

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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June 16, 2019
**The Most Holy
Trinity**

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

Mass Intentions

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| June 17 8:00 AM | Weekday Anthony Criscolo (Req. Jenny Novak) – Church |
| June 18 | Weekday NO MASS |
| June 19 | Weekday NO MASS |
| June 20 8:00 AM | Weekday Ray McGreehan (Req. Susan Babalonis) – Church |
| June 21 8:00 AM | Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Stanley, Rose & Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) – Church |
| June 22 4:00 PM | <i>Vigil - The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ</i> Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) – Church |
| June 23 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | <i>The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ</i> Frank & Mary Gowaty (Req. Dudzinski Family) – Church For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel |

WEEKLY OFFERING June 8th-9th Adult Envelopes - \$2,960.50; Fuel - \$76; Student Offering - \$25.50; Loose - \$746.60; Ascension - \$20; Special Donations - \$100. Total - \$3,928.60. - Thank You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 16 - Father's Day Breakfast - 8:30 am to 11 AM - St. John - All Fathers Eat Free
June 19 - K of C Blood Drive - 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM - St. John
June 24 - Knights of Columbus - 7:00 PM - St. John
June 29 - K of C BBQ Chicken Dinner - Take Out Only - Activities Center
July 3 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7:00 PM - Activities Center
July 14 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8 AM - Sacred Heart- Meeting to follow - Activities Center
July 8 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activities Center

K of C CHICKEN BBQ - The Knights of Columbus will be offering a Chicken BBQ take out dinner on Saturday, June 29th, \$9.00 per dinner. Tickets can be purchased after all masses.

K of C BLOOD DRIVE - The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross. The drive will be held at the St. John chapel on Wednesday, June 19th from 12:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Your support is welcome and critical to providing a stable and sufficient blood supply for your community!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST - Our parish will be hosting a breakfast for **ALL FATHERS** in conjunction with our monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast today, Sunday, June 16th, from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM at the St. John site. The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes, French toast, donuts, toast, juice, coffee, and bloody marys. The price is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 8 to 4, children under 4 are free, however **ALL FATHERS EAT FREE**. All are welcome - bring your appetite. Proceeds go to benefit the activities for the parish religious education students.

SERVER SCHEDULE

June 22- 4:00PM -A. Mauger, C. Mauger

June 23 - 8:00AM - L. Mincek, A. Deneen

June 23 - 10:30 AM - C. & L. Galish

FR. ARON AWAY - Fr. Aron will be leaving Wednesday, June 19th and will be away for several weeks in Europe visiting a number of different locations. You are more than welcome to friend him on Facebook in the event that you are bored and want to keep up on his travels.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY - In the event of an emergency where you need a priest please contact Fr. Karl at Holy Family Rectory in Hooversville (798-2933) Fr. Larry the rectory at St. Anthony's in Windber (467-7292). In the event of a funeral please know that Fr. Brian Warchola has kindly agreed to cover all funerals at our parish. You can reach him at 495-9640.

MISSIONHURST MISSIONS - FATHER PORTULA, C.I.C.M. - Fr. Portula from St. Ann Catholic Church, Arlington, Virginia, will be covering for Fr. Aron **next** weekend. Please offer Father a warm welcome as he makes an appeal for the Missionhurst Missions.

D-DAY REMEMBERED - This past week we commemorated the 75th anniversary of D-Day. In honor of this occasion, the National Catholic Register printed an article about the three priests who were there on that fateful day three-quarters of a century ago. - Tens of thousands of Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy. That day, 75 years ago, launched the major turning point in World War II. As more than 156,000 soldiers took part in the Normandy landings, chaplains also landed or parachuted with them. To commemorate the anniversary, the Register remembers three clergymen whose extraordinary courage should never be forgotten.

Father Francis Sampson, the "Parachute Padre" who served in the 501st parachute regiment, was among the 15,500 soldiers who jumped behind enemy lines that fateful June 6. "Probably no chaplain, Catholic or otherwise, saw more of the horrors of the hedgerow campaign than Francis Sampson," related Jesuit Father Donald Crosby in his book *Battlefield Chaplains: Catholic Priests in World War II* (University Press of Kansas, 1994). Right away Father Sampson began tending to the wounded and dying, both spiritually and physically, but German SS troops captured him and marched him down the road to shoot him, recount both Father Crosby and Lawrence Grayson in an online article titled, "A Padre in Jump Boots."

Father Sampson would say he was so nervous he kept praying the "grace before meals" instead of the Act of Contrition. Next, the Germans stood him against a wall and raised their guns to shoot him, when a German officer spotted his chaplain's insignia. The officer fired over the troops' heads to stop them. Father Sampson identified himself to the officer as a Catholic priest. In response, the officer saluted, bowed slightly and showed him a Catholic medal pinned inside his uniform and insisted Father Sampson see pictures of his baby. "The German officer, who had clearly saved his life, promised him that a German doctor would come by in a day or two and tend to the wounds of the American soldiers," said Father Crosby.

