

January 28, 2024

St. Rose of Lima Church



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A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

St. Vincent de Paul: Recently, in the midst of the bitter cold, a parishioner asked about our efforts to help those who cannot pay their gas bill or other utilities. I was so grateful that the Lord was helping them to think about people from our area in need. St. Vincent de Paul is our frontline effort to help those in our community who need assistance. Our Vincentians at St. Rose help us to fulfill our Lord's command to take care of the least in our midst. Thankfully, our parishioners are very generous in supporting the important work St. Vincent de Paul does, but we are always looking for more volunteers and financial resources to keep this essential outreach active. Please consider helping the Vincentians in their work and please lift our humble efforts up to the Lord in your prayers.

St. Rose of Lima Prayer List

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call the office (814-944-8509) or email Becky Reed at breed@dioceseaj.org to add their name to the prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:

- Erma Anthony • Steve Anthony • Ron Brown
- Eileen Buxton • Matilda Capouellez • Richard J. Courtot, Sr. • Sarah Dietzel • Jared Dietzel • Syrenah Dietzel • Jeremy Dietzel • Frank & Rose Marie Fochler
- Ed Garlena • David Garman Family • Larry and Nancy Harker • Kelly & Carl Harris
- Housum Family • Donna Ivory
- Kelly Mullegan Kline • Patricia Kraft
- Ken Lenz • Hannah Lewis
- Carmie Maniglia • Michele • Mike Murphy
- Rose Nasralla • Mike Nazaruk & Family
- Nicole M • Jean Raugh • Antonio Recchia
- Joe and Carole Reilly • Scott and Heather Reimer • Alita Ricasoli • Ron Rodgers
- Beth Sanders Julia Scarfone • Ann Schreiber
- Jim Trexle • Mareo Washer • Webb Family • Linda Zakrzwski
- Mary Beth Zibilich • Carole Zonfrilli

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- January 29-Feb 2 Catholic Schools Week
- February 14 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
Diocesan Collection for Mandeville
Diocesan
- February 18 Diocesan Collection for Black and Indian
United States Mission

VIGIL CANDLE: Helen Mirabella requested by Frances Bell and Family

SAVE THE DATE
100TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
AUGUST 25, 2024.

Bishop Mark will be celebrating the 10:30 AM Mass followed by a luncheon at the Casino

ALTAR SERVERS

If you would like to be an Altar Server (grades 3 and up and have received First Communion), please meet with Father at the front of the church after Mass.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick because of an upcoming operation, another medical procedure or an ongoing serious illness, please come to the front pews of the church after Mass and Father will anoint you.

REFLECTION JANUARY 28. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority." What does "authority" mean? Whether we feel the most helpless, or in total control of everything around us, Christ always has the power to take over. At times he allows suffering. Other times He will cure or even provide miracles When & why are a mystery. What is clear is that such encounters, the sweetest & the most sorrowful, help us to recognize our reliance on His dominion. In today's world, many often try to survive day to day as if God doesn't exist. We go about our worldly business ignorant and distracted. Sometimes when things get bad we still try to take it into our own hands, afraid to ask for help. We were never created to exist without God. CS Lewis once wrote, "The worst thing we can do to God is leave him alone." God longs for us. He thirsts for us. Let us continue to be amazed in today's day and age, just like those who witnessed Christ's miracles firsthand. For His great deeds continue to live on forever. May we always be thankful and eager to respond with similar love for one another.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 28 - Fourth Sun. in Ordinary Time

Wed. Jan. 31- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary

Thurs. Feb. 1 - 6:00 p.m. Monica's Tears
Adoration



Monday, Jan. 29

8:30 a.m.

†Tom Petro (Mr. & Mrs. John Fusco and Jo)

7:00 p.m.

For the Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, Jan. 30 8:30 a.m.

†Cyril Little (Family)

Wednesday, Jan. 31 Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:30 a.m.

†Patty Brown (Steve & Lucy DiLeo)

Thursday, Feb. 1

8:30 a.m.

†Geraldine Stevens (Tina & Dave Karl)

Friday, Feb. 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m.

