

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

## Rectory Office

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April 28, 2019

## Second Sunday Of Easter

## 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

April 29

8:00 AM

*St. Catherine of Siena*

Ann Marie Mulcahy 30 Day Rem Months Mind (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy) - Church

April 30

*St. Pius V*

**NO MASS**

May 1

8:00 AM

*St. Joseph*

Neil Call (Req. Deanna & Nikki) - Church

May 2

St. Anthanasius

**NO MASS**

May 3

*St. Philip & St. James*

**NO MASS**

May 4

4:00 PM

*Vigil - Third Sunday of Easter*

Steve Yantus (Req. Children & Family) - Church

May 5

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Third Sunday of *Easter*

Eleanor Kovak (Req, Family) - Church

For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo)- Chapel

**BUS TRIP** - On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> 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. To register please phone the rectory by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**PRAYER LIST** - Jennie Sielczak, Constance Gruca, Marie Metsker, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, 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, MaryAnn Gulakowski Waterman; Diana Halkovich.

**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 in loving memory of John Rendar by Daughters Mary Ann & Caroline & Family.

#### **SERVER SCHEDULE**

May 4 - 4:00 PM - T. & M. Mabon, L. & L. Mincek, K. Koleszarik, A. Mauger, M. Moslak,  
T. Tomlinson, D. Zelinski

May 5 - 10:30 AM - J. Eger, C. & L. Galsih

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

May 4 - Miraculous Medal Novena - Church

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

May 12 - Mother's Day Mass - May Crowning - 8 AM - Sacred Heart - Breakfast to follow - St. John

May 12 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8 AM - Sacred Heart- Meeting to follow - Activities Center  
May 13 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activities Center

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** - On Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> please bring your lawn chair to the Central City Community Park at 6:00 PM to participate in the national day of prayer.

**SENIOR EXPO** - Senator Pat Stefano is hosting the 2019 Senior Expo on Friday May 31, 2019 from 10:00 AM to Noon at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 1845 North Center Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501. Free admission, door prizes, health screenings and refreshments! Exhibitors from government agencies and non-profit organizations will be on hand.

**EASTER BASKET THANK YOU** - Thank you to the Society of Angels for putting together and delivering the Easter Baskets to our shut ins. The rectory has received numerous calls and cards expressing the recipients' thanks. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

**DYNGUS DAY MASS - BE THERE, OK?** - Next Saturday evening is the Dyngus Day celebration. In honor of the event the film company that is producing a short film about our parish will be on hand to capture some images from the 4:00 PM Mass. Since this is for posterity, this means that we don't want the Mass to look empty. Please make every attempt to be present at the 4:00 PM Mass next weekend. In doing so you will help to tell our parish history with your presence and show the vitality and character of our parish in 2019.

**BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** - Our parish offers prayerful congratulations to three of our parishioners who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend at St. Peter's Church in Somerset. Please remember Joseph Hammer, Abigail Knapp, and Tyler Tomlinson in your prayers as they receive this powerful sacrament.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER O LORD** - Our parish family offers heartfelt sympathies to the family of Rachael Moslak (Zelinski) who died and was buried from our parish this past week. Please remember Rachael and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace!

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA FOR MOTHERS DAY** - Since the Miraculous Medal novena begins next Saturday please note that in honor of Mother's Day it will be prayed at every Mass from May 4<sup>th</sup> until Mother's Day. All those desiring to pray this novena honoring the Mother of God are asked to pick up a copy of the Novena prayers next Saturday.

**MAY ROSARY BEFORE MASS** - The Rosary will begin a half hour before Mass beginning NEXT weekend AT ALL SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES in May, the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**COOKIES NEEDED** - We are in need of cookies for Dyngus Day, if you care enough to help you parish please call the rectory this week and let the office know how many dozen you are able to make for the event on Saturday May 4 (cookies need to be dropped off before 4:00 PM Mass on May 4).

**MOTHER'S DAY** - The parish will be having their monthly breakfast next month on Mother's Day (May 12<sup>th</sup>). All mothers who wish to attend will have their cost covered by the parish. Please come out and support this great celebration of food (and motherhood) in our community next month. N.B. There will be no breakfast on the Third Sunday of May due to it being transferred to Mother's Day.

