

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Jan 27	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 29	6:30 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Jan 30	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Jan 31	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb 1	6:30 PM Bingo
Sun Feb 3	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-8 9:15-10:15 AM 9th Grade Session 2 All students, CCD & BG



Monday, Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 a.m.

†Mary Gooderham (*Linda DiNicola*)

Tuesday, Jan. 29

8:30 a.m.

Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

Wednesday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m.

†Deborah Dillon (*Pat & Linda Nagle*)

Thursday, Jan. 31 St. John Basco

8:30 a.m.

†William Klayko (*JoAnn & Albert Colian*)

Friday, Feb. 1

8:30 a.m.

†Louise Conrad (*John & Marilyn Kutz*)

Saturday, Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord

4:00 p.m.

†Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

Sunday, Feb. 3 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †Frank & Dorothy Skupien (Family)

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 2, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Hope Callahan, Braden Reilly, Patrick Reilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Dan Altiero,

Brenda Altiero, Debra Fraundorfer, Nate Sanders

Readers: Nancy Little, Joseph Maschue

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Marisa Hooper, Madison Hooper, Alexandra Knott

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Elfrieda Beard,

William Beard, Kathleen Gburek, Mary Lou Horton

Readers: William Gburek, Shawn Wesner

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Eva Bagley, Lucas Steinbugl, Finley Steinbugl

Eucharistic Ministers: Delores Cree, Regina

Friedenberger, Barbara Gentile, Kathryn Nazaruk, Robert

Spinazzola

Readers: Todd Cammarata, Amy Reighard

PASTOR'S CORNER

Saint John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage Coming to Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been selected as one of the stops in the national Saint John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage. The Incorrupt Heart of Saint John Vianney, patron saint of priests, will be present at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona on January 31.

The faithful will have the extraordinary opportunity to venerate the relic throughout the day between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Cathedral's usual daily Mass schedule—6:45 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and Noon—will remain in place with the addition of a concelebrated Mass at 5:30 p.m. with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding. Priests will be available throughout the day to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A special indulgence has been granted to all those who will make the pilgrimage to the Cathedral for veneration of the first class relic of Saint John Vianney, patron of priests.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning February 3, 2019 we will no longer offer a Sunday Noon Mass. All other Masses remain unchanged.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JAN. 19-20, 2019

Regular	\$8116.70	Christmas	\$ 20.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 21.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 30.00	Register	\$ 15.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 120.80		
		Total	\$8338.50

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

On 25 October 2014, Pope Francis received 7,500 members of Schoenstatt Apostolic Movement, who were celebrating in Rome the centenary of its foundation. In his answers to questions about Mary, the pope recalled this story:

"I want to share with you a very painful anecdote. It happened in Belgium, where I was attending a reunion in the 80s. A good Catholic couple invited me to a wedding reception. They had several children, they were both professors of theology, they were doing a lot of research and because of that, their minds were somewhat boiling...

During the conversation, they spoke of Jesus and did so very eloquently. Their theology and Christology were impressive. At the end, they told me 'Since we already know Jesus, we don't need Mary, we don't need Marian devotion'...

This was painful to hear. It really saddened me... For as much as we can know Jesus, nobody can say that they are so mature that they do not need Mary."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to offer about an hour and a half Sunday morning? We are in need of 3-4 people to help count the collection once very four weeks. One of our teams is retiring this May and we need to replace them. They are happy to show you the ropes. Please call Father Brian with any questions or interests.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 2	4:00 p.m.	Volunteer
Feb. 3	8:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	10:30 a.m.	Joe & Regina Friedenberger

CANDLES: Fritz & Mary Werkmeister, Joyce Kjarsgaard, Jack & Dick Werkmeister by The Family, Pray for a Speedy Recovery of Judge Steve Jackson by Dr. S. R. Traficante, Special Intention Jacob Family by Ralph, Michele, Elizabeth & Charlotte Jacob, Special Intention by Pat Trexler, Evan J. Hileman Jr. Our Beloved Grandson by Grandma & Pap Brown & Family.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

May God's blessing be upon all those who have so generously supported our parish family throughout 2018. Those individuals or families who for tax purposes would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2018 are asked to call the Rectory. We would be most happy to provide that information for you.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for February 1, 2019 will be held at St. Mary Church, 1405 5th Ave. Altoona from 8:00 –11:00 p.m.

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS

Join us every Tuesday and Friday for Holy Trinity Catholic School Bingo. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Early Birds at 6:30 p.m. and Regular games at 7:00 p.m. \$2000 progressive jackpot. Admission package is \$35.00. We now accept Visa, Master Card and Debit cards. Please help support Catholic Education.

