

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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March 24, 2019
**Third Sunday of
Lent**

Worship Sites
Church (Sacred Heart)
738 Sunshine Avenue
Chapel (St. John)
162 Wheeler Street

Holy Masses:
Daily
Chapel (St. John) 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

March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*
8:00 AM Mark G. Yelovich (Req. Mom, Sister & Brothers) - Chapel

March 26 *Lenten Weekday*
NO MASS

March 27 *Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM Tom Delasko (Req. Sister, Josphine & Family) - Chapel

March 28 *Lenten Weekday*
NO MASS

March 29 *Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM Helen Gruber - (Req. Gloviak Family) - Chapel

March 30 *Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent*
4:00 PM Andrew Milavec (Req. Randy & Sue Rodman) - Church

March 31 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church
10:30 AM Michael Bednar (Req. Rose Kovak & Sons & Family)- Chapel

BUS TRIP - On Sunday, May 19th, our parish will be sponsoring a bus trip to visit historic churches and eat delicious food in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. While the trip had originally been planned for Pittsburgh there was an unexpected scheduling change at one of the parishes and the decision was made to visit Cleveland instead. Departing via Bollman motor coach (5:00 AM), the day in Cleveland will begin with Latin High Mass at St. Stephen's Church, an old German ethnic parish, on Cleveland's West Side. Following Mass, we will head to the historic West Side Market. Home to meat, spice, and produce vendors, the market also has a variety of lunch counters available for lunch (on your own). Following lunch, the group will visit the Irish St. Colman Parish, followed by the Polish St. Stanislaus Parish, an incredible church built in the "Polish Cathedral" style. Our last stop before dinner will be at St. Vitus Church, the largest Slovenian ethnic parish in the United States. Dinner will be at Guarino's Restaurant, Cleveland's oldest Italian restaurant. Dinner includes locally baked bread, house salad with Guarino's homemade Italian dressing, nonalcoholic beverage, and a choice of chicken parmesan, spaghetti with meatballs, eggplant roll ups, or homemade lasagna (cash bar available). We should arrive back in Central City at 10:30 PM. The trip is open to anyone - first come, first served. The cost is \$80.00 per person and includes dinner. To register, please phone the rectory by May 1st. 814-754-5224

SLOVAK MASS AND EASTER CUSTOMS BREAKFAST - There will be a Mass celebrated in the Slovak language on Saturday, April 13th at St. Adalbert Church (160 S. 15 Street, South Side, Pittsburgh) at 11:00 AM (preceded by the recitation of the Holy Rosary in Slovak at 10:45 AM). Following Mass there will be a sampling of Slovak Easter Foods in the parish center as well as homemade baked goods, craft demonstrations, cultural displays, imported Slovak gifts, and an auction/raffle. Admission is free. For more information please call 412-657-6364.

CARPATHO - RUSSIAN CELEBRATION - St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Parish in Uniontown will host their annual "Eggstravaganza" at their parish hall (201 East Main Street, Uniontown) on Sunday, April 7th, from Noon until 5:00 PM. The event will feature egg artists displaying and selling their unique styles of decorated eggs. Vendors selling supplies, kits, and books for decorating eggs will be available, as well as hands-on opportunities for making pysanky. Additionally there will be information and material available for making traditional Easter baskets. Lunch (and nut rolls) available. All who enjoy Slavic and Carpatho-Russian culture are welcome. For more information please call 724-438-6027.

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, Zoe Taylor, Rodney Shaffer, Casey Duffield, Mike Stefanik, Georgianne Matava, Michelle Moore, William Sunderhaus, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, Nancy McClellan, Tony Beltz, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn, Vince Skimski, Jennifer Jarvis, Betty Lou Miller, Catherine Kosnosky, Patty Foltz, Butchie Navalaney, Amy Zimmerman, Dave Kurtz, Ian Rosenbaum, Easton Pritts, Joyce Reitz, Stanley Tomaszewski, Cindy Hillegass, Tom Hudak, Mike George, Chris Chappell, David Stockdill

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site for the donors and contributors of the Our Lady's Memorial Fund. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John site in loving memory of Tom Delasko by Loving Family.

