

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Fourth 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

April 1 8:00 AM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Stanley, Rose & Pierre Pasierb(Req. Family) – Chapel
April 2	<i>Saint Francis of Paola</i> NO MASS
April 3 8:00 AM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Helen Gruber (Req. The Gloviak Family) – Chapel
April 4	<i>Saint Isidore</i> NO MASS
April 5 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Vincent Ferrer</i> Mike Knapp - (Req. DevanFamily) – Chapel
April 6 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Mark G. Yelovich (Req. Brother – Gene Yelovich) – Church
April 7 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Margaret Spinelli (Req. Marie Piastrelli) – Church For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo)- Church

EVERYDAY EXPRESSIONS WITH BIBLICAL ROOTS –Have you resolved to read a little of the Bible each day for Lent? Great. But if you haven't, it might interest you that our language is replete with biblical expressions. Many have become so common that we don't realize where they came from originally.

If you're not reading the Bible regularly, take a look at these English-language phrases and their original meanings: **At the eleventh hour.** In the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Jesus tells a parable to help his disciples better understand what he meant by "the Kingdom of Heaven." He compared it to a scenario in which a householder needed some helpers to run his vineyard. Early in the morning, he went out to hire a few day laborers. Later in the day, he hired a few more, who were standing around doing nothing. The householder did the same a couple more times that day. "At the eleventh hour" – the last hour of the work day, which has come to mean "the last minute" – he hired the final round of workers. At the end of the day, every worker received the same pay, leading those who were hired first to feel slighted. The householder reminded them that they received what they had agreed to and also argued that it was his right to do what he wanted with his own money.

At your wits' end. In Psalm 107, the psalmist lists a number of ways God has rescued those in trouble or has forgiven those who have repented. In the section that begins, "Some went down to the sea in ships," the psalmist describes a storm on the ocean that gets so bad that the sailors "reeled and staggered like drunken men, and were at their wits' end."

By the skin of your teeth. True, teeth don't have skin, but the hyperbolic expression gives us the impression that something was accomplished by the narrowest of margins possible. Job, the famous Old Testament character who was plagued with a lifetime's worth of afflictions and yet still had faith in God, is credited with the first use of this phrase. In Job 19, he rehearses all the trials he has been through, including an escape (he doesn't say from what) "by the skin of my teeth."

A drop in the bucket. We tend to think of this phrase when we know our efforts are small and insignificant in the grander scheme of things. But Isaiah the Prophet, who originally used the expression, applied it to something we normally think of as much bigger than ourselves. "Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales," he wrote in chapter 40. Indeed, when you are thinking in terms of centuries and millennia, a nation, even an empire, can certainly look that way.

Eat, drink and be merry. Perhaps not the best thing to be thinking about between Mardi Gras and Easter Sunday, but this phrase can be found several times in the Good Book. In Ecclesiastes Chapter 8, the writer, who has been complaining of the vanity of all existence, says that "man has no good thing under the sun but to eat and drink and enjoy himself, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of life which God gives him under the sun." The concept, of course, is an appealing one, so it's no wonder the phrase shows up in the New Testament as well. In a parable in which Jesus warns those who are satisfied with the comforts of this world, he puts the words in the mouth of an overconfident rich man, in Luke 12: "I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.'" He's in for a surprise, of course. And, in his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul warns, "If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.'"

To fall by the wayside. In Luke 7, Jesus tells the parable of the sower, an agricultural type who spread seeds around at the beginning of the season. Not all seeds come to fruition, of course. Some fell by the side of the road, where they did not flourish. If we want things to succeed, we don't let the seeds of our efforts to fall by the wayside.

Feet of clay. It all started with a dream that the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar had. Only the prophet Daniel could explain to him the meaning of the vision he had of a creature made of a golden head, silver breast and arms, bronze belly, iron legs and "feet partly of iron and partly of clay." A stone was cut out by no human hand, and it "smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces." The golden head represents Nebuchadnezzar himself, who is to be succeeded by kingdoms of lesser power (silver, bronze, iron), and finally a kingdom that is divided and will ultimately be replaced by the Kingdom of God. The idol's "feet of clay" have come to symbolize the weak point that leads to a seemingly strong or famous person's downfall.

