

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Rectory Office

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September 29, 2019

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)
738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John)
162 Wheeler Street

Holy Masses:

Daily

Church (Sacred Heart) See Below

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 3:30 PM – 3:55 PM

Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

September 30	St. Jerome
NOON	Evelyn Saylor (Req. Sister Cil & Stan Tomaszewski) - Church
October 1	St. Therese of the Child of Jesus
	NO MASS
October 2	Holy Guardian Angels
7:30 AM	Lil Koleszarik (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy) - Church
October 3	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	NO MASS
October 4	St. Francis of Assisi - First Friday
7:30 AM	Francis & Eleanor (Req. Family) - Church
October 5	<i>Vigil - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 PM	Enock & Veronica Severn (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
October 6	<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Private Intention - Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo)- Chapel

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 29 - CCD Class - 9:15 AM - Activities Center

September 29 - OLQA Sportsman's Raffle - 12:15 PM - Activities Center

October 3 - Women & Girls Choir Practice - 6:30 PM - Sacred Heart

October 6 - CCD Class - 9:15 AM - Activities Center

October 6 - Blessing of the animals - Sacred Heart parking lot

October 13 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8 AM - Sacred Heart- Meeting to follow - Activities Center

October 14 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activities Center

October 28 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S STORY - The patron saint of Italy, Francis of Assisi, was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance. Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy." From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking. But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (Luke 9:1-3). Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no intention of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity. Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior's permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord. Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God. In 1979, he was named patron of ecology. He did great penance—apologizing to "Brother Body" later in life—that he might be totally disciplined for the will of God. Francis' poverty had a sister, Humility, by which he meant total dependence on the good God. But all this was, as it were, preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life, summed up in the charity of Jesus and perfectly expressed in the Eucharist.

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, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, David Stockdill, Rick Flickner, Patty Foltz, Dave Kurtz, Ian Rosenbaum, Easton Pritts, Joyce Reitz, Stanley Tomaszewski, Cindy Hillegass, Tom Hudak, Mike George, MaryAnn Gulakowski Waterman, David Keller, Barry Stufft, Andrea Sesack, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Eugene Topka, Sue Emsweiler, Richard Rembold, Catherine Curaney, Connie Gruca, Judy Kostick, Lisa Schrifft, Amy George, Tina Udet, Cayleigh Wilson, Betsy Paolucci.

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 Land Only portion of the trip is \$1,802). For more information, or for a brochure, please call the rectory or see Fr. Aron.

SAVE THE DATE - CLEVELAND BUS TRIP - On Sunday, October 27th our parish will be sponsoring a bus trip to visit historic churches in the city of Cleveland. Departing via motor coach (4:15 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 Hungarian St. Emerich Church and St. Vitus Church, the largest Slovenian ethnic parish in the United States, followed by the Irish St. Colman Parish. Our last stop before dinner will be at the Polish St. Stanislaus Parish, an incredible church built in the "Polish Cathedral" style. Dinner will be a delicious boxed sandwich or salad meal from Barristers Deli which will be conveniently enjoyed on our trip home. We should arrive back in Central City at 10:00 PM. The trip is open to anyone - first come, first served. Cost per person is \$50. To register please phone the rectory or email (madomnik@dioceseaj.org) by October 19th.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH... IN ONE HOUR! - Whether from the inside or from the outside, the Catholic faith can sometimes seem a confusing tangle of teachings, practices, rituals, rules and structures. But with just a few organizational principles, Catholicism can actually be fully explained in less than an hour. On Thursday evening, October 10th, Mr. Bob Sutton will host a faith formation opportunity for adults at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School (Altoona) entitled "The Catholic Faith in One Hour." This presentation summarizes what the most basic teachings and beliefs of Catholicism are, and answers some of the most basic questions that both Catholics and non-Catholics have. This presentation is free to attend and is open to all interested adults, Catholic or non-Catholic. As advertised, the presentation will be an hour long, with refreshments. Any interested adults are welcome to stay after the presentation ends for open Q & A. "The Catholic Faith in One Hour" will take place in the BG library from 7-8 pm on Thursday, Oct. 10th. You can contact Mr. Sutton with any questions at rsutton@bguilfoyle.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING September 21st & 22nd - Adult Envelopes - \$2,789.50; Fuel - \$26; Student Offering - \$26.50; Loose - \$310; Special Donations - \$100. Total - \$3,246.00. - Thank You!

OCTOBER NOVENA - We will be praying the Novena to St. Therese from September 23rd - October 1st. Even if you are not able to make it to Daily Mass, you are more than welcome to take the booklet at the back of the church and pray the Novena at home! (Booklet is also available online in the Bulletin section)

LOVE GIVE-A-WAY - Love Give-A-Way will be held at the Central City United Methodist Church on October 12th at 8 AM. This program is open to the community. Anyone may drop by and have any items they can use free of charge. Items made be donated by dropping them off at the Methodist church on Monday Oct 7th and Wednesday Oct 9th from 9 AM - 1 PM or Tuesday Oct 8th and Thursday Oct 10th from 2 PM - 6 PM. Volunteers will be there to help you.

SERVER SCHEDULE

October 5 - 4:00 PM - M. Mabon

October 6 - 8:00 AM - R. & C. Pongrac, A. Deneen

October 6 - 10:30 AM -C. & L. Galish

SOUP & STUDY- This coming Monday, September 30, Father Aron will again be hosting a short lesson/study of a Catholic or biblical topic following NOON Mass, for those Mass attendees who are interested, in the rectory with a small meal of soup being offered to anyone at no cost.

OCTOBER COUNT - The diocese is asking that all parishes take up a count during weekend Masses during the month of October. While this is nothing new, this year the data is of greater importance as we face massive shortages of priests and no easy solutions. Between now and 2021 1/3 of all active priests in our diocese will be over the age of 70. That means that by 2026 more than 1/3 of the priests currently active in the diocese will retire. At present there are only a handful of men in the seminary (remember we went many years without any ordinations) and there is no guarantee that those few men in formation will even be ordained. With numbers that are already stretched to the limit there is no doubt a pinch will be felt by most parishes. To further this point, I (Fr. Aron) was ordained at the age of 26. Currently there are no priests in our diocese who are in their 20s and only six who are in their 30s. This count will help to determine how resources and personnel are allocated. Translation, if it is determined that we are to go from three Masses per weekend to two Masses per weekend, these numbers make a big difference. Your choice to attend Mass here or elsewhere, or skip Mass altogether, will determine the outcome, please remember your personal responsibility in this matter.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.