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 31 - 8:00 AM - A. Deneen, R. & C. Pongrac

March 31 - 10:30 AM - C. & L. Galish, J. Eger

NEW BALTIMORE BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Our neighbors in New Baltimore are having their annual buckwheat pancake breakfasts the next two weekends (March 31st, and April 7th). The menu is ALL YOU CAN EAT and includes buckwheat pancakes, regular pancakes, whole hog sausage, pure maple syrup (made by a parishioner), apple sauce, and beverage. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, 12 and under \$4.00, and under 4 free. Please support their breakfasts, served from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

NEW BALTIMORE FISH FRY - This Friday, March 29th, and continuing the remaining Fridays of Lent (April 5th & 12th) an all you can eat bonanza of baked & fried fish, fried shrimp, fried clams, soup, baked potato, vegetables, salad, dessert bar and beverage is available in the parish hall at St. John the Baptist Church in New Baltimore from 3:30 PM until 6:30 PM. The cost is \$14.00 for adults, \$4.00 for ages 5-11, and free for under 5 years.

WEEKLY OFFERING - March 16th and 17th Adult Envelopes - \$2,685.50; Loose - \$130.27; Fuel - \$20; Student Offering - \$33.50; Special Donations - \$183.60 Total - \$3,052.87. - Thank You!

BEER DURING LENT? REVISITING WHAT YOU GAVE UP FOR LENT - We often think of Lent as the time to give up some of our favorite things, and for many of us alcohol is somewhere near the top of that list. But it was not always so. While voluntary abstinence is certainly commendable, for most of Church history Catholics during Lent were instead preoccupied with the mandatory fast, which was not the piddling two-day affair that it is now (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday), but a full 40 days. Interestingly enough, this fast in the Latin Church could be rigorous, but it never required abstinence from alcohol, even though other Christians, such as the Eastern Orthodox, have strict fast days where "wine and oil are avoided." I suspect there are two reasons for the Latin approach. First, drinking alcohol was often safer than drinking water. A little wine added to water kills water-borne pathogens, and beer low in alcohol (called "small beer") contained just enough alcohol to kill germs but not enough to impair one's work skills. Second, alcohol - especially beer - was a way to compensate for the Great Fast. A special beer called doppelbock was invented precisely to provide extra nutrients and vitamins during Lent. Shiner Bock, familiar to Texans as the Spoetzel brewery's most popular year-round offering, used to be only produced in the spring; it was not until the early 1970s that it began to be available outside of Lent. Paulaner monks invented their outstanding "Salvator" as their sole form of sustenance during the entirety of Lent. And finally, there is a German "Fastenbier" or "Lentbeer" that has been around since the 15th century. The beer earns a respectable 4.2 score out of 5 on beeradvocate.com, which has this to say: "The Original Schlenkerla Lent beer is an unfiltered smokebeer, brewed according to the Bavarian Purity Law of 1516. Bottom-fermenting yeast gives the reddish brown lentbeer a natural cloudiness. Its smokey aroma is already noticeable in the smell, combined with a fine hoppy note. In the drink, the full bodied, highly drinkable lentbeer shows its strong malty flavor, rounded up with the smokey taste and a light bitterness. Due to the nourishing yeast, the Original Schlenkerla Lent beer has the 'Brotzeit already included' (German word for afternoon snack)." Afternoon snack. Gotta love it. And note the "Cerevisia Quadragesimae" on the label, Latin for "Beer of Lent." To be clear, Lenten beer does not make the 40-day fast an extension of Mardi Gras. In 2011, a home brewer named J. Wilson decided to try the Paulaner monks' liquid fast. He crafted his own nutrient-rich doppelbock and drank nothing but it and water during all of Lent, including Sundays. Rather than perambulate in a dim haze, Wilson lost 25 pounds and "found [himself] operating in a tunnel of clarity unlike anything [he'd] ever experienced." He also gained new respect for the monks and for their annual acknowledgement of their frailty and dependence on God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 26 - Class on Eastern European Lenten Customs - Activities Center 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM

March 27 - Knights of Columbus - 7:00 PM - St. John

March 29 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. John

March 29 - Women & Girls' Choir Practice - 6:30 PM - Sacred Heart - **New members are welcome.**

March 29 - Special Confession - St. John Site - 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

March 31 - Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale) - 7:00 PM - Sacred Heart

April 2 - Class on Eastern European Easter Customs - Activities Center 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM

April 7 - Senior Parishioners' Mass 10:30 AM (Sacred Heart) and Luncheon (Activities Center)

April 8 - Finance Council Meeting - 6:30 PM - St. John

April 8 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activities Center

April 21 - Easter

May 4 - Dyngus Day Party - Doors open at 5:00 PM - Activities Center

GORZKIE ZALE THIS COMING WEEKEND - Lamentations, or Gorzkie Zale, will be celebrated at 7:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site Sunday March 31. The homilist will be Fr. Aron. Please plan on attending these sung meditations on the passion of Christ.

CLASS ON LENTEN AND EASTER CUSTOMS OF EASTERN EUROPE - Larry Kozłowski will return to Central City on Tuesday, March 26th and April 2nd for two-part class on Lenten and Easter customs of Eastern Europe. The classes are free and open to everyone, all that is asked is that participants sign up and promise to attend both sessions.

WELCOME FATHER WEHN - Many thanks are extended to Father Tim Wehn, a retired priest of the Diocese of Las Vegas, Nevada who will be covering all the weekend Masses while Father Aron is in Savannah, Georgia for a wedding. Please offer Father Wehn a warm welcome this weekend.

HEALING MASS - There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who care for them. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

CATHOLIC REFLECTIONS ON GHOSTS - Do ghosts really exist? And if so, how should Catholics think about them? In a recent article I (Fr. Aron) read by Dr. Peter Kreeft, the professor of philosophy at Boston College, gives a resounding 'yes' to the first question and a great explanation to the second. "Even without our action or invitation, the dead often do appear to the living," Kreeft asserts. "There is enormous evidence of 'ghosts' in all cultures." The first thing Catholics should know about ghosts, Kreeft explains, is that we should NOT try to contact or communicate with them. Any kind of participation in the occult or spiritism is sinful. "We are out of our depth," Kreeft explains, and there is "danger of deception by evil spirits." This is why, when it comes to supernatural things, we should stick exclusively with God, his revelation, and his Church. But how does the existence of ghosts fit into our faith? Kreeft suggests there are three kinds of ghosts, one kind from each of the places of the afterlife: **1) Ghosts from hell** - "There are malicious and deceptive spirits," Kreeft explains, "and since they are deceptive, they hardly ever appear malicious. These are probably the ones who respond to conjurings at séances. They probably come from Hell. Even the chance of that happening should be sufficient to terrify away all temptation to necromancy." **2) Ghosts from purgatory** - This is "the most familiar kind: the sad ones, the wispy ones," Kreeft explains. "They seem to be working out some unfinished earthly business, or suffering some purgatorial purification until released from their earthly business. These ghosts would seem to be the ones who just barely made it to Purgatory, who feel little or no joy yet and who need to learn many painful lessons about their past lives on earth." **3) Ghosts from Heaven** - Lastly, "there are the bright, happy spirits of dead friends and family, especially spouses, who appear unbidden, at God's will, not ours, with messages of hope and love. They seem to come from Heaven. Unlike the purgatorial ghosts who come back primarily for their own sakes, these bright spirits come back for the sake of us, the living, to tell us all is well."