†Patricia Shelenberger (Family)

Saturday, Feb. 3 Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

9:30 a.m.

For the Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 p.m.

†Michael Sanker (Christine Sanker)

Sunday, Feb. 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordin. Time

8:00 a.m.

Mass for the People

10:30 a.m.

†Frank Massimilla (Mary Engelman)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR Holy Spirit Ministry will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, March 16th at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg. This one day retreat includes dynamic spiritual teachings and testimonies from Fr. Brad Baldwin, Msgr. Stan Carson, Mandy Conrad, Fr. David Dodd, Fr. Mike Pleva, Deacon Mike Anna, Dough Putchko & Dominic Tornatore. Spirit-filled praise and worship, small group faith sharing and much more. Donation is \$20. If registered by 2/26/24, \$25 afterward. Students are free. Lunch and Dinner provided. To register contact 814-931-0192 or email holy spirit-miistry20@gmail.com. Deadline to register is 3/6/24 All are welcome!

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
January 14, 2024

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| Regular | \$ 8,103.00 | Loose | \$ 179.00 |
| Children's | \$ 7.00 | Saint Vincent de Paul | \$ 40.00 |
| Christmas Club | \$ 40.00 | Parish Life | \$ 85.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$ 131.00 | Catholic Education | \$ 5.00 |
| Priests' Retirement | \$ 20.00 | Christmas | \$ 125.00 |
| Vigil Light | \$ 10.00 | Renew, Repair, Rejoice | \$ 25.00 |
| | | Total | \$ 8,730.00 |

St. Rose Liturgy Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 9:30 AM 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekdays Tuesday through Friday 8:30 AM

Monday 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Holy Day Vigil 4:00 PM

Holy Day 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Adoration Thursday after 8:30 AM Mass to 10:00 AM

Thursday Evening 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Confessions Saturday at Noon, Monday at 6:00 PM or by appointment

MEN'S CONFERENCE
STRENGTH IN CHRIST

Sunday, March 3rd 11:30am to 5:00 PM Mount Aloysius College Bertschi Center, Cresson. Join us for a day of faith and fellowship, which includes lunch, dynamic speaker and Mass with Bishop Mark. Keynote speaker Cooper Ray. Inspiring, faith-filled talks from Fr. Brian Norris and Fr. Michael Pleva, and panel discussion with local Catholic men on fire with their faith. No cost for attendance. Registration required by February 23rd. Register on line at www.dioceseaj.org or by mail with the form your parish. Online registration encouraged due to limited seating.

ASH WEDNESDAY FISH DINNER

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Fish Dinners 4pm -7pm - School Cafeteria. Baked or Fried Fish \$14.00. Takeouts available.

DEACON JIM'S "A MOMENT WITH OUR LADY"
January 28, 2024

Pontmain is a small French village where, during the invasion of France by the Prussian army in 1871, the Virgin appeared to children with a message of prayer and repentance. The apparition occurred only a few days before the armistice and the departure of the occupying troops. Bechwat is a small Lebanese village where the Virgin Mary granted signs and healings in 2004. This happened shortly before the peaceful withdrawal of the Syrian occupation troops. In addition to the similarity between the historical circumstances, the statue Our Lady of Bechwat represents the Virgin of Pontmain. This is why the connection between the two supernatural manifestations was made official. Consequently, in January 2005, the rector of the shrine of Pontmain, Father Claude Poussier, travelled to Lebanon to pray in the chapel of Bechwat; and the message delivered by the Virgin in Pontmain in 1871 has been translated in Arabic and inscribed on a long banner at the entrance of the shrine of Bechwat in Lebanon: "But pray, my children, God will answer your prayers very soon, My Son lets his heart be touched."

**ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK
RECIPES NEEDED**

Work is progressing on our Saint Rose Cookbook. Recipes are still needed. Please drop your recipes in the box at the rear of the church, the rectory mailbox.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The 2024-25 Religious Education Classes will begin, as always, the weekend after Labor Day, Sept. 8th. Classes will be held EVERY WEEK.

