

Our Lady Queen of Angels Church

Sunday, December 18, 2011

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MASSES: WEEKDAY MASS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: 8:00 AM AT THE CHURCH

SATURDAY ANTICIPATED MASS: 4:00 PM AT THE CHURCH

SUNDAY MASSES: 8:00 AM AT THE CHURCH & 10:30 AM AT THE CHAPEL

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: AS ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: NEW FOR SATURDAY, 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM AT THE CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY : 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING MASS:

Live from St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown is telecast at 11am on Channel 8, WWCP TV.

Parish Ministries and Services of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church – If you are interested in providing your time or talents with any of the following ministries at our parish, please contact the name listed for more information on that particular group. Your participation is always welcomed and encouraged.

Annual Catholic Appeal Committee – Chairpersons: Ken and Jane Skone 754-5584

Activities Center: Shirley Roman – 754-5255

& Bar tenders Shirley Roman 754-5255

Altar Servers: Eric Kozlick 754-4128

Bereavement Support Group of OLQA

Baked Goods Ministry

Cemetery Committee: Father Joe Maurizio 754-5224

Community Thrift Store – Trish Bevill & Judy Demers, 754-5403

Decorating Chapel: Deanna Will 754-8088

Decorating Church: Jenny Novak 754-5219

Central City Youth Ministries: Becky Kozlick
754-5224

Eucharistic Ministers: Father Joe 754-5224

Finance Council: Dick Stern 754-8363

Funeral Luncheons Volunteer Ministers Shirley Roman 754-5255

Humanitarian Interfaith Ministries (in Honduras, Costa Rica,

Nicaragua, Guatemala & Haiti) Fr. Joe Maurizio 754-5224

Legion of Mary: Margaret Spinelli 754-4130

Matthew 25 Ministries, "The Last Judgment" Patty Bonus 754-4225

Maintenance: Ken Skone 754-5584 or 535-7591

Music/Choirs/Cantors: Mark Chipchosky 754-4508 & Adrian Popig 754-4029

Parish Council: Ron Halkovich 754-5618

Parish Nurse/Health Ministry of OLQA: Jenny Novak 754-5219

Pro-Life: Karen Mincek 754-5065

Readers/Lectors: Dick Stern 754-8363

Religious Education Director, Becky Kozlick 754-5224

Marriage Preparation – Fr. Joe 754-5224

Knights of Columbus: Bob Ferguson 814-288-8516

Parish Pastoral Care Assistant – Becky Kozlick 754-4128

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA): Tony Criscuolo 754-4174

Society of Angels: Heather Kabala 754-1605

St. Vincent DePaul Conference of OLQA: Deanna Will 754-8088

Vocations: Anthony Criscuolo 754-4174

Ushers: Fr. Joe Maurizio 754-5224



Our Lady Queen of Angels

“Let’s work towards Heaven in 2011”

We give thanks to God for our people who give much of their time, talent & treasure and expect little in return.

They will inherit the Kingdom of God.

By reason of Baptism we are all called to a lay ministry vocation in the Church. All members, young and old, should be active in some way.

People involved in ministries, services and programs for the Church, are people who go beyond their “COMFORT ZONE”.

BAPTISM: By Appointment; please call the Rectory

MARRIAGE: Pastor should be notified at least six months in advance so that couples can complete their preparation.

Couples will be asked if they have first considered having their wedding reception in our Activities Center.

REGISTRATION: Contact the Church Rectory at 754-5224.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Call the rectory to have shut-ins placed on our Holy Communion calls list.

FUNERALS, SERVICES, CEMETERY, ARRANGEMENTS, PURCHASE OF BURIAL PLOTS, ETC.: Arranged only by the Pastor, contact him at the Rectory. These arrangements are not to be made by any funeral directors.

The Mass of Spiritual Growth is held at 8am Monday through Friday.

The tradition has been that when a deceased person is remembered at a Mass, their family and friends try to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS/DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK

19 Dec Mon 8:00 am Gert Harvilla by Matt and Connie Ligda (Mission Mass)

20 Dec Tue 8:00 am George Ferko by wife Vivian

Gift bearers should be the persons that

21 Dec Wed 8:00 am Matthew & Mary Seben by Ted & Dolores Morris

requested the Mass or family members.

