

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun March 24	Third Sunday of Lent 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10
Tues March 26	6:30 PM Bingo 7:00 pm Legion of Mary
Wed March 27	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs March 28	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri March 29	1:30 PM Children's Stations 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Bingo
Sun March 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:15-10:15 Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10



Monday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 a.m.

†Betty Forso (*Niece Pamela*)

Tuesday, March 26

8:30 a.m.

For the Intentions of Bohdana Engelman (*Mary Engelman*)

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 a.m.

†Harold "Pat" Dumm (*Family*)

Thursday, March 28

8:30 a.m.

†Msgr. Harold Biller (*Carolyn Sylvester*)

Friday, March 29

8:30 a.m.

†A. Louise Conrad (*Ray Conahye*)

Saturday, March 30

4:00p.m.

†Richard Frederick (*Bill & Daniel Schroeder*)

Sunday, March 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †Nick & Betty Ruggiero (*Breanne Rodgers*)

PALM COLLECTION

A basket will be available in the foyer throughout Lent to collect your palm from last year. The palm will be burned during the Easter Vigil.

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Stations of the Cross, March 29, 2019

5:30 p.m. Altar Servers: Volunteers

Saturday, March 30, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Damon Misiura, Madelyn Myers, Elizabeth Yahner

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woome, Viola Bettwy, Kevin Boslet, Cindy Boslet, Martin Kooman

Readers: Barbara Kooman, Joseph Maschue

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Aleksandra Knott, Delilah Noel, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woome, Martha Dombrowski, Kathleen Gburek, Diane Gormley, James Trexler

Readers: William Gburek, Deborah Kawtoski

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Sophia Simanski, Marian Stephens, Jacob Stephens

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Gentile, Terrance Heiss, Regina Murphy, Ronald Skupien, Kitty Zelnosky

Readers: David Karl, Volunteer

PASTOR'S CORNER

2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

GOAL: \$44,083.00

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Drive—Be A Good Shepherd. Give Help. Build Hope. Change Lives.

Sacramental Preparation is one of 14 ministries needing our support through the Catholic Ministries Drive.

*In 2017-2018, Sacramental Preparation was distributed \$3,335 to assist parish programs with education materials, workshops, and retreats.

*This helped 2,986 children and adults receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Holy Matrimony.

*Because of the help of the Sacramental Preparation ministry, 762 candidates are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

100% of your donation will go to the ministries to give help, build hope, and change lives.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MARCH 16-17, 2019

Regular	\$8120.48	Christmas	\$ 44.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 38.00	Tuition Assist.	\$ 230.52
Easter Flowers	\$ 461.00	Black & Indian	\$ 73.00
Candlemas	\$ 3.00	Candles	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 81.00		
Register	\$ 5.00	Total	\$9076.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The first Christian chapel in Constantinople was built over a sacred spring in the middle of the 5th century, by the order of the Christian Empress Pulcheria, to house the sacred relic of the tunic and robe of the Virgin which remained there until 1204, when the Crusaders invaded Istanbul and stole it. It is known today as the Church of Blachernae.

The Virgin extended her protection to that city several times, particularly in AD 678, when the Ottoman fleet led by the Caliph of Damascus laid siege to Constantinople. The city had been consecrated to Mary, and its citizens remembered it—the massive Ottoman armada fell back before the resistance of the inhabitants and their ardent prayers!

After the people of the city experienced the protection of the Mother of God, they thanked her by standing up all night singing the Akathistos (a hymn sung in the Eastern rite churches), the great hymn to the Mother 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 April 14. Please print the name of the loved one on the back of the envelope.

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 The Dream on April 7 at **12:00 NOON**. Call Mary for reservation 946-3449.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

March 30	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
March 31	8:00 a.m.	Jeff & Mary Shultz
	10:30 a.m.	Talena Swander & Family

CANDLES: Martha Rougeux-Healing by Joan & Linda Turcovski, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Rosie Gewert by Linda Zakrzwski, Anthony Wojtarowicz by Sally Wojtarowicz.

May She Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sophia Brulia. May God give comfort to her family.

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. See Father or the Deacon for tickets.

PARISH AND AREA RECONCILIATION
Our Lenten reconciliation service is Sunday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m.

We will have three priests in the reconciliation rooms as well as other priests stationed throughout the school. Other opportunities for your celebration of Sacramental Reconciliation are:

- March 24 4:30 p.m. Saint Mark
- April 6 10:00 a.m. St. Therese of the Child Jesus
- April 7 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph, Bellwood
- April 8 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 7:00 p.m. St. Matthew, Tyrone
- April 10 6:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
- April 11 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes
- April 14 4:00 p.m. St. Mary, Hollidaysburg

These communal services heighten our awareness that we are a pilgrim in need of forgiveness and that as a community we celebrate God's saving grace. Time for individual celebration of reconciliation at St. Rose are on Saturday at Noon and following morning Mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week.

PRAYER BRANCH

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

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP

St. Rose Parish is sponsoring a trip to see “**Jesus**” at the Sight & Sound Theatre Saturday, April 27, 2019. We will depart from the St. Rose parking lot at 7:00 A.M. for the 11:00 A.M. show. Following the performance we will stop at a local restaurant for a late lunch. The cost is \$160.00 for adults and \$107.00 for children and includes transportation, the show ticket and the meal. Seating is limited. Call the rectory for information or to sign-up.