**THREE NUNS AND THREE PRIESTS - SIBLINGS BORN IN SLAVERY** - In 1818, Michael Morris Healy left Ireland for America and settled in what is today Macon, Georgia. Through hard work and smart business dealings combined with some good luck in the Georgia land lottery, Healy managed to become a successful cotton planter, owning 1,500 acres worked by 49 African slaves. Among them was a woman named Mary Eliza Smith. Healy fell in love with the young woman, but there was a problem. Michael Healy was a devout Irish Catholic and Mary Eliza was an enslaved person. She was mixed race, half African and half white, an intermarriage was illegal. Michael Healy decided to take Mary Eliza as his common-law wife. Although their "marriage" was illegal, the couple lived together as any other husband and wife. They would go on to have nine children together. Under Georgia law, children of enslaved people were considered enslaved themselves, and were prohibited from going to school and being educated. Michael Healy, now a prosperous cotton farmer, decided he would send his children away to school. The children appeared to be white and their father made sure they went to schools that adhered strictly to the Catholic faith. They were baptized and received their sacraments and education in the north. Their African ancestry was never really noticed. In 1844, Michael Healy met the Bishop of the Diocese of Boston, John Bernard Fitzpatrick. The bishop told Michael of the new College of the Holy Cross about to open in Worcester, Massachusetts. He advised him that they were accepting children of grammar school age for the new boarding preparatory school. Michael Healy wasted no time in having his sons, James, 14, Hugh, 12, Patrick, 10, and Sherwood, 8, enrolled. Eventually, all of the boys graduated from Holy Cross College. The fifth son, Michael, who was only 6, entered later and he, too, graduated from the college. The girls in the family were educated in Catholic convent schools in Montreal, Quebec. Three of the children became priests, three of them became nuns.

**James Augustine Healy (1830-1900)** - He became a priest and was consecrated the Bishop of Portland, Maine, on June 2, 1875. Bishop Healy was the first American with African-American ancestry to serve as a Catholic bishop in the United States.

**Patrick Francis Healy (1834-1910)** - Patrick became a Jesuit and is the first American with African ancestry to earn a Ph.D. In 1874 he was named the president of Georgetown University, another first for a person of African descent.

**Alexander Sherwood Healy (1836-1875)** - He too was ordained a priest and received his doctorate at St. Sulpice Seminary in Paris. He became an expert in Gregorian Chant and Canon Law.

**Eliza Healy (1846-1919)** - Eliza took her vows as a nun with the Congregation of Notre Dame and became known as Sister Mary Magdalen. She became Mother Superior of the convent in Vermont. She is recognized as the first woman of African descent to hold such a position.

**Martha Healy (1840-1920)** - She entered the convent in 1855 but left in 1863 and moved to Boston. She married an Irish immigrant named Jeremiah Cashman and they had one child.

**Josephine Amanda Healy (1849-1883)** - She became a member of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** April 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Adult Envelopes - \$1,812; Fuel - \$50; Student Offering - \$29; Easter - \$3,558; Easter Loose - \$1,051; Easter Student - \$42; Holy Thursday - \$464; Holy Thursday Loose - \$142; Holy Thursday Student - \$33. Total -\$7,181. - Thank You!

**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 the 4:00 PM Mass this weekend while Fr. Aron is away. Please offer Father a warm welcome next weekend.

**TRAGEDY IN SRI LANKA** - The death toll in the Easter Sunday attacks on churches and hotels in Sri Lanka has risen to 359. As funerals continue, Sri Lanka remains on alert to the possibility of more terrorist attacks. Police continue to find explosives. The death toll includes 45 children, according to the *New York Times*. About 500 persons were wounded. The toll was highest at St. Sebastian's Church in the seaside fishing town of Negombo, where about a third of victims died while attending Mass, the Associated Press reported. One 43-year-old woman there lost most of her family. *The Times* reported Wednesday that Indian intelligence officials warned Sri Lanka of the possibility of an attack on churches, but that those warnings were never shared with churches in the island nation. There was another warning just hours before Sunday's suicide bombings of three churches and three high-end hotels. Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, the Archbishop of Colombo, expressed concern that authorities had not acted immediately after receiving prior information of possible terror attacks, according to Vatican News. "Strengthen the state intelligence services," he told a press conference on Monday. "We were informed that the Easter Sunday attacks could have been avoided if the government had acted on the prior information." Cardinal Ranjith also urged citizens not to take the law into their hands and refrain from harming persons of other faiths. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attacks, but there has been little evidence to back up that claim. ISIS released a video showing Mohammed Zaharan, head of National Thowheeth Jama'ath, the obscure terrorist group that