22 Dec Thu 8:00 am Helen Visinsky by Genevieve Berezonsky

23 Dec Fri 8:00 am Thomas Galish by Galish family

24 Dec Sat. 4:00 pm Chapel. For the living and deceased of our Church, and all Remembrances on the Altar.

24 Dec Sat. 10:00 pm Church. For the living and deceased of our Church Church, and all Remembrances on the Altar

25 Dec Sun 10:30 am Church. For the living and deceased of our Church Church, and all Remembrances on the Altar

The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of Robert & Rita Betz by Mike Mauger family,

The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of Margaret Rypczyk by grandson Bill

Cominsky.

Finances for the Week of:--December 10th and December 11th

Adults.....	\$ 2,534.50	Loose Change.....	\$ 116.00
Students.....	\$ 55.25	Total Collected.....	\$ 3,036.75
Parish Expense Offering	\$ 331.00	Amount needed weekly.....	\$ 4,168.00
Adjusted amount Needed Yr to Date	\$100,032.00	Amount Year to Date Shortage	\$- 16,082.44

This financial information is placed on the Altar of the Lord and prayed over at every Mass, every day.

“Give what you can of your time, talent and the treasure that you can afford and what you also believe will be pleasing to God.”

Please pray for the following and also pray that through the Intercession of Father Ignatius Pilz, that through his intercession, God will heal in mind, body and spirit, all who are listed here in our Church Bulletin Prayer

List: John Napora, Gloria Shelko, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, David P. Bonus, Joseph R. & Vicki Navalaney, Gus Palya, Jennie Sielczak, Kathy Hintosh, Robert J. Yuko, Joyce Frank, Mary Beth Campitelli, Darcel Fahay, Kathryn Yatta, Nina Lasut, Barry Rolt, Earl & Betty Robb, Dan & Teresa Palya, Frank Murawski, Andy Davis, Rev. Msgr. Ignatius Wadas, Vivian Monko, Ansley Stigers, Dalston Beltz, Nick Kutsmeda, Debbie Miller, Jim Lyons, Fr. Peter Hughes, Josephine Kramer, Constance Gruca, Beth Clise, Lauren Barnes, Helen Halkovich, Mary K. Spaid, Joe Zeigler, Debra H., Carole Czinka, Dana Tsikalas

If you are unable to attend Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, please send your “contribution envelopes” to the Rectory or bring them with you the next time you are able to attend. If you follow the Finance Accounting information in the parish bulletin, you will note that we are almost always short. Now is the time to keep your church services and buildings supported and open...Not after they close.

Stewardship Reflection 4th Sunday of Advent “After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense. All of their essential elements are found in her life: she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as ‘handmaid’ in terms of service and fidelity.” [Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, USCB, 1992]

Readings for Christmas: 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm: 13:1s 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,29 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 10:30 am: 16:1s 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14

- 18 Dec. Children’s Christmas Party, Activities Center – 1:00 PM
- 20 Dec. Tuesday, Finance Council meeting is CANCELLED FOR CHRISTMAS
- 21 Dec. Evening of Reconciliation from 7-8:00 PM in the Church
- 27 Dec. Tuesday, Parish Pastoral Meeting in the Church Rectory IS CANCELLED FOR CHRISTMAS
- 03 Jan. Tuesday, SHA, Slavic Heritage Association Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Rectory
- 04 Jan. Wednesday, St. Vincent de Paul & Matthew 25 Ministries Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Rectory
- 06 Jan. First Friday, Eucharistic Adoration in the Church from 6-7:00 PM
- 07 Jan. Epiphany Party following the 4:00 PM Mass – Activities Center for all members and families
- 09 Jan. Monday, Society of Angels Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Activities Center
- 11 Jan. Wednesday, Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00 PM in the Rectory
- 17 Jan. Tuesday, Finance Council Meeting in the Church Rectory at 7:00 PM
- 24 Jan. Tuesday, Parish Pastoral Meeting in the Church Rectory at 7:00 PM

125th request: We ask people of faith to please pray for the Intercession of Father Ignatius Pilz, that the Holy Map of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery will be returned to our Church. We have many babies, children and faithful members who are buried without grave markers or cannot read their grave markers, who are only listed on Fr. Pilz and Msgr. Wadas’ Cemetery Map. We are now six years without this Sacred and Holy map, so would the person who has it, or one of their family members, please return the Cemetery Map to our Church.

Monthly Second Collections:

1st weekend: For our own Saint Vincent de Paul and Matthew 25 Ministries – to be used for the less fortunate.

2nd weekend: For the new Chapel to be constructed, in the name of Father Pilz, at the top of the newly purchased ground at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

3rd weekend: For SHA, Slavic Heritage Association for the preservation of Church and Culture, and the many works they do in our Church buildings and cemeteries.

