

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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## Rectory Office

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## Fifth 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

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## Mass Intentions

February 11	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
8:00 AM	Stanley, Rose & Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) - Chapel
February 12	Weekday
	<b>NO MASS</b>
February 13	Weekday
8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Req. Eger Family) - Chapel
February 14	<i>Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</i>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
February 15	Weekday
8:00 AM	Evelyn Saylor (Req. Tony & Debbie Renzi) - Chapel
February 16	<i>Vigil - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 PM	Catherine Zelenski (Req. Dominick & Mary Sanzo) - Church.
February 17	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Francis and Eleanor Kovak (Req. Family) - Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

**I DON'T HAVE TIME TO READ THIS STUPID ARTICLE** - Prior to the calendar revisions of Pope Paul VI in 1969 next Sunday would've been Septuagesima Sunday. Beginning on Septuagesima Sunday the Masses started to be more austere (i.e. Lent like) to help remind the faithful that while Lent was not yet here, it was on the way. Peter Kreeft, a professor at Boston College, recently penned an article about **Time**. His reflections should help to get us get focused for Holy Lent so that when it arrives we will be ready to take it seriously and reap the benefits of the annual season of prayer and penance. - Recently I was late getting a manuscript to an editor. My excuse? By far the most popular one in America: I had "no time." Let's examine that excuse. Why do we all seem to have no time for anything, much less for prayer? I am constantly feeling guilty about this, and I suspect most of you are too. I think the single biggest obstacle to our relationship with God (after sin, of course) is "no time." If I gave my children as much time as I give God, I could be prosecuted for child neglect and abuse. If I spent as little time with my wife as I spend with God, she'd have grounds for divorce for desertion. Yet we all know from experience that when we give God time, we are happy. When we cheat God, we cheat ourselves. We know this from thousands of repeated experiments. And yet we keep running away from God, from communion with God, from prayer,

as if it were bitter medicine. We are so afraid of silence and solitude, which are necessary for private prayer, that we give it to our most desperate criminals as the most horrible torture our mind can conceive—"solitary confinement!" Why don't we seem to have as much time as our ancestors? In fact, we all have exactly the same amount: twenty-four hours each day. Technology should have given us scads of extra time. Our lives should be oozing with leisure. All those time-saving devices! Yet they've done exactly the opposite. The more time-saving devices we have, the less time we have. (The only way to get time is to turn the clock back, not forward!) What went wrong? Our great-grandmothers took many hours to scrub their clothes on a hand-held washboard; we just push a button on a washing machine. Our forefathers had to grow, hunt, and slaughter their own food; we buy it at the supermarket, open the microwave door, and push a button. Yet we are far more harried and hassled by time than they were. Why? In most ancient societies, the rich had slaves to do their manual work so that they could enjoy leisure. Today, machines have replaced slaves; yet we have less leisure, not more. Why? This is not the place for a general diagnosis of our society's sickness (though for a quick, profound hint, read Pascal's *Pensées*, especially on "diversion"). But it *is* the place for a diagnosis of our excuse for not praying, and I think this diagnosis has many other applications too. "All that we are begins with our thoughts; it moves as our thoughts move, and it ends where our thoughts end." So says Buddha, wisely. We must begin here with our *thoughts* about time. We don't have time for prayer because *we think wrongly* about time and prayer. We have time and prayer backwards. *We think time determines prayer, but prayer determines time.* We think our lack of time is the cause of our lack of prayer, but our lack of prayer is the cause of our lack of time. When a little boy offered Christ five loaves and two fishes, he multiplied them miraculously. He does the same with our time, but only if we offer it to him in prayer. This is literally miraculous, yet I know it happens from repeated experience. Every day that I say I am too busy to pray, I seem to have no time, accomplish little, and feel frazzled and enslaved by time. Every day that I say I'm too busy *not* to pray, every time I offer some time-loaves and life-fishes to Christ, he miraculously multiplies them and I share his conquest of time. I have no idea *how* he does it, I know *that* he does it, time after time. And yet I resist sacrificing my loaves and fishes to him. I am an idiot. That's one of the things original sin means: spiritual insanity, preferring misery to joy, little bits of hell to little bits of heaven. We must restore our spiritual sanity. One giant step in that direction is to think truly about time. Time is like the setting of a play. The setting is really part of the play, contained by the play, determined by the play. But we often think the opposite: we think the play is contained by the setting. We think that the theme, the meaning, the spirit of the play is *in* its material setting instead of the other way around. That's like thinking the soul is in the body. In fact, the body is in the soul. So says St. Thomas Aquinas. And since time measures the movements of material bodies, while prayer measures the movements of the soul, time is really in prayer rather than prayer in time. Prayer determines and changes and miraculously multiplies time (the loaves and fishes). But prayer multiplies time only if and when we sacrifice our time, offer it up. There's the rub. We fear sacrifice. It's a kind of death. All the real religions of the world are based on sacrifice, on willing death. Only the fake religion of pop psychology (which has infiltrated even the modern church) ignores this fact. Even pagans and polytheists know it. The most popular god in India is Shiva, the Destroyer, and the most popular goddess is Kali, his female equivalent. Even Hindus know the importance of spiritual surgery, death, sacrifice. After Calvary, how can Christians know this any less? Our Lord repeatedly taught us that unless we took up our cross and followed him, we could not be his disciples. This probably means some terrible and difficult things; but one of the simple and easy things it means is to sacrifice our *time* to God. For time is life—"life-time." The point is very simple: in order to create time to pray, we must destroy time to do something else. We must kill something, refuse something, say no to something. To what? Let me make a simple, obvious, radical suggestion: the TV. Kill the TV. Go cold turkey for a month. I dare you. If you can't do that, then TV is your drug and you're an addict. "A man is a slave to whatever he cannot part with that is less than himself," said George MacDonald. Every single person and family I know who has done this (voluntarily) has been very happy about it. TV is largely a sewer pipe anyway; why fill your brain and your soul with the waste products from the most bigotedly antireligious elite in our society? Even if there were nothing to sacrifice TV *for*, it would be good to sacrifice it, to save your moral sanity and intelligence. All the more reason to sacrifice it for prayer. Find out how many hours a week you watch TV and use just half of that time for prayer. You get a threefold benefit: garbage cleanup,

