

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun March 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
		6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10
Tues April 2	6:30 PM Bingo	7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed April 3	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary	
Thurs April 4	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration	
Fri April 5	1:30 PM Children's Stations	5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
		6:30 PM Bingo
Sun April 7	Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
		9:15-10:15 AM 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Mtg.
		6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10
		5:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE



### Monday, April 1

8:30 a.m.

†Mary Sprouse (*Carolyn Sylvester*)

### Tuesday, April 2 St. Francis of Paola

8:30 a.m.

For the Intentions of Jeff Shultz (*Mary Engelman*)

### Wednesday, April 3

8:30 a.m.

†Debbie Fisher (*Dr. Michael Dillon*)

### Thursday, April 4 St. Isidore

8:30 a.m.

†Dr. Adam Trybus (*Kirkpatrick Family*)

### Friday, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer

8:30 a.m.

†Sheldon Claar (*Wife, Joanne*)

### Saturday, April 6

4:00p.m.

†Charles, Magdalena & Bill Love (Family)

### Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass for the People

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

## MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Stations of the Cross, April 5, 2019

5:30 p.m. Altar Servers: Volunteers

### Saturday, April 6, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Grace Callahan, Keegan Myrick, Brennen Myrick

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Altiero, Brenda Altiero, Mary Masic, Johnine Mueller, Nate Sanders

Readers: Nancy Little, Ellen Rahm

### Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Hamilton Gates, Josephine Gates, Margaret Keating

Eucharistic Ministers: Elfrieda Beard, William Beard, Mary Engelman, Mary Lou Horton, Linda Zakrzewski

Readers: Charles Wolf, Linda Wolf

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Nicholas Foor, Madeline Foor, Alina Foor

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woome, Regina Friedenberger, Yvonne Gibson, Carole Housum, Dennis Housum

Readers: Carolyn Kline, Amy Reighard

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### 2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

GOAL: \$44,083.00

Be A Good Shepherd. Give Help. Build Hope.  
Change Lives.

Lay Ecclesial Ministry is one of 14 ministries needing our support through the Catholic Ministries Drive.

In 2017-2018 Lay Ministry was allocated \$140,922 to provide 255 adults with textbook and classroom materials, and to support faculty stipends.

So what is Lay Ecclesial Ministry?

\*Lay Ecclesial Ministry helps identify laity and provides them with resources to reach out to others.

\*Lay people can be lectors, cantors and extra-ordinary ministers of communion. They can help out with religious education and bring communion to the sick.

\*To become a Lay Ecclesial Minister, one must go through a two year formation process so they can become a Director of Religious Education Catechists. If they want to further their certification, they can complete another year of education to become a Master Catechist or a Hospital Minister.

\*Since 1994, 452 people received their basic Lay Ecclesial Ministry certification and 356 people received their three year certification within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MARCH 23-24, 2019**

Regular	\$7438.17	Christmas	\$ 36.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 16.00	Ash Wednesday	\$ 12.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 233.00	Rose	\$ 175.33
Candles	\$ 35.00	Total	\$7945.50

**Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"**

When the American atomic bomb "Fat Boy" destroyed Nagasaki 65 years ago, one of the destroyed buildings was the Urakami Cathedral, one of the largest churches in Asia.

The blast that devastated that city on August 9, 1945, leaving more than 70,000 dead, smashed the windows and walls of the cathedral, burned its altar and melted its bell, but in a strange turn of events that Japanese Catholics consider to be a miracle, the head of a wooden statue of the Virgin survived the inferno!

The image has kept the scars of war its eyes are burnt, leaving two black orbits, the right cheek is blackened and a crack runs the length of the face like a tear. "When I first saw her, I thought that the Virgin was crying," said Shigemi Fukahori, a 79-year-old parishioner who had seen the statue before the explosion. "It was as if she were warning us against the horrors of war by sacrificing herself," he added.

The mutilated statue is now on display in the new church rebuilt on the same location, only 500 meters from the hypocenter where the plutonium bomb exploded.

**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.

**SUPPER CLUB**

The Supper Club will meet at The Dream on April 7 at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

**OFFERTORY PRESENTERS**

April 6	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
April 7	8:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	10:30 a.m.	Dennis, Carole & Devon Housum

**CANDLES:** Cheryl Despot by Linda Zakrzwski, Martha Rougeux-Healing by Joan & Linda Turcovski, Special Intention by Jeanne Traficante, Anthony Wojtarowicz by Sally Wojtarowicz

**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.

**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:

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.

### 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.

### FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

**March 31**                      **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

### 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.

### Carmelite Community of the Word Opportunities for Enrichment

**Overnight Retreat**— April 12-13, 2019. **What the "People of the Passion" teach us about Jesus Today**

As we journey through Lent to Holy Week, this retreat offers the opportunity to reflect on 7 people who witnessed the death of Jesus. Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 p.m.; ends on Saturday at 3 p.m. and will include presentation on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection. Donation: \$40.00/person or \$60/married couples. Includes overnight accommodations, meals and all materials, **Pre-registration with donation is required by April 8.** Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, Pa. Call 886-4098 to register.

### NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for April 5, 2019 will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 511 20th St. Altoona, from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

The devotion prompting the faithful to visit the Blessed Sacrament draws them into an even deeper share in the paschal mystery and leads them to respond gratefully to the gift of him who through his humanity pours divine life into the members of his Body. Abiding with Christ the Lord, the faithful enjoy the Lord's intimate friendship and pour out their hearts before him for themselves and for those dear to them, and they pray for the peace and salvation of the world.

Offering their entire lives with Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit, believers derive from the Holy Sacrament an increase in faith, hope, and charity.

Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Introduction, Number 5.

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

### 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 SOCIETY** thanks all who took a card from the branch to pray for the First Communion and Confirmation Candidates and the RCIA Candidate.

Please keep them in your prayers throughout the Lenten Season.

### PRO-LIFE TOWN HALL MEETING

Pa. Pro-Life Town Hall Tour-Altoona Town Hall; hosted by Citizens Concerned for Human Life-Blair County.

Monday, April 29, 2019 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Altoona Grand Hotel; 1 Sheraton Drive. Altoona  
For more information call Patricia Forr -946-0681.  
No Advance Registration-admission is free.

Attire is casual; light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Sponsored by Pa. Pro-Life Federation.

Topics-LIFE on the Line; LIFE in the Culture, LIFE at the Capitol; Voice for LIFE; Vision for LIFE. Everyone is welcome to attend!

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### **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 every 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 interest.

### **LENTEN LUNCHES 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** Lenten Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent including Good Friday.

Adults \$10.00 and children twelve and under \$7.50. Take out begin at 3:30 and eat in 4:30-7:00 p.m.

### **SAINT MARK FISH FRY-6<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 4<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Altoona. Friday: April 5 from 4:00-6:30 p.m.**

Adults \$11.00 and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Take out will be available.

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

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

**Meal 1**—Baked or fried fish, baked potato, mixed vegetables, 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.

### **BASKET SOCIAL**

The Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish in Ebsburg will hold this event on March 31, 2019. Tickets are \$5 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.

### **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](mailto:servicepawsofcentralpa@gmail.com)

### **St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent.**

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

**In the month of March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist numerous families, providing them financial support with utility bills, rent, furniture, food, etc.**

**Thank You!**

### **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. This weekend will be the deadline for collecting shoes. 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 St. 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 in mind and make a donation to the SVDP Society. You can either drop off your items at the store, located at 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.