

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

Rectory Office

738 Sunshine Avenue
Central City, PA 15926
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August 25, 2019

Twenty-first 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

August 26 NOON	Weekday Lillian Koleszarik (Req. Marilyn Bassler) – Church
August 27	St. Monica NO MASS
August 28 7:30 AM	St. Augustine Poor Souls in Purgatory (Req. Eger Family) – Church
August 29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist NO MASS
August 30 7:30 AM	Weekday Stanley, Rose & Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) – Church
August 31 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Catherine Zelenski (Req. Jim & Cathy Hebealeon/Ron & Jean Tokarchik) – Church
September 1 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo)– Church Anthony Criscuolo (Req. Deanna Will) – Chapel

ROSARY BEFORE MASS – A parishioner will be saying The Rosary **AT ALL SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES**. It will begin a half hour before Mass. There are Rosaries and pamphlets in the back and sides of the church and chapel that will assist anyone who is unsure of the order of any of the prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 26 – Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM – St. John

September 4 – St. Vincent DePaul Meeting – 7:00 PM – Activities Center

September 6 - K of C Blood Drive – 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM – St. John

September 8 – CCD Meeting - 9:15 AM – Activities Center – **Parents, Students & Teachers Must Attend**

September 8 – Holy Name Corporate Communion – 8 AM – Sacred Heart– Meeting to follow – Activities Center

September 9 – Society of Angels Meeting – 6:30 PM – Activities Center

September 14 –Movie Premier – After 4 PM Mass – Polish Patio

September 23 – Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM – St. John

September 29 – OLQA Sportsman’s Gun Raffle – 12:15 PM – Activities Center

WEEKLY OFFERING August 17th & 18th - Adult Envelopes - \$2,537.50; Fuel - \$65; Student Offering - \$20.50; Loose - \$402; Assumption - \$727; Ascension - \$10. Total - \$3,762. - Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

August 31 - 4:00 PM - E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger

September 1 - 8:00 AM - R. & C. Pongrac, A. Deneen

September 1 - 10:30 AM - J. Eger, J. Hammer

PRAYER LIST - Please call the rectory with any changes or additions. After one month names will be removed unless otherwise requested.

Kay Hintosh, Rodney Shaffer, Michelle Moore, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn, Jennifer Jarvis, 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, David Keller, Barry Stufft, Andrea Sesack, David Stockdill, Rick Flickner, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Eugene Topka, Sue Emsweiler.

BASKET PARTY FUNDRAISER - A basket party fundraiser will be held on September 8, 2019 benefitting local community member Miss Lisa Schrift. The event is being held at Our Lady Queen of Angels Activities Center at 738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City, PA 15926. Doors open at 11:30 AM and the raffle drawing will be held at 3:00 PM. You do not have to be present to win. Cost is \$10.00 for the first sheet of 25 raffle tickets, \$5 each additional sheet and \$8 for a spaghetti dinner, sides and desert included. Contact Robin 814-521-2300; Ted 814-691-1053 or Jay 814-207-0788 with any questions.

KOLBASI SALE - The kolbasi featured at our booth at Heritage Days this year was from Leonard's Kielbasa Market in Wilkes-Barre. The kolbasi will be featured at the Sportsman Raffle meal 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.

FR. ARON'S NEW TRIP TO EUROPE - After a lot of planning, Fr. Aron is proud to announce his next tour of Europe, "Oberammergau Passion Play and Enchanting Eastern Europe with Father Aron", scheduled from September 16 through 24, 2020. 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.

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! Sign up in the back of the church.

SS PHILIP & JAMES 94th ANNUAL FESTIVAL - Parishioners of the SS Philip & James Catholic Church at 247 High Street n Meyersdale are celebrating their 94th annual Labor Day Festival on Monday, September 2nd. A ham and turkey buffet dinner will be served from 11:30 to 3:00 PM with take-out meals available. Dinner tickets at the door are \$10; children (5-10) - \$7; children under 5 - Free. Outdoor festivities, running 11:30 PM to 3:30 PM, include games, lottery tree, 50-50 chances, live musical entertainment, funnel cakes and refreshments.

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).

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.

GOOD NEWS FROM AFRICA – Africa has every reason to celebrate, according to an archbishop of Ghana, because in the last 50 years, Church membership there has gone from 40 million to 178 million, meaning that Africa’s Catholics now make up about 17% of the universal Church. Archbishop Gabriel Palmer-Buckle of Cape Coast, Ghana, said this during a homily for the 50th anniversary celebrations of what is known as SECAM, the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar. Pope Paul VI officially inaugurated SECAM in Uganda at the end of July in 1969, during the first visit of a pope to Africa in modern times. Now, 50 years later, the umbrella organization includes many native African cardinals and prelates. “From barely 50 bishops, archbishops and cardinals who were present at the inauguration of SECAM here in Kampala, today Africa has over 500 bishops and archbishops, and as many as 25 cardinals ministering to the Church on our continent and in the universal Church,” Archbishop Palmer-Buckle said. “From a population of about 40 million Catholics 50 years ago, we have every reason to celebrate a population of over 178 million on the continent, making about 17% of the Universal Church.”

CATHOLIC CONNECTION TO FLOWER NAMES – Marigolds, baby’s breath, bleeding hearts ... ever wonder where the whimsical, creative names of flowers come from? It turns out that many flower names have Catholic roots. In honor of this part of the summer, when our annuals are in full bloom, an article by Theresa Civantos Barber regarding the surprising Catholic history of flower names is being included in the bulletin. – Religious flower names originated, like so many great things, in the Middle Ages. In an era when human societies were far more connected to the natural cycles of the seasons and the attendant liturgical calendar, and when pious legends accounted for much that was mysterious about the natural world, flowers easily became associated with various religious feasts and images. Some of these connections have persisted to our own time—holly and ivy at Christmastime, for example. But in the medieval era, the symbolism of flowers played an important and useful role for the faithful. Flower names actually were used as a means of catechesis. Katrina Harrington, a Catholic artist and mother of five whose art focuses on Marian symbolism of flowers, explains some of the history behind the tradition. “Stained glass windows in churches originated because people didn’t have books, and not only did they not have books, but they couldn’t read. So stained glass windows were a means of catechesis for the masses,” Harrington says. The names of flowers played a similar role. “Priests would pass down these legends about flowers, and the flower names became methods of catechesis,” she says. A natural connection arose between the times of year when different flowers were at their peak and the liturgical calendar. Hostas, for example, were called “Assumption lilies” as they are typically in bloom around the feast on August 15. Columbines are typically in bloom around the feast of the Visitation on May 31, when Mary traveled to visit her cousin Elizabeth, and fittingly were called “Our Lady’s shoes.” The vast majority of flowers were named for the Virgin Mary. Daffodils were called Mary’s star, bleeding hearts were Mary’s tears, marigolds were Mary’s gold and baby’s breath was Our Lady’s veil. To the man or woman of the Middle Ages, these common flowers became like living rosary beads, covering the surface of the Earth. The religious names of flowers and the stories behind them were not just quaint tales for children, but offered reminders of eternal life and called the pious into deeper contemplation of sacred truths. Flowers still offer this opportunity, gently calling passersby to turn their minds and hearts to God. “Mary gardens and the historical legends of religious flowers are a great path back to Christ. I really love talking about how you can see them everywhere, and they will help your day,” Harrington says. Harrington remembers an occasion when she noticed sword lilies next to her car on a particularly hectic day—sword lilies, which were traditionally called Our Lady’s sword of sorrow. “I remember I can ask Mary’s intercession and go to her in times of trouble,” she says. Learning some of the religious names of flowers can be a wonderful way to recall God throughout the day and contemplate more deeply His message of love and redemption, especially if you are a gardener with your own flowers to tend. But even if you never get a chance to learn the religious names of flowers, just noticing the beauty of God’s creation is its own opportunity to “always and everywhere give Him thanks.” Especially in the summer and early autumn, when ripe fruit and lush blooms are all around, occasions are plentiful to give thanks for God’s bounty. Even noticing the bright colors of berries or the heart of a peach is a moment to wonder at God’s marvelous creation. “God is the most prolific artist, and He’s always trying to lead us to him with beauty,” Harrington says. “God is giving us these hints everywhere through His creation.” Much more information about the religious symbolism of flowers and Mary gardens can be found in the writings of John Stokes, a professor who made this research his life’s work.

NEW MASS TIMES AND A GREAT NEW OPPORTUNITY - Beginning this week and lasting until the end of the calendar year DAILY Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 AM and on Monday at NOON. Beginning on September 9th whenever Mass is celebrated on Monday at Noon there will be a short lesson/ study of a Catholic or biblical topic following Mass, for those Mass attendees who are interested, in the rectory with a small meal of soup being offered to anyone and no cost. If you are not a “morning person” but would like to start attending daily Mass the move to Noon may help to motivate you to come and celebrate the sacrament, enjoy a good meal, and learn something about your faith. Note: there will be no Mass on Monday September 2nd.

POWERFUL SPEAKER – Citizens Concerned for Human Life of Cambria and Somerset Counties will be hosting a breakfast on Saturday October 26th at the New German Grove Hall in New Germany from 9:00 AM until Noon. The speaker for the event is Jennifer Christie, a woman whose story, “Raped in a Business Trip – My Husband and I Chose Life” has been translated into dozens of languages and has been broadcast across the globe. For reservations or ticket information please call 472-8584.

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE - PRE-SALE FOR PARISHIONERS ONLY 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.

ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL - MacDonalnton, 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!

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