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club will meet at Hoss's on Valley View Blvd. on February 3 at **12 NOON**. Please call Mary for reservation 946-3449.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

For several centuries, the traditional Forty Hours Devotion has been celebrated in parishes as a time of renewal and prayer. In the early 1500s at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Milan, Italy, Forty Hours Devotion began probably as a commemoration of the forty hours that Christ's body lay in the tomb between his death and resurrection. By the 1700s the form of the devotion was codified for the churches of Rome. Forty Hours Devotion was first approved for the diocese of Baltimore in 1857 and extended to all the dioceses of the United States in 1868. The Second Vatican council encouraged the practice of solemn annual exposition in every parish. Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, 1993, Introduction, Number 1.

ARISE Together in Christ

Season 2 of ARISE Together in Christ will take place this Lent. We encourage all parishioners to sign up for this season and be part of the small faith sharing groups that are forming here at St. Rose Parish. Even if you did not participate during the first season of ARISE last October, we invite you to participate during this Lenten season. Come and join us as we together "Change Our Hearts" and hence ARISE Together in Christ.

There will be 6 faith sharing sessions that invite us to "Change Our Hearts". The first session reflects on the central call of Ash Wednesday to conversion, both as turning away from and as turning toward. Over the next five weeks we will explore the meaning of lifelong conversion via the great symbolic themes of the Lenten Liturgy: being transfigured; our thirst for God; living as children of the light; changing our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. Our concluding session leads us into Holy Week.

ARISE Season 2 is open to anyone. Only 90 minutes a week for 6 weeks can change your life. You may sign up for a group on the weekend of February 9/10 & 16/17 and on the St. Rose website.

WINES OF ITALY

Please join Catholic Charities on Wednesday, February 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Blairmont Club in Hollidaysburg for their *Wines of Italy* sampling an extraordinary evening of wine, food and fun, all while supporting families in your community. A sommelier will share six specially selected and spectacular Italian wines, carefully paired with delicious appetizers. The event will feature three red wines and three white wines, so there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, and all proceeds will go towards funding services for those in need in your community. Space is limited for this unique event. Tickets are available by calling (814) 944-9388 or can be purchased online at: <http://www.catholiccharitiesaj.org>

If you miss this special evening, Catholic Charities next wine tasting event will be on March 14th at Amici's in Ebensburg, featuring *Wines of Spain*. Additional events are being planned for Johnstown and Centre County featuring wines from different parts of the world including France, Argentina, Portugal, and Australia.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, the ancient Israelites are asked to rejoice in the Lord for his abundant food, and to give a portion to those who had nothing. As Christian stewards, we are called to do the same.

The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all our stewards of the Church". (Our Sunday Visitor, *ibid.*, page 28).

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

January 27

Luke 1:1-4; 14-21

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal expectations. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our expectations.

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ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This Sunday, January 27, 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 3:00 p.m. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be in attendance. All are invited to participate in this prayer.

MOUNT CARMEL CONCERT SERIES

The third concert of the 2018-2019 Concert Series at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 809 11th St. Altoona will take place this Sunday, January 27th at 3:00 p.m. We are pleased to have the "Select Singers" from the Grier School, under the direction of Ms. Ginger Reinhardt. The "Select Singers" is a distinctively audition only group of singers in grades 7-12. Much of their music is done acappella. A free will offering will be taken at the end of the concert to benefit the Pipe Organ Campaign.

Finding Your Own Way to Pray

By Jim and Susan Vogt

Susan isn't comfortable raising her arms in praise. Jim found Forty Hours devotion less than satisfying even as an altar boy. As children, we both learned the rosary but seldom say it. None of these prayer styles is wrong; it's just that prayer is such a personal experience. What inspires one person bores another. What seem old-fashioned to one connects another with their religious heritage.

Prayer, be it memorized or spontaneous, individual or communal, filled with incense or the fragrance of pine needles in the woods, **is communication with God**. Most people eventually seek answers to life's persistent questions: *Is there anything more than what meets the eye? Is there really an afterlife?* We may not often be aware of these yearnings, but sooner or later, a crisis occurs, a life-changing decision is before us or we simply marvel at the miracle of a newborn child—and so we pray.

Are we holier if we pray more? Yes, prayer puts us in a more conscious relationship with God. This relationship of thankfulness, dependence, trust and honor should make us better people—more aware of our inner selves and more attentive to the needs of others.

Prayer generally falls into the broad categories of verbal or nonverbal, individual or communal, memorized or spontaneous, contemplative or active. Those seeking a more prayerful life might experiment with many forms of prayer and let trial and error lead them to deeper conversation with God.

Remember, prayer is basically conversation with God. Books and organized prayer can help, but if you have a relationship with someone, you want to spend time together. If you talk, you can pray. Talking isn't even required, just being in each other's company is what counts.

But prayer isn't all there is to spirituality. Becoming a holier, more spiritual person includes having an attitude of gratefulness, looking for the good in others rather than complaining, living out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and doing the dishes and changing diapers as acts of service for those we love. Donating money so that others' lives may be a little better, putting up with annoyances, enduring an illness or physical pain, sacrificing our wants for the needs of another—all these actions make our hearts bigger and deepen our spirituality.

Consider this: If you're too busy to pray, you're too busy.

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