

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Fifth 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 8 8:00 AM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Evelyn Saylor (Req. Debra Thomas DiFlori) - Chapel
April 9	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> NO MASS
April 10 8:00 AM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Sophie Sankovitch (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy) - Chapel
April 11	<i>Saint Stanislaus</i> NO MASS
April 12 8:00 AM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Stanley, Rose & Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) - Chapel
April 13 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Palm Sunday</i> Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
April 14 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Mike Knapp (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy) - Church For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo)- Chapel

BUS TRIP - There are still many open seats and to ensure that the trip is not canceled due to lack of interest, please phone the rectory by May 1st. - 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. 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.

CATHOLIC PRIEST STABBED IN MONTREAL – A few weeks ago (March 22), Fr. Claude Grou, rector of St. Joseph's Oratory, was celebrating Mass when an attacker ran from the back of the rectory and stabbed him in the chest. A suspect was taken into custody in connection with the attack. Adele Plamondon, an attendee at the Mass, reported that the attacker "was very determined in what he wanted to do. He didn't yell, he didn't say anything. He just took out his knife." The stabbing was captured on video. St. Joseph's Oratory is the largest church in Canada, and its daily Mass is broadcast each morning.

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, 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.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH GNOCCHI SALE – St. Anthony Parish in Windber will sponsor a Take-Out Only Gnocchi Sale on Sunday April 28 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The price is \$9.00 per person. All are welcome!

FROM ST. VINCENT DePAUL – The Society of St. Vincent DePaul wishes to thank all the parishioners for their generous support of their works of charity. Recently the parish conference was able to distribute "Ham for Easter" certificates at the community food pantry. Additional assistance was provided to those in need of electricity, heating fuel, food, and rent. God bless you for your kindness!

TREAT ASHES OF LOVED ONES WITH DIGNITY – For most of its 2,000-year history the Catholic Church forbid cremation and permitted only burial, as a reminder that burial best expresses the Christian hope of resurrection. Since our bodies are "temples of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 6:19), the Church has long taught that just as the body of Jesus was taken down from the cross with great care, so too our bodies should be treated with the utmost reverence when we die. Consider for a moment religious articles. When they are no longer used they are set aside in a reverent manner. So too our bodies must be cared for with reverence when we pass from this life. For centuries the Church battled false teachings that declared the body was a prison or worthless – the Church's teaching on cremation was a reaction to the heresies and pagan notions that sought to discard the body with little care or thought about the resurrection. On July 5, 1963 Pope Paul VI issued a document *Piam et constantem*, which permitted cremation only under certain circumstances. These circumstances include situations where there is no denial of Catholic doctrine, contempt for the body, or hatred for the faith. The document points out that hygienic and economic concerns are among the chief reasons why cremation is permissible. Thus since 1963 the Church has permitted cremation in circumstances only when it doesn't deny the faith, especially in regard to Christ's teaching about the resurrection of the dead. In light of this the practice of cremation has become much more widespread among Catholics and as a result new questions have developed regarding the sprinkling of ashes and dividing portions of the cremains and placing them in jewelry, etc. Moreover new ideas contrary to the Church's faith have emerged since 1963, including New Age ideas that death is a "fusion" with Mother Nature and the universe, or the "definitive liberation" from the prison of the body. To address these concerns and to provide solid Christian teaching on the subject, two years ago the Church clarified this issue in a document entitled, *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*. This document makes clear that ashes and bone fragments cannot be kept at home, since that would deprive the Christian community as a whole from remembering the dead. Rather, in keeping with human dignity and reverence, they are to be placed in a sacred space, such as a cemetery or church area. Only in extraordinary cases can ashes to be kept at home. The document further states that remains cannot be divided among family members or put in lockets or other mementoes. Nor can any of the ashes be scattered in the air, land or sea since doing so would give the appearance of "pantheism, naturalism or nihilism." To show the seriousness of this matter the document repeated the teaching that Catholics who choose to be cremated for reasons contrary to the Christian faith must be denied a Christian funeral. Cardinal Gerhard Mueller, who at the time of the document's publishing was head Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, further clarified the issue when he wrote, "The dead body isn't the private property of relatives, but rather a son of God who is part of the people of God," Mueller said. "We have to get over this individualistic thinking." We are called to be faithful and not merely sentimental, taking to heart the seriousness of Christ's resurrection and avoid any pagan practices but instead treat the bodies of the dead with the reverence that is their due.

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER – Welcome to all of our older parishioners who will be joining us for our Senior Citizen Dinner; we are grateful for all of your years of service to our parish and for your love of the faith. Our CCD students are proud to honor you this day!

DYNGUS DAY DONATIONS—While the Dyngus Day tickets sold very quickly, you still have a chance to help the parish with this worthwhile fundraiser. We are in need of baskets for the basket raffle as well as fifths or bottles of wine for the "Wheelbarrow of Cheer." **If you would be so kind as to donate a bottle or a basket it would be greatly appreciated.** Any such donations can be dropped off at the rectory. Thank you for your support and generosity.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of Ann Mulcahy by Stan & Cil Tomaszewski. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John site for the donors and contributors of the Our Lady's Memorial Fund.

SERVER SCHEDULE

April 13 - 4:00 PM – C. Mauger, E. & M. Rapsky

April 14 - 8:00 AM – A. Deneen, R. & C. Pongrac

April 14 - 10:30 AM – C. & L. Gailish, J. Eger, P. Shivas

NEW BALTIMORE BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Our neighbors in New Baltimore are having their last annual buckwheat pancake breakfast of the season (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 –Next Friday, April 12th, a final 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 – Part II of Bitter Lamentations, or Gorzkie Zale, will be celebrated at 7:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site this Sunday April 7th. The homilist will be Fr. Dennis Bogsuz, a priest of the Diocese of Greensburg. Please plan on attending these sung meditations on the passion of Christ.

WEEKLY OFFERING March 30th & 31st Adult Envelopes - \$2,790.50; Loose - \$225; Fuel - \$20; Student Offering - \$49; Special Donations - \$135; Total - \$3,219.50. - Thank You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

April 11 - Women & Girls' Choir Practice - 6:30 PM - Sacred Heart - **New members are welcome.**

April 12 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. John

April 12 - Special Confession- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM -St. John

April 14 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8 AM - Sacred Heart- **Meeting to follow - Activities Center**

April 14 - Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale) - 7:00 PM - Sacred Heart

April 15 - Holy Thursday Practice for Altar Servers- 6:00 PM - St. John

April 16 -Good Friday Practice for Altar Servers-6:00 PM - Sacred Heart

April 19 - Living Stations - Good Friday - 1:00 PM- Sacred Heart

April 20 - Blessing of Easter Foods - Noon - St. John

April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt - 12:30 PM - St. John Rectory Yard

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

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 good, craft demonstrations, cultural displays, imported Slovak gifts, and an auction/raffle. Admission is free. For more information please call 412-657-6364.