

January 7, 2024

# *St. Rose of Lima Church*



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## A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

**POPE BENEDICT XVI ON THE EPIPHANY:** The wise men followed the star. Through the language of creation, they discovered the God of history, To be sure - the language of creation alone is not enough. Only God's word, which we encounter is sacred Scripture, was able to mark out their path definitively, Creation and Scripture, reason and faith, must come together, so as to lead us forward to the living God. There has been much discussion over what kind of star it was that the wise men were following. Some suggest a planetary constellation, or a supernova, that is to say one of those stars that is initially quite weak, in which an inner explosion releases a brilliant light for a certain time, or a comet, etc. This debate we may leave to the experts. The real star, the true supernova that leads us on, is Christ himself. He is as it were the explosion of God's love, which causes the great white light of his heart to shine upon the world. And we may add: the wise men from the East, who feature in today's Gospel, like all the saints, have themselves gradually become constellations of God that mark out the path. In all these people, being touched by God's word has, as it were, released an explosion of light, through which God's radiance shines upon our world and shows us the path. The saints are stars of God, by whom we let ourselves be led to him for whom our whole being longs.

**THE EPIPHANY BLESSING** is the traditional way of invoking the Lord's protection upon your home and individual areas in your house. We have blessed chalk and instructions with the prayer that is to be offered. If you are interested in this, packets are available in the gathering area.

### 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](mailto:breed@dioceseaj.org) to add their name to the prayer list.

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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  
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 • Mareo Washer • Webb Family • Linda Zakrzwski  
Mary Beth Zibilich • Carole Zonfrilli

### 37TH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH

Sunday, January 14, 2024 12:00 Noon

Saint Matthew Church Tyrone

We begin with a Prayer Service and then walk 1.25 miles to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe. Here we will have another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march. Please join us as we publicly show our love for all of God's most defenseless children, both born and unborn,. You are encouraged to bring a sign, If you are unable to walk this distance, please feel free to join in by driving at the end of the procession. Sponsored by the St. Gregory Council #1218 Knights of Columbus. Information, call Jack Wagner 814-632-6719.

### **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.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Are you naturally caring, compassionate and giving person? Were you blessed with parents and other role models in life from whom you learned that the joy of living is giving? If you answered "YES" to either of these questions, look for an INVITATION TO SERVE from the St. Rose of Lima Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in our bulletin next week.

If you are interested, please contact Dan Weaver at [dweaver@breezeline.net](mailto:dweaver@breezeline.net)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, Jan. 7 - Holy Family

Wed. Jan. 10 - 5:00-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary

Thurs. Jan. 11 - 6:00 p.m. Monica's Tears  
Adoration



**Monday, Jan. 8 Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 a.m.

For the Intention of the Celebrant

7:00 p.m.

For the Intention of the Celebrant

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

8:30 a.m.

†Linda Wolf (Family)

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**

8:30 a.m.

†Charles Nowark (Becky, Heather & Nick Reed)

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

8:30 a.m.

†Julie Rodriguez (Peach & Joe Maschue)

**Friday, Jan. 12**

8:30 a.m.

†Pauline Schoch (Mary Engelman)

**Saturday, Jan. 13 Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:30 a.m.

For the Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 p.m.

†Stephen Sutusky (Sutusky Family)

**Sunday, Jan. 14 Second Sunday in Ordin. Time**

8:00 a.m.

Mass for the People

10:30 a.m.

†Caroline Manion and Timothy Stephen Housem  
(Carole and Denny Housum)

**GLORIA GATES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

ARE IN NEED OF SUPPLIES FOR THEIR AFTER-SCHOOL SITES. SUPPLIES NEEDED ARE: PAPER PLATES, NAPKNS, PAPER TOWELS, PLASTIC CUTLERY (SPOONS, FORKS, KNIVES), PAPER/ PLASTIC CUPS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE RED WAGON IN THE GATHERING AREA. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
December 24, 2023**

Regular	\$ 8,938.00	Loose	\$ 366.00
Children	\$ 6.00	Parish Life	\$ 5.00
First Offering	\$ 3.00	Immaculate Conception	\$ 12.00
Parish Life	\$ 5.00	Christmas Flowers	\$ 100.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 370.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 25.00	Vigil Lights	\$ 35.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 25.00	Christmas	\$ 1,242.00
First Offering	\$ 3.00	Total	\$ 10,786.00

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
Christmas**

Regular	\$ 1,296.00	Loose	\$ 1,229.00
Children	\$ 11.00	Christmas	\$ 8,226.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00	Vigil Light	\$ 5.00
St. Vincenet	\$ 55.00	Total	\$10,832.00

**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

## The Epiphany of Our Lord

### DEACON JIM'S "A MOMENT WITH OUR LADY" January 7, 2024

At the age of twelve Mary the Egyptian ran away from her parents to the city of Alexandria. Here she lived an extremely dissolute life, causing scandal around her. After 17 years of this life, it took her fancy, in mockery, to accompany a group of pilgrims to Jerusalem, where they were going to celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Once there, Mary tried to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher for the celebration, out of curiosity, but she was barred from doing so by an unseen force. She realized that she could not enter God's house because her impurity.

There was an image of the Blessed Virgin under the porch of the church. Prostrating herself before the Virgin, the young sinner prayed: "O Mother of God, have mercy on the wretch I am! Refuge of Sinners do not deny me the consolation of seeing and worshiping the sacred wood on which your Son, my Savior, has shed his blood to redeem me. I promise you to go do penance for my crimes wherever you want." The sinner was then able to enter and prostrate herself before the Holy Cross. Asking the Blessed Virgin, "Where do you want me to go now?" A voice answered, "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest."

Mary of Egypt confessed her sins, received Holy Communion, and retired to the desert beyond the Jordan. She lived there for 47 years. A priest, Saint Zozimas, brought her communion every year on the same date. When she died, he found her body surrounded by light, and these words written on the sand next to her: "Bury the body of the poor sinner Mary here, and pray for the repose of her soul."

### SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 21, 2024

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST COFFEE AND SWEETS OF THE NEW YEAR IN THE COMMUNITY AFTER BOTH SUNDAY MASSES.

### 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.

### Scripture Readings For the Week of January 7, 2024

#### Monday Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

#### Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

#### Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

#### Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

#### Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

#### Saturday Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

#### Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### 100th Anniversary Update

As we begin preparation for the 100th Year Celebration of our church we are asking for your assistance. We are planning the high point of the celebration in **August 2024 with Mass & a meal. We are asking for volunteers to assist in preparations for this special time.** Please offer your time & talents in the following areas: banquet preparations, public relations fundraising, & church history. **Contact the Church Rectory** with your interests and desire to help. **The History Committee is gathering pictures, newspaper articles, and any factual information to be displayed and used in the celebration.** Please forward these to [SRL100YR@gmail.com](mailto:SRL100YR@gmail.com). 75th anniversary.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Mr. and Mrs. Blane Horton in memory of Georgia Gracey, Paul T. McCabe and Hazel McCabe, Wilard and Lois Buseck, Ike and Madeline Horton, and Tom McCabe and John McCabe

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Jan. 7th SAFE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE TAUGHT TO ALL STUDENTS. PLEASE CONTACT YVONNE IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICPATE.

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, January 13, 2024 4:00PM**

John Donley *Lector*

Ross Talarigo *Lector*

Jean Paule *Eucharistic Minister*

*VOLUNTEER NEEDED Eucharistic Minister*

*VOLUNTEER NEEDED Eucharistic Minister*

Damon Misiura *Server*

*VOLUNTEER NEEDED Server*

**Sunday, January 14, 2024 8:00AM**

Mary Masic *Lector*

Mia Cooney *Lector*

Linda Zakrzwski. *Eucharistic Minister*

*VOLUNTEER NEEDED Eucharistic Minister*

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Alex Krimmel *Server*

Thomas Krimmel *Server*

**Sunday, January 14, 2024 10:30AM**

Patrick Condrin *Lector*

Mary Eiman *Lector*

Ron Skupien *Eucharistic Minister*

Mary Wiley *Eucharistic Minister*

*VOLUNTEER NEEDED Eucharistic Minister*

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**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference  
Weekly Reflection for January 7 - Epiphany of the  
Lord**

**Today we celebrate the feast of the  
Epiphany, where the Magi find the  
newborn king and offer him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

**In the spirit of the Magi, please find  
a way to give to the needy so that  
comfort and peace can once again  
be given to a newborn child.**

If you know of someone in need, please visit our web-  
site (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situa-  
tion. 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!

**Our Conference's next meeting is on January 10,  
2024 at 6 pm. We will be meeting in the St Rose  
Community Room. Please contact Dan Weaver at  
[dweaver@Breezeline.net](mailto:dweaver@Breezeline.net) for more information.**

**St Rose of Lima SVDP Conference – Care Pack-  
age 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 home-  
less 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!

**MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH COOKBOOK**

Reprint of the 1991 Parish Cookbook Can be pur-  
chased for \$20.00 at the Parish Office. Please call Vir-  
ginia Seidel at 814-943-5361

**WANTED – VOLUNTEERS FOR HOMELESS  
WARMING CENTER**

An over-night Warming Center is being set up at  
Overflow Church. Open nightly for 20 homeless  
guests from 9 PM until 7AM beginning Jan. 9th &  
ending March 31st. The Warming Center Commit-  
tee, led by Altoona Fire Chief Adam Free, needs vol-  
unteers to the staff the overnight center. A team of  
four volunteers (two male & two female) for each  
night. will be needed. Duties include arrival at 8:30  
pm for room setup, greeting & registering guests,  
distributing cots/blankets/pillows, communicating  
Warming Center rules, listening, providing supervi-  
sion, packing & storing cots & bedding, & working  
with guests to clean the room in the morning. Volun-  
teers will be able to sleep if they wish. Individuals  
may volunteer weekly, biweekly, or monthly. To  
place your name on their volunteer list, please sub-  
mit to the Rectory your name, phone number, email  
address, the number of times you would like to vol-  
unteer, & the day or days of the week that work best  
for you. This information will be submitted to the  
Warming Center Committee. Please help us serve  
the most vulnerable in our community by providing  
our unsheltered neighbors with a warm, safe place  
to spend the cold winter nights. Thank you and God  
Bless!