4th weekend: For the support of our Youth Ministry Program.

5th weekend, if applicable: Special Collections from Diocese and Missions.

2011 Annual Catholic Appeal Fundraiser – Save Our Church Campaign: Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who will be participating in this year’s “ACA Save Our Church Campaign”. This is the most important Fundraiser of the year for Our Lady Queen of Angels Church. This Fundraiser helps to make our Church Budget, which keeps our Church, buildings and cemeteries operating. All the money we raise from this Fundraiser is exempt from any percentage of costs that we would normally send to the Diocese. We are praying and hoping for 100% participation from our members. Make your checks payable to Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and send your pledge form and check to the parish office. The names only, and not amounts, will be published in the parish bulletin. May God continue to Bless our supporters for their generosity. **As of November 15, 2011, we have received 138 pledges totaling \$29,692.00. We are now \$10,308.00 short of our \$40,000 fundraiser goal. Thank you to all who have pledged.** Please complete your pledge payments by December 15, 2011. Your donations keep our Church and facilities open. Again, please prayerfully consider keeping our Church and facilities open.

New Parish Information

Volunteers needed this weekend at 1:00 pm to help decorate the Church and Chapel. Please stop by either place and lend a hand. Let’s make our facilities beautiful for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate the Religious Education Students who were the winners of the savings bonds for the 2010-2011 term. They earned this award by their Religious Education performance, based on: Mass attendance, Class attendance, Textbook work, Attendance of Social Ministries, Completion of church and non-church service hours, Punctuality, and also on their parent’s participation in a social ministries program. In the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades there was a three-way tie resulting in all three students receiving the bond. They are: Abigail Knapp, Austin Mauger, Steven Zugrovich. The winners in the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade category are Emma Spinelli and Adam Knapp. The 9th, 10th, and 11th grade category was won by Tara Kozlick and Simon Knapp. Congratulations for a job well done!

Contribution Envelopes for 2012 have been placed in the back of the Church and Chapel several weeks ago. Please pick them up as soon as you can. If you cannot find them, call the Rectory. Christmas will be your last contribution for 2011. In accordance with our calendar and money counters schedule, any monies after the 25th will go into the first week of January. Keep this in mind for your tax deductions.

Repeated Parish Information

The Children’s Christmas Party will be held on December 18 at 1:00 PM in the Activities Center. This is the Social Ministry for the Religious Education Students for the month of December. They will be graded on their attendance. Students – bring your whole family and a friend!

Epiphany Party will be immediately following the January 7, 4:00 PM Mass As always, meats will be provided, and covered dishes are welcomed. Due to a lack of interest for a New Year’s Eve Party, once again, we will NOT have one. The Religious Education students can join their families at the Epiphany Party, which is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. A good time for fellowship and relaxation for all. This event will be the Social Ministry for the month of January for the students.

Christmas Mass Remembrances - If you would like to have your loved ones remembered on the Altar for the month of December, get your Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes in as soon as you can, and they will be on the Altar for the entire month and will be remembered daily. They are in your contribution envelope boxes at the beginning of December.

First Friday, January 6, Eucharistic Adoration in the Church from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Worship is given to Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, outside of Mass and Holy Communion. Also, at this most spiritual time, there will be a reading of all the names on our prayer list, where we pray that, through the Intercession of Father Ignatius Pilz, God will heal in mind, body, and spirit.

A new security camera system was installed in and outside of the Church/Rectory/Activities Center. The discounted cost was \$299 for eight cameras and the DVR Security System. The installation was done by the Parish Maintenance Man because he has a lot of experience installing these types of systems. If anyone is interested in having a Security Camera System installed, contact the Church Rectory at 754-5224.

Changes to Memorial and Foundation Order & Permit (in our cemeteries) effective immediately. Clients of the Memorial Company are not permitted to contact the Church personnel with their questions. All questions are to be answered by the Memorial Company. If the Memorial Company does not know the answer, they can contact the Pastor, so they will know the answer for the future. If clients repeatedly contact this Church with their questions, this Church has the option to refuse granting all and any permits from the Memorial Company.

NEW ROOF ON THE CHAPEL...By now all of you know that the Our Lady Queen of Angels Chapel (former St. John the Baptist Church) has a new 40 year metal roof on it. Through the efforts of our OLQA and SHA (The Slavic Heritage Association for the Preservation of Church and Culture) we were able to locate a contractor to do the job at a reasonable cost of \$23,000. OLQA and SHA is now running a campaign to cover the costs of the new roof. Second collections on the 3rd weekend of the month, will be in place of the SHA collection. Names of donors and memorials will be published, but not the amounts (unless anonymous gifts). Please forward your donations to the Church Rectory.

