

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

**Rectory Office**  
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October 6, 2019  
**Twenty-Seventh 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

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## Mass Intentions

October 7 NOON	Our Lady of the Rosary Tom Novak (Req. Jenny Novak) – Church
October 8	Weekday in Ordinary Time <b>NO MASS</b>
October 9 7:30 AM	St. Dennis & St. John Leonardi Stanley, Rose & Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) – Church
October 10	Weekday in Ordinary Time <b>NO MASS</b>
October 11 7:30 AM	St. John XXIII Evelyn Saylor (Req. sister, Cil and Stan Tomaszewski) – Church
October 12 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Andy Haydu (Req. son, Stephen A. Haydu) – Church
October 13 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Church Anthony Criscuolo (Req. Jim Yelovich) – Chapel

**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 Thomas Georg, Tina Udet, Cayleigh Wilson, Betsy Paolucci, Ariel Adomnik.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> and fill out the form at the back of the church.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING** September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Adult Envelopes - \$2,401.50; Fuel - \$60; Student Offering - \$24.50; Loose - \$382; Special Donations - \$50. Total - \$2,9218.00. - Thank You!

**LOVE GIVE-A-WAY** - Love Give-A-Way will be held at the Central City United Methodist Church on October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 1 PM or Tuesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM - 6 PM. Volunteers will be there to help you.

**ALTAR FLOWER INTENTIONS** - The flowers at the Sacred Heart site are donated in loving memory of Donna Chipchosky by Mark Chipchosky.

### **SERVER SCHEDULE**

October 12 - 4:00 PM - E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger

October 13 - 8:00 AM - L., L., & L. Mincek

October 13 - 10:30 AM - J. Hammer, J. Eger

**SOUP & STUDY**- This coming Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 activities center with a small meal of soup being offered to anyone at no cost.

**LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH** - Free copies of Bishop Robert Barron's book on the sexual abuse scandal "Letter to a Suffering Church" are available at the back of the church for anyone interested.

**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.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST** - Our parish will be hosting our monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast Sunday, October 20, 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 and coffee. The price is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 8 to 4, children under 4 are free. All are welcome - bring your appetite. Proceeds go to benefit the activities for the parish religious education students.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS** - Holy Assumption Orthodox Church is taking orders for Christmas Wreaths. For \$20, you will get a premium quality, 15" live fir wreath, accented with blue juniper sprigs and berries, cedar and pine cones. The order form is located in the back of each church please fill out your name, address, phone number and number of wreaths. All orders must be pre-paid by check or cash. Please drop off or mail check or cash to the rectory. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

October 6 - Blessing of the Animals - 10:00AM - 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 20 - All You Can Eat Breakfast - 8 AM to 11:30 PM - St. John Hall

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

November 6 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7:00 PM - Activities Center

**BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY**- Congratulations to Tyler Joseph Calverley and his baby sister Adalynn Faith on their baptisms this Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> after the 8 AM Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they start their religious journey in the faith.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of Kathryn Rendar by daughters Mary Ann & Caroline & family.

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS** - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sundaym October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. We would extend a cordial welcome to all.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** - Fr. Aron will be blessing all animals this Sunday at 10 AM in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot.

**PORN CULTURE AND POLITICAL COURAGE** - by Terry Schilling - On Saturday, The New York Times published a sobering report about the recent explosion of online child pornography. According to the story, in 2018 there were a record 45 million photos and videos of child sexual abuse reported by tech companies, a monumental increase from only a few years ago. Law enforcement officials have been overwhelmed by the sheer quantity of cases, logistically unable to properly investigate every report. Faced with the equivalent of a rapidly sinking boat, federal agencies have been asked to fix it with nothing more than a bucket to bail out the water—a hopeless task. The increased exposure brought to the issue of pornography is a welcome development. The proliferation of sexually abusive imagery, especially child pornography, has reached crisis levels in recent years, demanding a robust response from our political leaders. The Times report suggests that we must address the shortage of resources available to law enforcement. However, while certainly a crucial part of any response, this would only scratch the surface of the real problem. The uncomfortable truth is that the rapid growth in child pornography is connected to the cultural normalization of online pornography as a whole. While research on the issue is relatively scarce, a number of studies have shown a relationship between habitual porn use and escalation to more deviant types. This makes intuitive sense. Just as a habitual drug user builds up a tolerance for a drug and is compelled to continually seek out stronger and more dangerous forms to achieve the same effect, so many porn users may find themselves engaging in the same process. Unfortunately, porn is more widely available and less stigmatized than drugs, leaving many more people vulnerable to its effects. The full extent of porn’s current influence is alarming. According to the most popular pornography website, users viewed 4.6 billion hours of porn on its site in 2016 alone. Moreover, surveys have consistently shown that large numbers of people regularly use porn, including—most distressingly—young people, whose brains are not fully developed and thus far more susceptible to the effects of psychological stimuli. One recent poll found that 64 percent of respondents aged 13–24 actively seek out porn on a weekly basis, while another study of college males found that about half had first encountered porn before age 13. It should come as no surprise, then, that as our culture has become increasingly sexualized, more and more people are turning to perverse and abusive forms of media. Given what we know about how pornography works, this should be expected. Some of our political leaders seem to recognize this. For example, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) recently pressured tech companies over their passive enabling of online child exploitation, while 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang tweeted last month that he believes children’s easy access to porn is “a real problem.” But besides these outliers, relatively few leaders have been willing to actively speak out. Why? Many suggest we should avoid engaging these types of issues in politics—sometimes out of a progressive desire to promote sexual liberation, but usually out of a libertarian concern about the potential for too much government involvement. Instead, we are told to engage the culture directly. True, there are good efforts underway in the culture to combat pornography. But politics is not separate from culture, nor irrelevant to culture, nor downstream from culture. Politics is a key part of culture, and often drives it. The law can serve as a teacher and a guide to encourage positive behaviors and discourage negative ones. Consider, for example, what the Civil Rights Act did to racist discrimination in the South. Not only did it become unlawful to discriminate against someone on the basis of race, it became viewed within the culture as morally repugnant. Today, racism is universally regarded as so evil and out-of-bounds that one could argue the law preventing such discrimination from taking place is no longer even necessary—a theoretical outfit that chose to discriminate against its customers on the basis of race would be driven out of business within days by an outraged citizenry. Would this positive cultural shift have happened without the Civil Rights Act? Probably not. Today, unfortunately, our law promotes pornography culture via the lack of enforcement of existing obscenity statutes; via federal funding for the abhorrent Teen Pregnancy Prevention program, which encourages the premature sexualization of our children; and via our government’s subsidization and cooperation with abortion mills like Planned Parenthood that depend on a hypersexualized culture to sustain its business model. Until this changes—and until we engage this issue in politics and take more aggressive action to regulate pornography and protect young children from being subjected to it—pornography culture will only become more pervasive, and with it horrific sexual violence against women and children. To prevent future Times articles from being written, we must finally discover the political courage to act.