allegedly carried out the attacks, leading masked, black-clad disciples as they pledged allegiance to the Islamic State. Investigations by Sri Lanka officials have begun to paint a picture of the nine suicide bombers who carried out the attacks: All Sri Lankan, they came from mostly educated, middle-class backgrounds. At least one studied abroad. Police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekara told reporters Wednesday that there was one husband and wife who took part in the attacks. The wife, he said, blew herself up along with her two children as police moved in to search a house they were in on Sunday afternoon, National Public Radio reported. Three police officers also died in that blast. Authorities said they have arrested 60 people so far but that other suspects remain at large. The F.B.I. is assisting in the investigation.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE SRI LANKAN MASSACRE** – John Allen recently penned this article in the *Washington Post* reflecting on the Easter Sunday murder of nearly 400 people as they prayed at church. His words offer some food for thought. – “It is shocking that people who gathered to celebrate Easter together were consciously targeted in this malicious attack,” read a statement from German Chancellor Angela Merkel in response to the bombing of three Christian churches and three high-end hotels Sri Lanka that killed at least 321 people and injured hundreds more. **Yet the shocking thing about the carnage is that it is *not* shocking — and instead forms part of an ugly, predictable global pattern.** On major Christian feast days, somewhere in the world, some number of Christians are likely to be killed for no reason other than that they chose to attend religious services. Because Christmas and Easter are the holiest days on the Christian calendar, churches tend to be especially full, presenting ripe targets for anti-Christian hatred. In 2012, a car bomb exploded near a church in Kaduna, Nigeria, while Easter was being celebrated, killing 41 people in an attack suspected of being the work of the Islamist extremist group Boko Haram. In 2016, 75 people died and more than 300 were injured when bombs exploded in a park in Lahore, Pakistan, as Christians were celebrating after Easter services. The following year, Coptic Christians in Egypt were forced to scale back Easter celebrations after bombings at two churches on Palm Sunday the week before, which opens the Easter observances, killed more than 40 people. A similar pattern applies to Christmas. In 2011, for example, Boko Haram claimed responsibility for bombings across Nigeria on the holiday, including an attack on St. Theresa Catholic Church in Madalla, on the outskirts of Nigeria’s capital city, Abuja, that left 37 people dead and 57 injured. Christians today are the most persecuted religious community on the planet, in part because there are simply more of them than any other religious group. Thirty-one percent of the planet’s population is Christian, according to Pew Research Center, compared with Islam’s 24 percent. Of the world’s 2.2 billion Christians, roughly two-thirds live outside the developed West. The majority are poor, and many live in rough neighborhoods where religious freedom is more honored in the breach than the observance. Often, those Christians also belong to ethnic, linguistic and cultural minorities, meaning they’re doubly or triply at risk. **Estimates of how many Christians are killed yearly around the world because of their faith vary widely, from thousands to the tens of thousands, but it is certain that at any hour of the day, a Christian somewhere is being martyred.** Much of this violence, though, occurs in places the Western media typically overlook. Christians are hardly the only endangered religious believers, as indicated by the recent shootings in mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, which left 50 people dead. (Sri Lanka’s state minister for defense says the government’s investigation indicates that the Easter bombings, for which the Islamic State claimed responsibility, were launched in retaliation for the Christchurch attack.) It is important to note that the threat to Christians doesn’t come exclusively from Islamist radicalism. Extremist currents of all stripes, both state and non-state actors, frequently target Christians and their churches for a bewildering cluster of motives — including a mistaken identification of Christianity with the West and Western foreign policy. A responsible approach to this human rights scourge by public authorities would feature systematic education in religious tolerance, including debunking stereotypes about Christianity being “foreign” — in the Middle East, for instance, the roots of Christianity reach back centuries before Islam. It would also involve aggressive security measures at Christian sites on major feast days, given the possibility of violence.

Until such a mobilization occurs, Christians will continue to be forced to celebrate Christmas and Easter in the grim and certain knowledge that some of their fellow celebrants around the world will not live to see the next day.

**A THOUGHT FOR YOUR DAY** – If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

**CONSIDER THIS** – A 10-year-old girl who was born without hands has proven that she can complete tasks as well as anyone else – if not better. With a neatly written cursive sample, Sara Hinesley earned the Nicholas Maxim Award in the 2019 Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest. Sara holds a pencil between the ends of her arms to write. The third grader at St. John’s Catholic School in Frederick, Maryland, said when her teacher first taught her how to write in cursive, she found she had a natural talent for it. “I thought it was easy, and I practiced at school,” Sara said. Although she hasn’t yet decided what she’ll do with the \$500 prize, she hopes other children with disabilities will be inspired by her story. “I felt proud and hope others who have challenges learn from me, that if you try your hardest you can do it,” Sara said. Her mom, Cathryn Hinesley, said she was delighted when Sara won the award. “Sara’s a very independent girl,” Hinesley said. “She is very strategic in her thinking and she just figures out a way to complete every task.” Besides writing, Sara likes to create art, ride her bike, read and swim. The family briefly looked into getting prosthetic hands for her but ultimately decided Sara is doing fine without them. “She is so amazing and functional without prosthetics that really there is not a need,” Sara’s mom said. “She can do just about anything – often times better than me or my husband.”