Do you want to become a Catholic? Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? If so, please contact the Rectory.

Intercessions by Father Pilz continues to grow. Do you believe Father Pilz was a Saint? Do you believe that Father Pilz has sent a sign of the Cross in the sky on Memorial Day 2008 and wants a Memorial Chapel built in his name. We are looking for 100 people or organizations to donate \$1,000 each so we can hopefully begin construction on this Chapel. Make your checks payable to: Fr. Pilz Chapel Fund and send it to the rectory. The number of checks for \$1,000 that we have already received is **Seventeen (17).** The estimated cost of the Father Pilz Receiving Chapel in the Cemetery will be about \$150,000, if there is anyone who would like to write this check? We will put your name on the foundation of this Chapel.

Needed: Volunteers to minister in the following areas: please contact the Church Rectory.

- =Take Communion once a week or once a month to someone who is sick or homebound.
- =Visit once a week or once a month to someone who is sick or homebound.
- =Visit once a week or once a month to someone who is in a nursing home.
- =Make phone calls once a week or once a month to people who are sick or homebound.
- =Make phone calls to people who have been discharged from the hospital to see how they are feeling.
- =Volunteers to do work at the Community Thrift Store once a week on Friday or Saturday.
- =Men to volunteer once a week or once a month to carry boxes of items from the St. John's Church rectory to the bottom of the Chapel. This can be on Sunday after Mass or at any time.
- =Adult men and women to help as Altar Servers at Funeral Masses in our Church.

Saint Vincent DePaul Conference and Matthew 25 Ministries of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church would like to thank the **65** people out of 350 from our Church who remembered the less fortunate in this last month (October) by submitting their Blue Saint Vincent DePaul envelopes. **This amount is two more than last month.** May God continue to bless you and your family for your generosity in helping the poor, needy and less fortunate. The Bible says "For those who give, more will be received not only in this world, but also in the next."

Drivers with pick-up trucks needed to pick up food in Davidsville approximately every other month. The food goes to our Central City Food Pantry. We need a few people we can call to see if they are available to pick up this food. Please call our Church Rectory.

Do you know a friend, neighbor, or relative in need of food? We, here at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, would like to help them. We understand that they may not want to ask for help, but they need to understand that we are here for them. Call Fr. Joe at the Rectory 754-5224.

If you believe a healing has taken place through the Intercessions of Fr. Pilz, please contact the Rectory!

Cemeteries: The webpage listing burials at St. John's and Sacred Heart cemeteries has been updated and completed to June 2009. Burials waiting for markers or inscriptions were not included. To date, 697 names have been entered for Sacred Heart, and 740 for St. John's. Photos and/or obituaries appear with some listings. Contact the rectory if you would like to add a photo or obituary to the listing of your relative or friend.

Cookbooks Reminder: We still have some cookbooks left.! Call the Rectory or stop by and pick one up. The cost is \$15.00. If you cannot pick one up, they can be mailed to you for the cost of \$20.00.

115th Request: "When did I visit you in prison?" This verse is taken from the Matthew 25 Chapter, known as the "Last Judgment" verses in the Bible. We are looking for people to join a local group that volunteers in **Prison Ministry.** They go to the Somerset Prison on the 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings of every month. They will train you for their small group programs. Please consider serving as the Bible calls us to do, visit those who are in prison. Call the Rectory for additional information at 754-5224.

In the case of death, families must contact the Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church before they sit down with any funeral director, so that appropriate and proper arrangements may be made. The Pastor will help the family to make all arrangements for the Church, spiritual services, cemetery and burial arrangements, luncheons, etc. Families who do not follow this procedure are usually disappointed, especially at a time when they do not need additional stress in their lives. The choice is theirs. All funeral directors who do business with this Church should inform their clients of this fact.

Please remember: Father Pilz Memorial Chapel at our Church Cemetery, can be constructed if those who loved him and remember his holiness and service to the people of our community, will support this vision. On May 25, 2008, Father Joe Maurizio prayed to Father Pilz, at his tomb in Gallitzin, for his intercession to help our Church with our Cemetery problems. Again, the next day, at the Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery, before the blessing and dedication of the newly constructed Father Pilz Memorial Cross, (donated by SHA, the Slavic Heritage Association for the Preservation of Church and Culture), Fr. Joe prayed in his homily (with about 50 people attending) for the intercession of Father Pilz for our Church needs.

