturday, Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m.

†Mary Gooderham (*Linda DiNicola*)

4:00p.m.

†James Nasralla (*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. †Paul Engelman (*Ruth Novack*)

10:30 a.m. †Special Intention-Beck Clan (*Janine Seymore Beck*)

12 Noon Mass For the People

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Yahner, Abby Yahner, Elizabeth Yahner

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomeer, Cindy Boslet, Jessica Boslet, James Shoenfelt, Bernice Shoenfelt

Readers: Joseph Maschue, Helen Mirenda

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Marisa Hooper, Madison Hooper, Delilah Noel

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomeer, Elfrieda Beard, William Beard, Martha Dombrowski, Cindy Sharbaugh

Readers: Charles Wolf, Linda Wolf

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Madeline Foor, Alina Foor, Nicholas Foor

Eucharistic Ministers: Delores Cree, Kathryn Nazaruk, Robert Spinazzola, Yvonne Gibson, Kitty Zelnosky

Readers: Todd Cammarata, Michael Nazaruk

12:00 Noon

Servers: Rachel Lucas, Marcus Lucas, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Masic, Kathleen Wasicki, John Wasicki

Readers: Patrick Condryn, Deborah Kawtoski

PASTOR'S CORNER

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious.

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God.

We will take up the collection for the Religious Retirement next weekend, December 8 & 9. Please use the envelope located in your pack of envelopes.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate with the Patroness of the United States.

This feast commemorates that she who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception.

America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking for intercession to watch over us and guide us along the path of justice and peace. **Mass will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m. Note: the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 8, is the commemoration of the Second Sunday of Advent.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-NOV. 24-25, 2018

Regular	\$6423.99	Christmas	\$ 38.00
Immac.Concep.	\$ 2.00	Initial	\$ 8.00
Rose	\$ 211.01	Perquisites	\$ 10.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 21.00	Register	\$ 1.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 5.00	Christmas Flow	\$ 45.00
Candles	\$ 10.00	All Saints	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 351.00	Thanksgiving	\$ 580.00
		Total	\$7716.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Benedict XVI insisted: "Actually, the Rosary is not an obstacle to meditation on the Word of God and liturgical prayer; indeed it represents a natural and ideal complement to it, especially as a preparation and thanksgiving for the Eucharistic celebration.

With Mary, we contemplate Christ encountered in the Gospel and in the Sacrament in the various moments of his life through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries."

"If the Eucharist for Christians is the center of the day, the Rosary contributes in a privileged way to deepening communion with Christ."

(Angelus of October 16, 2005)

"We are therefore asked to let ourselves be guided by Mary in this prayer, ancient and ever new, which is especially dear to her because it leads us directly to Jesus, contemplated in his Mysteries of salvation: joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious...The Rosary is a biblical prayer, interwoven with Sacred Scripture throughout... that helps us to meditate on the Word of God and to assimilate Eucharistic Communion, modeling ourselves after Mary."

(Angelus of October 10, 2010.)

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 8	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
Dec. 9	8:00 a.m.	Noel Family
	10:30 a.m.	Stacey Knott & Family
	Noon	Volunteers

CANDLES: Fritz & Mary Werkmeister, Joyce Kjarsgaard, and Jack & Dick Werkmeister by The Family, Cimino Family by Linda Turcovski, Special Intention by Pat Trexler, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Paul Cassarly by Laurie Beckel & Family, Special Intention by Mary Ann Mikolajczyk, Joseph Mishock by Irene Mishock & Family Brittany-Improved Health by Linda Turcovski, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Pray for a Speedy Recovery of Judge Steve Jackson by Dr. S. R. Traficante, Theresa-Illness by Susan Trout.

AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE

These opportunities exist for your celebration in preparation for the Birth of Christ.

- Sun. Dec. 2 4:00 p.m. St. John's Lakemont
- Sun. Dec. 2 4:00 p.m St. Joseph, Bellwood
- Sun. Dec. 2 5:30 p.m. St. Mark & Holy Rosary (at Holy Rosary)
- Mon. Dec. 10 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Thurs. Dec. 13 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes
- Sat. Dec 15 10:00 a.m. St. Therese
- Sun. Dec. 16 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg
- Mon. Dec, 17 7:00 p.m. St. Matthew, Tyrone
- Wed. Dec. 19 6:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thurs Dec. 20 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart and Saint Mary (at Sacred Heart)

Our Parish Reconciliation Service is Monday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. The priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Tuesday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 19.

CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Congratulations to the following 10th Grade Students who attended the Rite of Commitment for the Confirmation Process.

Allison Bagley	Elizabeth Frank
Annika Barnes	Ellie Irwin
Darrian Berkheimer	Brian Johnson
McKenna Berkheimer	Margaret Keating
Jenna Bohn	Julia Lane
Valery Bohn	Marcus Lucas
Aurielle Brunner	Grazia Macharola
Grace Callahan	Keegan Myrick
Hope Callahan	Kendall Riley
Jacob Corso	Seth Seymore
Olivia Dixon	Jacob Stephens
Nicholas Folcarelli	Andrew Zupon

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Any parishioner that would like a Christmas Flower on the altar dedicated for a loved one is asked to use your Christmas Flower envelope or use a plain envelope. Kindly drop the envelope in the collection basket by December 16. Please print your remembrances.

Blair Type 1 Diabetes Foundation Fundraiser- Texas Roadhouse Altoona. Please come out to **Texas Roadhouse on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, and enjoy dinner anytime between 3:00-10:00 p .m.** Texas Roadhouse will donate 20% of your total food purchase to BT1DF! Money raised will benefit cure-based research for type 1 diabetes. We will also have a booth out front selling baked goods! Thank you, in advance for your support! Questions? Call Susan Pohl 935 -7169 for details or check out our website www.bt1df.org.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Advent prepares us for the great celebration of Christmas. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent Season is a period for devout and joyful expectation.

General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Number 39.

ADVENT TREE

The ornaments on our Advent Tree, located in the foyer of the church remind us of our homebound parishioners. We have tied with each ornament a card that has the name, address and phone number of a homebound parishioner. Untie the card and arrange an "Advent through Christmas time" visit with the named person. You may want to learn whether having a green thumb or being free of diet restrictions is a consideration for your gift. Friendly conversations grow friendship and have zero calories and are specially enriched with the love-the-Spirit that brought Jesus to visit all of us.

TRAVEL WITH FR. BRIAN SAYLOR

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- Lunches
- Travel Insurance

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

May we be vigilant at all times by cherishing God's gifts in a responsible and accountable manner. May we always serve with fullness of our calling to be good stewards.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for December 7, 2018 will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, 2716 Broad Ave. Altoona from 8:00-11:00 p.m.

ANGEL TREE

You are invited to take one of the angels from the table next to the tree in the foyer and write your own petition on it. The angel can be placed on the tree so that we can pray for you.

ST. ROSE NEEDS CANTORS AT 4:00 P.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

Did you sing in your high school or college choir or musicals? Did you have solo parts? Have you sung in a community chorus? Do people tell you that you have a good singing voice? Then you have a talent that St. Rose needs at Sunday Masses. Please consider becoming a cantor to support your fellow parishioners in their weekly participation. We work around your schedule and all scheduling is done manually by the Liturgy Director. If you even have one Sunday to give every month or every other month, it will be a big help to the dedicated cantors who already are helping to support all of us every weekend. Please contact Fr. Brian at the rectory office 944-8509 or Sue Cossitor, Liturgy Director at 943-0174 and we will gladly help get you started in our music ministry.

THANK YOU

The face of our Lord was seen in your generosity, and that of your sisters and brothers in faith, who together helped to make this winter a lot warmer, with winter outerwear, for 71 adults in need! In Unity and Charity, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625-Altoona, Pa.

Stewardship Reflection 1st Sunday of Advent

Let us begin this great season of Advent with a vow to be "vigilant". (Luke 21-36). In the wise stewardship of everything entrusted to us that we will be held accountable for our actions, independent of the action of others.

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet at Applebee's on December 2 at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for December 2 -First Sunday of Advent

Are you looking for ways to experience God? Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in our friends in need and, when we see Christ, we experience God.

Please contact the Dan Weaver, Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Rose of Lima Conference at dweaver@atlanticbb.net

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Fiore True Value for being a sponsor in the Bulletin. We urge you to patronize this place of business. If you are interested in putting an add in the Bulletin, please call Rick Cortez 800-233-8200.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

December 2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

