

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)

738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John)

162 Wheeler Street

Holy Masses:

Daily

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil

Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00PM

Sunday Morning

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00 AM

Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

Confessions

Church (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Chapel (St. John)

Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

February 4 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Stanley, Rose & Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) - Chapel

February 5 Saint Agatha

NO MASS

February 6 *Saint Paul Mike and Companions*

8:00 AM Frances Lewandowski (Req. Tom & Bonnie Jarvis) - Chapel

February 7 *Weekday*

NO MASS

February 8 *Saint Josephine Bakhita*

8:00 AM Tom & Julie Delasko, 72nd Wedding Anniversary (Req. Loving Wife Julie) - Chapel

February 9 *Vigil - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church

February 10 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Andrew Milavec (Req. Pat & Mary Ann Zubek) - Church

10:30 AM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

RADICAL ABORTION BILL PROPOSED IN VIRGINIA - This past week a Virginia House Delegate proposed legislation that would allow abortions up until the moment of birth. In a shocking exchange during a subcommittee hearing about the bill, the bill's chief proponent hesitantly admitted that the measure would permit aborting children even as a mother has begun dilating in preparation to give birth. Delegate Kathy Tran, a Democrat from Northern Virginia, was asked, "How late in the third trimester could a physician perform an abortion?" Tran replied, "through the third trimester. The third trimester goes all the way up to forty weeks...I don't think we have a limit in the bill." "Where it's obvious a woman is about to give birth?" asked the chairman of the subcommittee, Delegate Todd Gilbert. Even when "she has physical signs that she is about to give birth?" asked Gilbert. "She's dilating?" "My bill would allow that, yes," responded Tran. "I certainly could've said a week from her due date and that would've been the same answer, correct?" asked Gilbert. "That is allowed in the bill," answered Tran. When Delegate Gilbert pressed both Tran and a spokesperson for NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia for an example of the mental health conditions which might necessitate the late-term abortion of a baby,

neither were able to come up with a single example. The gruesome legislation proposed for the Old Dominion comes close on the heels of New York's recently enacted abortion law which also removes protections for the unborn, permitting abortion up until birth.

CATHEDRAL BOMBED - Two bombs minutes apart tore through a Catholic cathedral on a southern Philippine island where Muslim militants are active, killing at least 20 people and wounding 81 others during Mass last Sunday. The first bomb went off in or near the Jolo cathedral in the provincial capital, followed by a second blast outside the compound as government forces were responding to the attack, security officials said. The blasts blew away the entrance to the cathedral and ripped through the main hall, shredding to pieces the pews and toppling other doors. Police said at least 20 people died and 81 were wounded. The fatalities included 15 civilians and five troops. Among the wounded were 14 troops, two police and 65 civilians. Photos showed debris and bodies lying on a busy street outside the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which has been hit by bombs in the past. Troops in armored carriers sealed off the main road leading to the church while vehicles transported the dead and wounded to the hospital. Some casualties were evacuated by air to nearby Zamboanga city. Jolo island has long been troubled by the presence of Abu Sayyaf militants, who are blacklisted by the United States and the Philippines as a terrorist organization because of years of bombings, kidnappings and beheadings. A Catholic bishop, Benjamin de Jesus, was gunned down by suspected militants outside the cathedral in 1997. No one has immediately claimed responsibility for the latest attack. It came nearly a week after minority Muslims in the predominantly Catholic nation endorsed a new autonomous region in the southern Philippines in hopes of ending nearly five decades of a separatist rebellion that has left 150,000 people dead. Although most of the Muslim areas approved the autonomy deal, voters in Sulu

province, where Jolo is located, rejected it. The province is home to a rival rebel faction that's opposed to the deal as well as smaller militant cells that not part of any peace process.

BLESSING OF THROATS - In honor of St. Blaise, bishop and Martyr, our parish will observe the tradition of blessing throats. Very little is actually known about St. Blaise, an early Christian martyr. The first reference we have of him is in the medical journals of a court physician named Aëtius Amidenus, from the end of the fifth or beginning of the sixth century, where St. Blaise is mentioned as being called upon for treating objects stuck in the throat.