After Fr. Joe talked about praying to the saints for their intercession, which is a 2000 year tradition, the cloudy sky opened up with a large blue circle and a big white Cross in the Center. Many people were saying it was a miracle and maybe Father Pilz will some day be a Saint? Fr. Joe believed at that time, that Father Pilz was calling to construct him a Memorial Chapel at the Cemetery in his name. Do we know the future of Father Pilz's and this Memorial? Many people say he was a saint when he lived in this town. If God wants this to happen, then nothing will stop it. Do you want to help construct this future Receiving Chapel at our Cemetery in Memory of Father Pilz? Contact Fr. Joe Maurizio at the Church Rectory, 814 754-5224.

Baptism for babies in our Church is for parents who want to raise their children in the Catholic Faith. Parents who do not come to Church, even if they have other children baptized, need to come to Church regularly if they hope to baptize their new children. God parents need to be practicing Catholics and should be able to give the Priest an approved sponsor certificate from their home Catholic Church.

Visiting priests are always welcomed to assist the Pastor in Mass or other sacramental services. Only family members who are priests may be the celebrant.

Central City Food Pantry is in need of some volunteers to help carry food for some elderly and disabled people's cars. The volunteers are needed on the second Saturday every month, starting at 8:30 am. The Central City Food Pantry is located at the little white church on Lohr Street.

Cemeteries: A new page has been added to the parish website (www.ladyqueenofangels.org) which may be of interest to those who have family or friends buried in St. John's or Sacred Heart Cemeteries. We have posted a burial list for St. John's (including photos of the gravesites) and are in the process of entering a list for Sacred Heart. This is an ongoing project of the Slavic Heritage Association (SHA) for the Preservation of Church and Culture. If you would like to add a photo and/or obituary for a relative or friend, please contact the rectory and we will send you the proper form.

Hospital Visits: If you want the priest to visit your loved ones in a hospital, you need to call the rectory.

If you think someone should be in the Parish Bulletin Prayer List, contact the Rectory .

New Miscellaneous Events

None received at this time.

Repeated Miscellaneous Events

St. Benedict's New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance – Saturday, December 31 from 6:00 pm – 1:00 am.

Purchase your tickets by December 16th to receive discounted price! Dinner/Dance - \$42.50 per person by Dec. 16. \$45.00 per person after Dec. 16th. Dinner catered by Joey Del's 2001 Caterers. (Appetizers, Antipasto salad, Black Angus Beef au jus, carved, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rigatoni with Marinara Sauce, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans Almondine, Dessert Assortment) Music from 9:00 pm – 1:00 am by D.J. Dancin' Dan. Dance only \$22.50 by 12/16. \$25 per person after 12/16. (Doors open for dance only tickets at 8:45 pm) Ticket includes reserved seating, beer, soda, and snacks. Hot dogs/sauerkraut and champagne at midnight. For tickets, call Paula Kline at 467-9180 or the rectory at 266-9718.

FOUNDATION NOTES... Become the "Parishioner who never dies"!! Create an endowment trust fund in your family name whose principal (corpus) remains untouched for perpetuity, and allows for the annual distribution of earnings back to your parish forever. To learn more, including whether there is already a fund for your parish, contact the Foundation at 814-201-2080 or visit its website at www.icfdaj.org.

The January Sizzler Calendar is now available from Resurrection Parish. The calendar runs the entire month of January 2012 and gives 8 possible chances to win each day!!! The calendar is based on the Pa. evening Daily Number. The cost of the calendar is \$20 and can be purchased before or after all weekend Masses, or at the Resurrection Parish Office located at 408 8th Ave., Johnstown, PA 15906. Please call the Resurrection Parish Office at (814) 539-5788 with any questions. These calendars make great Christmas gifts.

Masses for your Loved Ones – If you would like Masses said in memory of your loved ones for special occasions here at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and Chapel, please call the Church Rectory for your request for dates. Remember dates are often booked 3 months in advance and longer for weekend Masses.

Use this form to request a Mass for a deceased person. You do not have to be a member of the parish to request a Mass

Donation is: \$10 We will publish this Mass schedule in the Church Bulletin and place it on our International Web Page.

Date of requested Mass Time Name of the Deceased Name of the person/s requesting the Mass. Phone Number

The Gold Wrapping Paper

Once upon a time, a man punished his five-year old daughter for using up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper before Christmas. Money was tight, so he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve, he saw that the child had used the expensive gold paper to decorate a large shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared.

"Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package!" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us as human beings have been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God.

There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.