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of January 28, 2024**

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Saturday Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

1Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**AMERICAN CANCER-RELAY FOR LIFE
CHICKEN BAR-B-Q**

Saturday, March 23rd, supported by the Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus. Diners are \$12.00 (1/2 chicken, baked beans, applesauce, roll and butter) and will be available for drive-thru pick-up from 11Am until 1PM at the Knights Hall at 324 Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg. Tickets are available from Relay for Life of Central Blair County participants or by contacting Dan Weaver at dweaver@breezeline.net and he will arrange to get tickets to you.

MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH COOKBOOK

Reprint of the 1991 Parish Cookbook Can be purchased for \$20.00 at the Parish Office. Please call Virginia Seidel at 814-943-5361

January 28th NO CCD CLASS

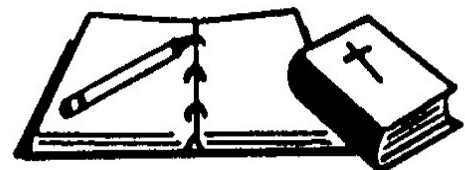
*Children's Comfort Boxes 9:15 am to 10:15 am

Required 9th—11th Grades ALL ARE WELCOME

February 4th CCD 9:15 am—11:30 am K—11thGrades

February 11th NO CCD CLASSES

February 18th NO CCD CLASSES



Religious Education News

PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK YOUR CCD CALENDAR FOR CLASS SCHEDULES
FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE TEXT OR CALL YVONNE AT 814-330-2518

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Saturday, February 3, 2024 4:00PM

Joe Maschue *Lector*

John Donley *Lector*

Mary Ann Eberhart *Eucharistic Minister*

Helen Mirenda *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Eucharistic Minister*

Damon Misura *Server*

Amelia Deneen *Server*

Sunday, February 4, 2024 8:00AM

Paul Cooney *Lector*

Damian Charlesworth *Lector*

Mary Masic *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Eucharistic Minister*

Marin Cooney *Server*

Aaliya Noel *Server*

Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:30AM

Not Filled *Lector*

Mary Eiman *Lector*

Thomas Goss *Eucharistic Minister*

Mary Wiley *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Server*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED *Server*

**CHILDRENS' COMFORT BOXES FOR
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

OUR PARISH RESPONSE HAS BEEN FAR BEYOND EXPECTATION! WE ARE NOW IN NEED OF BLANKETS ONLY.

Our local police department often times finds themselves in situations requiring them to deal with children who are facing difficult situations. By providing a small stuffed animal and a small blanket for these officers to give to the children, hopefully it will help ease the child's fear and enable the officers to be of better assistance. Please donate by placing your BLANKETS in the red wagon in the gathering area. Boxes will be put together and delivered to the Altoona Police Dept. Blankets must be donated by January 28th. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CARING AND KINDNESS!

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference
January 28 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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 in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

St Rose of Lima SVDP Conference – Care Package Program 2024

With the assistance of the parishioners from St Rose of Lima, St John the Evangelist and St Patrick, the St Rose SVDP Conference will once again be running its Care Package program for our seniors, the homeless in our community, new or expectant moms, and single parents. Our Conference helps make the lives a little bit easier for these groups of individuals and families by supplying Care Packages for their use. These packages contain items that each group would find useful, such as toiletries, blankets, gloves, hats, jig saw puzzles, scented candles, healthy snacks, diapers, baby wipes, parenting books, coffee mugs, bath bombs, activity books, etc. Each donor is also asked to include items to help boost the mental health of the recipient, such as a handwritten note of encouragement, a rosary, prayer card, gift card, etc. **The collection period will run from January 6th through February 11th.** The care packages will be delivered to these needy individuals and families with the help of Family Services and WIC. The members of the St Rose SVDP Conference would like to take this time to thank all those who help make programs like this one possible and the lives of the needy a bit easier. God Bless You All!

**SEAFOOD BUFFET
SAINT PATRICKS SCHOOL CAFETERIA
NEWRY
4:00PM UNTIL 7:00PM
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
INCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY**