

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Rectory Office

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August 18, 2019

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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| August 19 8:00 AM | St. John Eudes Kusha Haggerty (Req. Jeanine & Maxwell Lawn) - Church |
| August 20 | St. Bernard NO MASS |
| August 21 8:00 AM | St. Pius X Carol Kabala Morris (Req. Shirley & Dan Devan) - Church |
| August 22 | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary NO MASS |
| August 23 8:00 AM | St. Rose of Lima Anthony Criscolo (Req. Sandy & Walt Wojcik) - Church |
| August 24 4:00 PM | <i>Vigil - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church |
| August 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Catherine Helen Elko (Req. Wanda & Ron Nagers) - Church Mary Yestrepky (Req. Daughter, Marianne & Family)- Chapel |

2019 WEDDING ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invites all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2019 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 15th in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 22nd in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Masses in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Bishop Bartchak will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Thursday, August 22nd.

FR. ARON'S NEW TRIP TO EUROPE - After a lot of planning, Fr. Aron is proud to announce his next tour of Europe, **OPEN TO ANYONE** who loves beautiful churches, epic meals, unforgettable scenery, and fascinating history. The trip is entitled "Oberammergau Passion Play and Enchanting Eastern Europe with Father Aron" and is scheduled from September 16 through 24, 2020. The famous Oberammergau Passion Play is included as well as sites and restaurants handpicked by Fr. Aron based on his many European ventures. The trip, run through Best Catholic Pilgrimages, includes daily Mass and airfare. The total cost is \$3,399 (for those who wish to arrange their own airfare the trip Land Only portion of the trip is \$1,802). For more information, or for a brochure, please call the rectory or see Fr. Aron.

ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL - MacDonaldton, PA – Sunday, September 1, 2019. Family-style ham and turkey dinners with homemade noodles and stuffing. Served 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Adults \$10.00 – Children under 12 \$5.00. Games, bake sale, themed baskets, refreshments are fun for all ages. Come and enjoy reminiscing with family and friends in our air-conditioned hall!

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE - PRE-SALE FOR PARISHIONERS UNTIL 9/1/2019 – The tickets for the Sportsmen Raffle (to be held on September 29, 2019) are now on sale **to parishioners only (before the general public)**. To reserve your tickets call the Rectory (814-754-5224) **IMMEDIATELY** with your name, address, phone number and the number of tickets you need. **Do not wait to receive a letter in the mail.** Please leave all requested information in a message, if we are not able to answer the phone. Any requests received by mail will not be opened until September 2, 2019 and will **NOT** be considered a part of the pre-sale. Pre-sale tickets will be available for pick up on Tuesday, August 20th.

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. Father John Mary O.S.B. is here this weekend to cover – please offer him a warm welcome.

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 Friday, September 6th from 12:30 PM until 5:00 PM. Everyone who donates blood will be entered into a drawing for one of two prizes, a \$50 or \$25 Amazon Gift Card. Your support is welcome and critical to providing a stable and sufficient blood supply for your community!

KOLBASI SALE – The kolbasi featured at our booth at Heritage Days this year was from Leonard's Kielbasa Market in Wilkes-Barre. The long line and holiday ring limit are famous in northeastern Pennsylvania. The product received many rave reviews from patrons at Heritage Days, even from very experienced kolbasi aficionados. It is the favorite of Father Aron, who is well known for his love of ethnic foods. Leonard's kolbasi has a coarse grind, notable garlic flavor, great spices, and just the right amount of smoke. The kolbasi will be featured at the Sportsman Raffle on September 29th. If you would like to purchase some for your own enjoyment orders are now being taken with delivery on September 27th. The rings may be picked up at the parish office between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM on September 27th. Each ring is handmade, vacuum packed, cherry wood smoked, and non-frozen and are available for \$9.00 per ring. Preorders only! If you wish to order please phone the rectory and place your order by September 13th.

SO ARE PRE-NUPS OK? - Fr. Aron was recently asked if Catholics can have a pre-nuptial agreement prior to marriage. So is it ok? Consider the following answer given by the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of San Antonio. – The question of “prenuptial agreements” frequently arises in this day and age. These agreements are basically a contract between the prospective spouses about how their property and other rights will be handled within their marriage, and how they will be handled in the event of a divorce. The Catholic Church does not have a blanket prohibition against prenuptial agreements. There may be some cases where they are perfectly legitimate. For example, if a widow with adult children marries a widower who also has adult children, a prenuptial agreement can be a legitimate way to preserve the inheritance rights of each spouse's children to the property of the prior marriage. **In most cases, however, prenuptial agreements are a very bad idea, and may even call into doubt the validity of the marriage itself.** Remember, one of the basic elements of a Catholic marriage is indissolubility – that marriage is permanent, and cannot be dissolved. Jesus himself stated about marriage, “what God has joined, let no man separate” (Mt. 19:6). This teaching is very strongly reflected in the Canon Law, the law of the Church. For a marriage to be valid, **the couple must both fully understand what indissolubility means and they must fully consent to it. There cannot be any conditions or reservations about the permanency of their marriage.** When a couple enters into a prenuptial agreement that foresees the break-up of their marriage, it strongly implies that they do not intend their marriage to be permanent. Instead, it suggests that their consent is only to be married until it doesn't “work out”, and that they are more committed to their possessions than to the marriage. This is not compatible with Catholic marriage. A prenuptial agreement also suggests that there are fundamental questions about the strength of the couple's relationship. It implies a lack of trust and commitment, and maybe some doubts about whether they are really ready to get married. It also suggests that the couple is not truly dedicated to working through any difficulties that arise, but are instead already contemplating the “escape hatch” of divorce. After all, no sports team goes into a game expecting to lose. What does it say to my spouse that I'm already thinking ahead to a divorce, or that my stuff is more important to me than spending the rest of my life with her, no matter what? Our advice is that couples should avoid pre-nuptial agreements. We would also recommend that the couple talk seriously about why they would contemplate a pre-nuptial agreement, and whether they are truly ready to make the commitment to a full, permanent marriage.

FILM PREMIER PARTY ON THE POLISH PATIO – On Saturday September 14th the parish will be hosting a picnic/party to “christen” the newly erected “Polish Patio.” The event is open to all parishioners and their guests (all adult parties that will be attending are asked to bring a covered dish). The event will be conveniently held right after the 4:00 PM Mass, so everyone attending the party can go to Mass! The parish will provide and grill the meat entrees. The event will include food, music, and games for students and adults. After dark the film our parish commissioned about our parish (past and present) will be shown for the first time (weather permitting outside – like a drive-in, so bring your lawn chairs). Featuring many personalities from our parish the film is of the highest quality and was made for our website in honor of our 100th anniversary. Come out and enjoy one last evening out with your parish family before winter sets in! All those interested in attending are asked to phone the rectory by September 10th to RSVP (please let the office know what covered dish you expect to bring).

UNDER CONSIDERATION - Fr. Aron was recently approached by a number of parishioners about a bus trip to visit historic churches. If thirty people express an interest Father Aron will pursue organizing a day trip open to anyone. Please see the enclosed insert for more information.

CCD REGISTRATION - If you have a child who is entering kindergarten through the 11th grade who is not enrolled in a Catholic school please complete the form at the back of the church (or online) and return it to the parish (in person, via mail, or in the collection basket) by August 31st.