

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 23	Seventh 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 Feb 25	6:30 PM Bingo 7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Feb 26	ASH WEDNESDAY 5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Feb 27	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Feb 28	1:30 PM Children's Stations 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Bingo
Sat Feb 29	10:30 AM-12 PM Grade 6 Retreat Holy Trinity & CCD Mandatory
Sun March 1	First Sunday of Lent 9:15-10:15 AM Religious Ed. Gr. K-9 6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10



Monday, Feb. 24

8:30 a.m.

†Nonito Lee Angeles (*Cherrielyn E. Hrzic*)

Tuesday, Feb. 25

8:30 a.m.

†Victor Raia (*Mary Valentino*)

Wednesday, Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Members of Altar & Rosary

8:30 a.m. †Murphy Montler (*Fromknecht Family*)

7:00 p.m. †Paul Andrews (*Mark & Bonnie Frederick*)

Thursday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m.

†Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)

Friday, Feb. 28

8:30 a.m.

†David & Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

Saturday, Feb. 29

4:00p.m.

†Margaret Vinglas (*Family*)

Sunday, March 1 First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †William Klayko (*Judy Zachesky*)

MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2019

7:00 a.m.

Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Zakrzwski, Volunteers

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Readers: Deborah Kawtoski

8:30 a.m.

Servers: Holy Trinity School Children

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Mary Engelman, Volunteers

Ash Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Mary Engelman, Volunteer

Readers: Volunteer

7:00 p.m.

Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Kathryn Nazaruk, Volunteers

Ash Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Volunteer

Readers: Michael Nazaruk

Stations of the Cross, February 28, 2020

5:30 p.m. Volunteers

Saturday, February 29, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Grace Callahan, Hope Callahan, Brennen Myrick

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Cindy Boslet,

Debra Fraundorfer, Bernice Shoenfelt, James Shoenfelt

Readers: Joseph Maschue, Ellen Rahm

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:00 a.m.

Servers: Marin Cooney, Josephine Gates, Aleksandra Knott

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Woomer, Diane Gormley, James Trexler, Volunteers

Readers: Paul Cooney, Helen Mirenda

10:30 a.m.

Servers: Rylee Swander, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Gentile, Yvonne Gibson, Gina Goss, Karen McGraw, Kathryn Nazaruk

Readers: Carolyn Kline, Michael Nazaruk

PASTOR'S CORNER

This week we begin a wonderful time of prayer and reflection. As our Lenten journeys begin we are invited into a deeper relationship with God, our neighbors and ourselves. What can each of us do to strengthen our faith: find some extra time to reflect on God's Word in Scripture, read the life of one of the saints, add some extra prayer time or a daily Mass each week, attend Stations, make a sacrifice for someone in need.

This Lenten season offers so many ways to deepen our faith, what can we do to truly get the most out of our Lent?

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-FEB. 15-16, 2020

Regular	\$	Christmas	\$
Capital Campaign	\$	Candles	\$
Candlemas	\$		
		Total	\$

LENT

This Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 26) and Good Friday (April 10) are days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent (February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3) are days of abstinence. **FASTING** refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. **ABSTINENCE** refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All who have reached their 14th year are obliged to **ABSTAIN**. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year. (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

Begin this Lent at one of our Ash Wednesday Masses. Help your resolve with acts of prayer, fasting and charity. Devote time to prepare yourself for the purifying gift of Christ's Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Our Ash Wednesday collection will be for the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. We Also invite you to offer your daily home alms to Operation Rice Bowl.**

Our participation of daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and reflective spiritual study further sharpen our senses and focus mind and heart on the grace of God welling up in our hearts.

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.

RETREAT—GRADE 6

There will be a Retreat for all students in the Sixth Grade, Holy Trinity & CCD on February 29 from 10:30 -12 NOON in the Art Room. This retreat is mandatory.

OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Feb. 29	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
March 1	8:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Donoughe
	10:30 a.m.	Rishel Family

CANDLES: Matthew P. Zakrzwski by Linda L. Zakrzwski; Special Intention of Jeanne Traficante; Special Intention of Pat Trexler

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS

The annual Black and Indian Mission Collection is the first national collection, authorized by the U.S. Bishops in 1884. Next weekend February 29 & March 1 we will take up the annual collection for Black and Indian Missions. Our financial contribution helps support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Please use the envelope located in your pack of envelopes.

**2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE
GOAL: \$42,808**

Today is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Ministries Drive, *Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission.*

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth and provide leadership development for clergy and laity.

The Catholic Ministries Drive supports 14 ministries that provide programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. The programs of our local parishes are essential because much of the work of the Church takes place at the local level. By having the Diocese coordinate programs, we eliminate the duplication of services and save both time and money. It would be impossible for any individual parish to duplicate the scope of these ministries; we must all share the responsibility.

If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to Mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend, or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org/giving. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries.

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Let us meditate on the Wedding at Cana (John 1:1-11). It was the scene of Jesus' first miracle, according to the Gospel. Does that seem a bit odd? Seemingly, a more obvious first miracle would have been the healing of the blind man, or the resurrection of the dead man, or the calming of the storm...