prayer time, and extra time left over. The alternative is the mental slavery we see around us, the juggernaut—the worrying and rushing and never getting there because "there" is not in time at all but in eternity. The modern world is unhappy because it does not touch eternity. All true happiness is a foretaste of eternity. Eternity is not in the future but in the present. The future is unreal, not yet real. One of the devil's most ridiculous and successful lies is the idea that we should devote our lives to pursuing and acquiring goods we do not yet have rather than enjoying the ones we do have. This makes us slaves to time, to the unreal future, forever, for "tomorrow is always a day away." The first rule for prayer, the most important first step, is not about *how* to do it, but to *just do it*; not to perfect and complete it but to begin it. Once the car is moving, it's easy to steer it in the right direction, but it's much harder to start it up when it's stalled. And prayer is stalled in our world. So stop reading and start praying. Right now.

**SPORTSMEN RAFFLE** – Many thanks to all who are assisting with the Sportsmen Raffle this weekend – your service to the parish is appreciated! From the cooks, to the workers, to the set-up and tear-down crews, to the ticket preparation, to the bar keepers, to the patrons – **THANK YOU!**

**CCD FORMS ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND** – In April the CCD students will sponsor a luncheon for all senior citizen parishioners. Teams need to be determined so that this can be accomplished in a timely and organized manner. All students were given a form at CCD classes this past weekend – please make sure they are returned **THIS WEEKEND**. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CCD CLASSES NEXT WEEKEND** – There will be **NO CCD** classes next weekend (as shown on the Spring 2019 calendar).

**FATHER ARON AWAY** – Father Aron will be away **NEXT Sunday** for the 10:30 AM Mass only as he will be taking the 10:30 AM Mass at the Boswell parish. Father Alfred Patterson OSB will be here to cover the 10:30 AM Mass next week.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST** – The monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast is **NEXT SUNDAY**. Please mark your calendar and get your prescription for Lipitor filled.

**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 Ogline, 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, 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, Chris Chappell

**WEEKLY OFFERING** February 3<sup>rd</sup> & February 4<sup>th</sup> - Adults - \$3,711.50; Loose - \$335 - Student -\$44.50; Fuel - \$292; Initial Payment - \$30; Solemnity of Mary - \$1; Miscellaneous - \$727.66 Total - \$5,141.66 - Thank You!

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in honor of the 92<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Catherine Haggerty by Kathleen, children, and grandchildren.

**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.

**FLOWER MEMORIALS** - This weekend the flowers at the Sacred Heart site are placed there in honor of the birthday of Marian Wojcik by Janice and Joe Stahl.

**SERVER SCHEDULE** -

February 16- 4:00 PM

February 17- 8:00 AM

February 17- 10:30 AM

## **LOOKING WAY AHEAD**

February 17 - Monthly Breakfast

March 2 - Mardi Gras Party

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

March 26 - Class on Eastern European Lenten Customs (CHANGE FROM NEWSLETTER)

April 2 - Class on Eastern European Easter Customs (CHANGE FROM NEWSLETTER)

April 7 - Senior Citizen Luncheon

April 21 - Easter

May 4 - Dyngus Day Party