

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Rectory Office

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December 15, 2019

Third Sunday Of Advent

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)
738 Sunshine Avenue
Chapel (St. John)
162 Wheeler Street

Holy Masses:

Daily

Chapel (St. John) 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 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM
Chapel (St. John)

Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

December 16 (Mon) NOON	Advent Weekday Mack Bednar (Req. Rick & Theresa Laver) – Chapel
December 17 (Tue)	Late Advent Weekday NO MASS
December 18 (Wed) 7:30 AM	Late Advent Weekday Thomas Delasko (Req. Wife Julie, Judy & Family) – Chapel
December 19 (Thu)	Late Advent Weekday NO MASS
December 20 (Fri) 7:30 AM	Late Advent Weekday George W. Ferko (Req. Vivian & Family) – Chapel
December 21 (Sat) 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) – Church
December 22 (Sun) 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Church Annie Gulakowski-Waterman (Req. Deanna Will)-Chapel

WEEKLY OFFERING December 7th & 8th - Adult Envelopes - \$3,373.75; Fuel - \$160; Student Offering - \$34.50; Candles - \$73.10 Thanksgiving - \$20; Christmas Flowers - \$196; Loose - \$122; Immaculate Conception - \$446; Student Thanksgiving - \$5; Student Immaculate Conception - \$13; DVD - \$50; Retirement Fund for Religious - \$653; Peirogi - \$16; Oplatki - \$139; Christmas \$175. Total - \$5,476.35. - Thank You!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of Nick Berezonsky by Genevieve Berezonsky. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John site in loving memory of Thomas Delasko by Daughter Judy & Family.

SERVER SCHEDULE

December 7 - 4:00 PM - E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger

December 8 - 8:00 AM - L., L., & L. Mincek

December 8 - 10:30 AM - J. Hammer, J. Eger

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 15 - CCD Class - 9:15 AM - Activities Center

December 15 - Lessons & Carols - 7:00 PM - Sacred Heart - Presentations about CCD Projects Follows (Activities Center)

December 16 - Confessions - 6:00 PM until done - Sacred Heart

December 16 - Care & Comfort Meeting - 6:30 PM - St. John

December 22 - Decorating the Church - After 8:00 AM Mass - Sacred Heart

December 22 - Women & Girls Choir Practice - 9:00 AM - Sacred Heart

December 22 - Decorating the Chapel - After the 10:30 AM Mass - St. John

December 22 - Altar Server Practice for Christmas Eve Mass - 5:00 PM - Sacred Heart

December 23 - **Cancelled** - *Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John*

January 1 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7 PM - Activities Center

January 13 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activities Center

January 26 - Sportsman Raffle - 12:15 PM - Activities Center

January 27 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John

PIEROGI SALE - The parish is selling homemade potato and cheese pierogi during the Advent season. Call the Rectory to get your order in. Pierogi pick up will be at the Rectory on December 16th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Call the Rectory for additional pick up options. All the pierogi are handmade by our parishioners and are \$8.00 per dozen (this sale is frozen only).

PENGUINS TICKETS - The Knights of Columbus are selling \$2 chances for 2 Tickets to the Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Buffalo Sabres game on February 22, 2020 • 1 PM at the PPG Paints Arena and \$200 cash. The winning number will be determined the first PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 Drawing on February 7, 2020. Please see any Knight for tickets.

SOUP & STUDY- This coming Monday, December 16th, 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 **St. John Hall** with a small meal of soup being offered to anyone at no cost.

PRAYER LIST - Please call the rectory with any changes or additions. Kay Hintosh, Michelle Moore, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, David Stockdill, Tina Udet, Rick Flickner, Patty Foltz, Dave Kurtz, Ian Rosenbaum, Easton Pritts, Joyce Reitz, Stanley Tomaszewski, Cindy Hillegass, Tom Hudak, Mike George, David Keller, Barry Stuftt, Andrea Sesack, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Eugene Topka, Sue Emsweiler, Richard Rembold, Catherine Curaney, Connie Gruca, Judy Kostick, Lisa Schrift, Amy Thomas Georg, , Cayleigh Wilson, Betsy Paolucci, Areile Adomnik, Charles Field, Todd Diorio, Jerry Otto, Denne Osman, Addison Zearfaus, Pam Kacmarski, Tom Schall, Howard Rose, Karen Hickey, David P. Bonus, Henry Sprock.

CCD NEWS:

- **FOOD FOR FAMILIES** - The Food for Families Service Project was completed this past Tuesday. Thank you to all the students who participated in the enriching experience of serving others!
- **GARVY MANOR** - The Service project at Garvey Manor will be taking place in January.
- **CCD CLASSES** - After this week there will be no CCD classes until January. Parents will be given schedules in the New Year.
- **THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS** - Thankyou to the Knights of Columbus for providing the rewards for the high scoring religious education students!

DECEMBER NOVENA - We will be praying the Christmas Novena from December 16th - December 25th. 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)

OPLATKI - Oplatki for Christmas are available at both sites. A suggested donation of \$3.00 per pack can be placed in the basket next to the oplatki. Additional oplatki are available at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS - “Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection.

PLEASE WELCOME FR WEHN - While Father Aron is with the Boswell CCD Students on their retreat in NYC, Father Wehn will be covering all the weekend Masses. Please offer him a warm welcome!

EXTENDED CONFESSIONS - Amid all of the house cleaning and decorating that goes into this time of year, please do not neglect to clean your spiritual house for Christmas. If you really want to be prepared to celebrate the Birth of Christ and welcome him this Christmas (that is what it is about after all), please get to Confession before December 25th. During Advent Confession will be heard at the **Sacred Heart** site on Saturdays from 3:00 PM until 3:50 PM and on Monday, December 16th from 6:00 PM until there are no longer any penitents waiting. An additional priest will be here to help on December 16th. As always, Fr. Aron is happy to hear your confession anytime, just ask.