But no. At the request of His Mother, God made man did his first miracle in a "domestic" situation. He wanted to give joy to a newlywed couple, so that the feast would not be spoiled. Here, Christ's attitude teaches us three points:

1. The small joys of a simple life are very important to God. They should be important to us too.
2. Jesus aims to help us understand that the souls who, like Mary, know how to find joy in their everyday tasks, live happy lives and feel the desire to transmit this joy to others.
3. By this miracle, Christ wants us to understand the power of Our Lady's intercession with her Son, who always listens to her.

REMINDER: SERVICE HOURS ARE DUE ON MARCH 15. 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 330-2518 or email ygibson@dioceseaj.org

OFFERTORY GIFTS

We are looking for Families or Individuals who are willing to take up the Offertory Gifts. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the foyer of the Church.

Next weekend, **CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES of BETHLEHEM** will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries—all made of olive wood native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism is greatly depleted, Christian families who depend on this tourism have been greatly affected. Sales of these goods help them and give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the holy land. The profits from these religious articles help the poor and sick Christians through the Archdiocese of Jerusalem, as well as the carvers. Please stop by to help with this good cause.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents... England's Treasures.

Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21-May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman spas.

Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey And the mystical, ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

For information or a brochure please call/email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or Collette 844-218-2148 (refer to Booking #987192).



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner- 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Serving at School Cafeteria on 8th Avenue
\$9.00-Baked or Fried Fish

Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office,
806 11th Street - Take outs available

St. John's Parish, New Baltimore, Pa. Serving Fish Dinners on Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Menu-Baked or Fried Fish, fried shrimp, fried clams, soup, baked potato, vegetable, salad & dessert bar and beverage. Cost-Adults \$14.00. Children under 12 \$4.00. Under 5 free. This is all you can eat!

Lenten Fish Lunches at the Cathedral Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (not Good Friday). Includes a Fish Sandwich, choice of Macaroni and cheese, pierogie, French fries, or haluski for \$8.00 (includes drink). Serving from 11:00 AM to 1:30 Pm or till sold out. Please call in take-out orders of 10 or more at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Broad Ave.

Every Friday during Lent.

Take Out 3:30—6:30

Eat In 4:30—6:30

Baked or Hand dipped fried haddock, homemade sides, desserts and beverage.

Adult \$10.50; children \$7.50

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

Faith development of every person is a lifelong journey. These classes are for everyone who wants to grow in faith, and love God. Make plans to join us. For more information contact Marybeth at (814)361-2000 or visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/. All are welcome!

CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

CCW Incarnation Center, Gallitzin

Sister Marilyn Welch, CCW

Wednesdays: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

March 4, 11, 18, 25: April 1, 8, 15, 22

16 Hours Ongoing Formation Credit

CHURCH HISTORY

St. Rose of Lima, Altoona

Deacon Donald Gibboney

Tuesdays: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: April 7, 14, 21, 28: May 5

20 Hours Ongoing Formation Credit

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The way of life of stewardship means that we choose to use our resources to reach out to others and build God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Christian stewards serve God daily through their neighbors and are themselves motivated by profound love, gratitude and justice.

When we truly see Christ in others, even those who have hurt us, it becomes possible to forgive them without expecting forgiveness in return, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Lenten Journey Series at St. Bernadine Monastery

"From Ashes to Alleluia" - Join the Friars at St. Bernadine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg for a time of reflection, prayer, and fellowship during this Lenten season.

Wednesdays—March 4, March 11, March 18 and April 1 from 10:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m. Lunch is included and a free-will offering will be taken.

Registration is necessary by calling the Monastery office by February 28th at 695-3802.

February 23, 2020: Seventh Sunday

(MT 5:38-48)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another.

Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for February 23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect."

This month, through your support, our St. Rose Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference was able to assist individuals and families, providing them with bedding, food, and other financial support in their time of need. Thank You!

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

Carmelite Community of the Word Lenten Spirituality Program—"No Greater Love"

You are invited to the CCW Lenten Spirituality Program to be held Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. This 5-week series, using DVD presentations by best-selling author Edward Sri, will guide you through the last hours of Jesus' life.

Through readings, DVD presentations, discussions and prayer, come to a deeper understanding of God's immeasurable and unconditional love. Draw closer to Jesus during the season of Lent. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 24. Cost of program: \$20.00; Cost of book: \$15.00. Send Registration by mail with payment to CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, Pa. 16641 or email registration to communityofficeccw@gmail.com regarding credit card payment. All sessions will be held at CCW Incarnation Center.

AOH ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/DANCE

The Ancient Order of Hibernians-Blair County Division will be having their annual Saint Patrick's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 14th. Congressman Dr. John Joyce, of the 13th Congressional District, will be giving a short talk following the dinner. Social begins at 5:00 pm and dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. The event will be held in the upstairs ballroom at the Bavarian Hall in Altoona. For tickets, please call Timothy Hallinan at 814-944-6143.