Please join us and make this wonderful production part of your Easter celebration.

Congratulations to the following Confirmation Candidates on the RITE OF SENDING

Daniel A. Ardrey
Christopher M. Fink
Hayden R. Fox
Mary E. Gunnett
Matthew A. Lenze
Dylan M. Little
Sydney A. McGinnis

Talon C. McKendree
Korey R. Miranda
Anthony J. Pater
Gauge Reighard
Michael J. Solimando
Jordan D. Wolfe

CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION

Next week, March 30-31 our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the Collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Please use the envelope located in your pack of envelopes.

Service Paws of Central Pennsylvania

Please join us for the check presentation to ‘Allergen Detection Service Dogs’ which will be for an Allergen Detection Service Dog for a 5 year old girl living in Gallitzin, Pa. Event will be on Monday April 1, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Altoona UVA 1809 Union Ave. Altoona. Check presentation will be at 12:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. RSVP to Joe Fagnani at 814-940-0270.

Email: servicepawsofcentralpa@gmail.com

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

Eucharistic Adoration is a hallmark of Catholic piety. All are encouraged these Lenten days, and throughout the year, to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Saint John Paul II said that “adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament is an important daily practice and becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness.” Believers place themselves in the divine presence of the Lord who suffered and died for our salvation when praying before the Holy Sacrament.

This is the source of our spiritual nourishment as we pray before the holy bread that has become the Body and Blood. Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

Instruction on the Eucharist, Chapter VI, Number 136. 2019

Eucharistic Adoration is offered here at St. Rose every Thursday from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

HEALING MASS— Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Jonathan St. Andre TOR, will be the main celebrant. For more information call 941-3832.

St. Joseph-Williamsburg-SVDP Fish Dinner-Friday,

April 5th—St. Joseph, Williamsburg, Saint Vincent de Paul Conference will be having their annual fish dinner Friday, April 5th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Meal 1- Baked or fried fish , baked potato, mixed vegetable, coleslaw, roll, dessert.

Meal 2– Baked or fried fish, Mac n Cheese, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, roll, dessert.

Dine in or take-out Tickets are \$12 and are by advanced sale only (**no at the door sales**). Contact Jim (832-2139), Charlotte (832-2314), or Sandy (658-3600) for tickets.

STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED IN DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has launched an on-line newspaper *Proclaim! The Good News of Altoona-Johnstown* featuring diocesan news, information, and commentary—including happenings at parishes and schools. Visit the site at proclaim.dioceseaj.org and sign up for regular e-mail updates delivered to your inbox. Beginning soon, monthly editions of *The Catholic Register* will be available here at the parish.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY-Please remember to renew your membership in the Altar & Rosary Society. As a member of the Society you partake in the graces of a Mass each month, and at the time of your death. The Altar Society provides flowers, candles and altar linens used throughout the year.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

BASKET SOCIAL

The Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will hold this event on March 31, 2019.

Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. with the raffle starting promptly at 2:00 and concluding at 4:00 p.m.

LENTEN LUNCHESES at the CATHEDRAL

Fridays of Lent (No Lunch on Good Friday) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Located in the Cathedral Hall. Eat in or Take Out. Cost: \$8.00.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES will be having their Lenten Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent including Good Friday. Adults \$10.50 and children twelve and under \$7.50. Take out begin at 3:30 and eat in 4:30-7:00 p.m.

SAINT MARK'S FISH FRY-6th Ave. & 4th Street, Altoona –Mark your calendar for the following Friday: April 5 from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$11.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Take out will be available.

PARISH MISSION –The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their fourth annual *Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto* March 31-April 5, 2019. Fr. Michael Caridi, St. Anne Parish, Pittsburgh, Pa., is the Mission Director. The Mission opens Sunday March 31 at 7:00 p.m. with Prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Confessions are offered at 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Eucharistic Adoration offered at 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector, PO Box 10, Loretto, Pa. 15940

Roast Beef Dinner

St. Joan of Arc, Frugality, Pa. is holding a Roast Beef Dinner on April 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church hall. Cost: Adults-\$10.00; Children ages 5 to 12-\$5.00; under 5-free. Take outs available, call 941-3340 to take out.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

March 24

Luke 13:1-9

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for March 24: Third Sunday of Lent.

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down," This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work: far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

SVDP SHOE COLLECTION DRIVE

The Saint Vincent de Paul Financial Needs Office is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser to raise funds to support our citizens in need of financial support. We will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. The monies earned will be used to support our citizens in need.

Funds2orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create small businesses in developing countries such as Haiti. It's a win-win for everyone. Please place your shoe donation in a bag and place it in the SVDP collection area located by the right side entrance to the Church.

We will be collecting shoes until March 30th. By donating your gently worn, used and new shoes, you can make a difference in peoples' lives around the world. Thank you and may God reward you richly for your generosity.

Donate to St. Vincent de Paul Society

Your donations are the lifeblood of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Aside from monetary donations, they will also accept clothing, furniture, household items and other reusable items. As we approach spring housekeeping season, please keep this in mind and make a donation to the SVDP Society. You can either drop off your items at the store, 1215 7th Ave. Altoona, or for items such as furniture you can call 943-1981 for a pick-up. **NOTE:** The Altoona store is always in need of good used furniture.