We also know that Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and suffered martyrdom under Licinius about AD 316. But as far as details about his life, we must rely on various traditions. Supposedly, this early Christian martyr was born to noble and wealthy parents who provided him with a Christian education. He became a physician and was elected and consecrated a bishop at a young age. During the persecution of Licinius, a former ally of Constantine who began persecuting the Church, Blaise experienced a call to live as a hermit in a cave outside of town, where he was known to heal sick and wounded wild animals. Eventually he was discovered by hunters who were roaming the countryside capturing creatures to use in the amphitheater games. Blaise was taken to Agricolaus, the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia, and thrown into jail. One legend has it that on his way to prison, Blaise commanded a wolf to release a pig belonging to a woman who begged for the holy bishop's help. She later brought candles to his cell so he would have light to read the Scriptures. While Agricolaus was reportedly impressed with Blaise's miracles, it didn't stop him from insisting that the bishop renounce his faith and when he wouldn't, the governor had him beaten, tortured with an iron comb (a tool used for combing wool), and beheaded. As the manuscripts from Aëtius Amidenus show, by the sixth century St. Blaise's intercession was being invoked in the east for illnesses related to the throat. By the

ninth century, the saint was also revered in Europe and went on to become one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages, venerated as one of the “Fourteen Holy Helpers” (which also included saints such as St. Christopher, St. Erasmus, St. Denis of Paris, St. Barbara, St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Giles.) Churches were named for St. Blaise and altars were dedicated to him. Pope Leo IV is said to have presented relics of St. Blaise to Duke Wolfenus of Rheinau, Germany in 855, who brought them home from Rome with him. Other relics of St. Blaise are reported to be in Braunschweig, Germany, as well as in Paris. In 971, in present day Dubrovnik, St. Blaise reportedly appeared to the city’s inhabitants to warn them of an impending attack by the Venetians. Ever since, Dubrovnik has honored him as its patron. A statue of the saint stands over the entrance gate to the city and the cathedral there has an array of Blaise’s relics. In time, the custom of blessing the throats of the faithful developed, with priests holding two tapered candles – blessed the day before on Candlemas, Feb 2 – over the head or the throat while invoking the intercession of St. Blaise against any ailment of the throat and body. It’s an ancient custom of the Church to bless the sick, rooted in the ministry of Christ and his apostles.

PRAYER LIST - Jennie Sielczak, Constance Gruca, Marie Metsker, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Andrew Straka, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Caroline Amato, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Larry Krestar, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Lionel Berkebile, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, John Harchick Jr., Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Rhonda Bittner, Lauren Barnes, Dave Andolina, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka, Carla Ayres, Zoe Taylor, Rodney Shaffer, Casey Duffield, Mike Stefanik, Georgianne Matava, Michelle Moore, William Sunderhaus, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, Danielle Christopher, Nancy McClellan, Tony Beltz, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn, Helen Elko, Vince Skimski, Jennifer Jarvis, Betty Lou Miller, Catherine Kosnosky, Lavonne Ross, Patty Foltz, Butchie Navalaney, Amy Zimmerman, Dave Kurtz, Ian Rosenbaum, Easton Pritts, Joyce Reitz, Stanley Tomaszewski, Cindy Hillegass, Tom Hudak, Mike George

WEEKLY OFFERING January 26^h and January 27th - Adults - \$4,135.50; Loose - \$416 - Student -\$56.50; Fuel - \$90; Student Initial Payment - \$2; Solemnity of Mary - \$33; Christmas - \$5;; Total - \$4,738 Thank You!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John’s site in honor of the 72nd wedding anniversary of Tom & Julie Delasko by loving family.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - If you wish to have a copy of your Church contribution statement for 2018 please phone the rectory to obtain a copy. Thank you for your generosity.

SERVER SCHEDULE -

February 9- 4:00 PM

February 10- 8:00 AM

February 10- 10:30 AM

ST. VINCENT DePAUL MEETING - The St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet on February 6th at 7:00 PM at the St. John Site.