A fly in the ointment. Ecclesiastes again. In the 10th chapter, the prophet says that just as "dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off an evil odor," "a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor." We think of a fly in the ointment as the error or obstacle that ruins a good plan.

Writing on the wall. Once again, we have a Babylonian king, and the Prophet Daniel, to thank for a common expression. At a great feast, Belshazzar, identified in Daniel 5 as Nebuchadnezzar's son, defiles gold and silver goblets from the Temple of Jerusalem by using them to drink wine and toast the gods of gold and silver. Suddenly, a disembodied hand appears and writes a cryptic message on the palace wall. Daniel, who already had a reputation for interpretation, was called in. Proving that he could "read the writing on the wall," which foretold the division of Belshazzar's kingdom, Daniel was made a ruler of the Babylonians. Rembrandt found the story to be a good one to tell in painting (above). Now, whenever we see a foregone conclusion coming, we say we can "read the writing on the wall."

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. The cost is \$80.00 per person and includes dinner. To register please phone the rectory by May 1st. We will be departing via Bollman motor coach at 5:00 AM. We should arrive back in Central City at 10:30 PM. The trip is open to anyone - first come, first served.

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

FATHER ARON AWAY - Father Aron is away TODAY (Sunday for the 10:30 AM Mass ONLY) as he will be taking the 10:30 AM Mass at the Boswell parish. Fr. John-Mary Tompkins OSB will be here this weekend to cover - please offer him a warm welcome.

SPECIAL LENTEN APPEAL - At a recent parish council meeting it was proposed that our special Lenten collection would be for the Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart, a religious order of women founded in Poland and active here in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. For the last few years we have expressed our parish commitment to alms giving through a specific Lenten charity. A special second collection for the Sisters will be taken up at all Masses on **APRIL 13 and 14**. Thank you for your generosity and attention.

COULD YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME? - This Friday is the First Friday of the month and as such we will have exposition and adoration of the Eucharistic Christ all day. Please sign up for a time. If you are looking to grow in holiness during the holy season of Lent please sign up for a time to spend quiet time resting with the Lord. Adoration begins at the Sacred Heart site at 9:00 AM and ends with Benediction at 6:45 PM. Please note that First Friday devotions will occur at the Sacred Heart site this month, from 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM, followed by Stations at 7:00PM.

SERVER SCHEDULE

April 6 - 4:00 PM - T. & M. Mabon, J. Bihun

April 7 - 8:00 AM - L., L., & L. Mincek

April 7 - 10:30 AM - M. Moslak, A. Mauger & J. Hammer - **Sacred Heart Site**

NEW BALTIMORE BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Our neighbors in New Baltimore are having their last two annual buckwheat pancake breakfast of the season (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 - The next two Fridays, April 5th and April 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.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING March 23rd & 24th Adult Envelopes - \$7,549.50; Loose - \$195.07-; Fuel - \$20; Student Offering - \$25.50; Special Donations - \$60 Total - \$7,850.07. - **Thank You!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April 3 - Saint Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John

April 4 - Women & Girls' Choir Practice - 6:30 PM - Sacred Heart - New members are welcome.

April 5 - Eucharistic Adoration - 9:00 AM - 6:45 PM Sacred Heart - Sign Up Sheets in the back of the church.

April 5 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - Sacred Heart Site

April 5 - Special Confession - Sacred Heart Site - 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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

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

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

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

April 21 - Easter

April 24 - Knights of Columbus - 7:00 PM - St. John

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

CLASS ON LENTEN AND EASTER CUSTOMS OF EASTERN EUROPE - Larry Kozlowski will return to Central City on Tuesday April 2nd for the second part of his two-part class on Lenten and Easter customs of Eastern Europe. If you have not yet done so, please call the rectory by Monday April 1st at NOON. (814-754-5224)

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD - Our parish offers deepest sympathies and prayerful condolences to the family of Catherine Haggerty who died and was buried from our parish this past week and Ann Mulcahy who died and will be buried next week. Please remember Kusha and Ann and their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace!

MASS LOCATION CHANGE FOR SENIOR LUNCHEON - The 10:30 AM Mass on April 7, 2019 will be held at the Sacred Heart Site. This change is for **this day ONLY**. The absolute deadline to RSVP for dinner is Monday April 1st by **NOON**.