In the meantime, Father Sampson not only saved the American soldiers, but gave his own blood to a wounded soldier and continued working with no rest. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for his heroism at Normandy. After D-Day, Father Sampson would be recaptured by German troops during the Battle of the Bulge and, as a prisoner in a stalag until the end of the war, he remained committed to helping the sick and saying Mass. He went on to become the U.S. Army's chief of chaplains from 1967 to 1971. The 1998 movie *Saving Private Ryan* was based on one of Father Sampson's missions connected with D-Day. "The Chaplain Corps, per capita, were the most highly decorated of all the branches of the army," observed Lyle Dorsett, author of *Serving God and Country: United States Military Chaplains in World War II* (Berkley Books, 2012), upon D-Day's 70th anniversary five years ago for the Register. "It means you've got guys on the front, giving and risking their lives so that others can be ministered to."

Father Joseph Lacy was among the 34,250 U.S. soldiers who landed on Omaha Beach that June 6. Only a week earlier he had joined the 5th Ranger Battalion. Ed Lane, president of the 5th Rangers Reenacted, a historical re-enactment group, wrote, "When Father Lacy reported to the Rangers a few days before D-Day, the commander of the Rangers looked at him and said, 'Padre, you're old and you're fat. You'll never keep up with us.' Father Lacy looked at him and replied, 'You don't worry about that. I'll do my job.'"

That the chaplain did. He was on the first landing craft on the Rangers' section of Omaha Beach.

He was the last man out of the landing craft before a shell hit it. He started pulling men out of the water onto the beach, helping the wounded and administering last rites. The citation from the DSC he was awarded with for his actions describes what the heroic priest did that day. It describes 1st Lt. Lacy's "extraordinary heroism in action on 6 June 1944," when the chaplain "landed

on the beach with one of the leading assault units. Numerous casualties had been inflicted by the heavy rifle, mortar, artillery and rocket fire of the enemy. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved about the beach, continually exposed to enemy fire, and assisted wounded men from the water's edge to the comparative safety of a nearby seawall, and at the same time inspired the men to a similar disregard for the enemy fire. Chaplain Lacy's heroic and dauntless action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service."

Nearly half the Rangers who landed with Father Lacy were killed or wounded, but they were the first to break enemy lines. After D-Day, their chaplain continued with them into France, and in the 1960's, as then-Msgr. Lacy, he became chancellor of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, under the leadership of Archbishop Henry O'Brien.

Franciscan Father Ignatius Maternowski. The 32-year-old friar parachuted in with the 82nd Airborne Division. Dorsett recalled descriptions of the priest that he heard from those who served with him. "One man said he was a tough energetic Pole, and he was extremely liked by men of his regiment," he previously told the Register. "He was a man's man. Chaplains didn't have to get into the front lines where there was combat, but these guys refused to stay back. They would go up to the front." He "didn't find it amusing when men were telling filthy jokes, speaking crudely, or taking the Lord's name in vain. More than one time he would say 'Put on boxing gloves' to anyone who made remarks about the Church or confession."

Father Maternowski, a U.S. Army captain, was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne's 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. The regiment's website recalls that the paratroopers landed near the small village of Picauville, where the only store, a grocery, was turned into a makeshift first-aid station for the wounded paratroopers. Seeing it quickly overcrowded, with more injured on the way in, Father Maternowski made a risky move to meet with the German chief medic in charge of their wounded to negotiate combining all of the wounded in a large space. With his religious chaplain's insignia on his jacket and wearing a Red Cross armband, he removed his helmet and walked fearlessly to the German lines.

Surprisingly, he returned to the makeshift aid station with the same German medic to show him the conditions. He must have later returned to the German lines with the German officer because when he was walking back to the American lines alone, a Nazi sniper shot him in the back from one of the nearby houses. He collapsed onto the road, where his body lay three days in the settlement of Gueutteville, part of Picauville. The Germans would not let anyone recover him. Once soldiers of the 90th Infantry Division showed up, they were able to recover his body. There is a memorial erected in Gueutteville giving an account of the chaplain's courageous deeds. In 1948 Father Maternowski's remains were returned to the United States and buried in the Franciscan Friars' cemetery section in South Hadley, Massachusetts. His gravestone bears the words: "No Greater Love."

Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, cited Father Maternowski as a role model for military chaplains everywhere during the last major D-Day remembrance, saying, "Father Maternowski's heroic sacrifice is an outstanding example of Christian love in practice, even in the face of great evil and adversity."

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 Oglino, Charles Field Sr., Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Caroline Amato, Shirley Roman, 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, David Keller.