LESSONS AND CAROLS - This evening (Sunday) the parish will celebrate its Second Annual Lessons and Carols service. Lessons and Carols is a series of Advent hymns and readings. Please come and spend time with your parish family to get in the right mind during this holy season of anticipation. The event begins at 7:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site. After the service there will be cookies and hot chocolate in the activity center, while our CCD students present their projects.

ALL SAINTS CAROLS & EXPOSITION - All Saints Parish in Boswell will be hosting a sing along/concert of beloved Polish Christmas carols (Koledy) as well as exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday December 29th at 3:00 PM at their church located at 325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell. Following the event refreshments will be provided. Any questions can be directed to the parish office at (814) 629-5551. All are welcome.

NO DECEMBER BREAKFAST - Please note that there is no December All You Can Eat Breakfast. Thank you for all your support throughout this past year and have a blessed holiday! We will see you all in the New Year when we continue with our January Breakfast on the 19th.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL NOTES - The parish St. Vincent DePaul Society wishes to thank all who contributed to the society for their Meat Vouchers. These were distributed to the Shade-Central City Food Pantry. With the cold weather being upon us, the parish society is currently helping with requests for fuel assistance - all donations to help the society assist those who need heating fuel for the winter are greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT - The Eger family invites you to their 6th annual Christmas Carol Concert on Monday, December 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, PA. Celebrate the season at a free concert featuring a wide variety of Christmas music performed on an array of instruments, including violin, viola, cello, organ, piano, voice, guitar, trumpet, and concertina. Bring your family to celebrate the Christmas season!

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE - PRE-SALE FOR PARISHIONERS ONLY UNTIL 12/30/2019 - The tickets for the Sportsmen Raffle (to be held on January 26, 2020) 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 December 30, 2019 and will **NOT** be considered a part of the pre-sale. Pre-sale tickets will be available for pick up on Tuesday, December 17th.

A STORY OF REBIRTH DVD AVAILABLE - The movie about of parish story is available on DVD at the rectory for \$5. This is a great way to share our story with someone who does not have internet access!

THE DUCK TALKS ABOUT HIS CATHOLIC FAITH – The NFL has experienced its share of starting quarterback departures this season, and **Devlin Hodges** has seen the results of this situation up close. Hodges, an undrafted rookie from Samford University in Alabama, relieved starter Mason Rudolph in the Steelers’ last game against the Cincinnati Bengals and led them to a 16-10 victory. Coach Mike Tomlin today named Hodges to start Sunday as the Steelers (6-5) take on the Cleveland Browns (5-6). Earlier this season, Hodges was called upon to start for the Steelers against the Los Angeles Chargers when both the Steelers’ longtime starter, Ben Roethlisberger, and his backup, Rudolph, were injured. Hodges does not like injuries for his team or opponents, but he did take advantage of the situation he was placed in. Coming into the game with no NFL experience, but 14,584 passing yards (an NCAA Football Championship Subdivision record) and 111 TDs at Samford, Hodges was ready to take on fellow Alabama native and Catholic Philip Rivers, beating his Chargers 24-17. The week after the victory, Hodges went hunting in Alabama, where he is known not only for calling plays, but calling ducks. He even won the 2009 Junior World Duck Calling Contest and the 2018 Alabama State Duck Calling Contest. These achievements earned him the nickname “Duck,” yet he did not duck any questions in this interview following the Chargers’ game about his conversion to Catholicism.

Did the Steelers’ defeat of the Philip Rivers-led Chargers mean even more to you than a victory would against any other team, since he is also a Catholic QB from Alabama?

I hate to see players injured, but it was also an opportunity to face a future Hall of Famer – especially a Catholic one from northern Alabama. Yet it’s not good to think about personal things like that during games; what’s more helpful is to do whatever you need to in the present moment in a routine sort of way, since football is always the same game anywhere you play. It would have been a great day to win over any team the first time starting, but it did mean a little more against Philip. I basically told him that after the game. I introduced myself and told him I was also from northern Alabama and that he was one reason I became Catholic and served at the altar during Mass. He was gracious in defeat but will probably be very ready to beat us next time we play.

You didn’t grow up Catholic?

I wasn’t a cradle Catholic, but a convert. When I was a sophomore in high school, I went with a friend to Mass. And I could feel the presence of God there, and I was impressed by the Church carrying on the tradition that Christ established at the Last Supper. He said to “do this in memory of me,” and that was happening right before my eyes. Sometimes we can think it would be great to live around the time of Christ in order to be very close to him, but we already are very close to him in the Catholic Church. The sacraments make present what was first instituted by Christ 2,000 years ago. We can live out exactly what we were told to do in New Testament times. The Last Supper, baptism and other sacraments are described in the Bible, the inspired word of God that also comes to us through the Church. Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit in a visible group of believers sharing the same faith and worship, we wouldn’t even know which books belong in the Bible to begin with. Being a Catholic in any way is great, but I feel particularly blessed to have served at the altar, where the work of Christ through the priest can be seen up close. I’ve been able to serve at the

altar with my brother Duncan, who's currently a tight end on the University of North Alabama football team. Our family went through RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults] together and entered the Church together. It was a real team effort, too, because I remember one day after baseball practice, I was tired and didn't want to go to the RCIA classes. My mom encouraged me to go, and I did. The very next day, I got my first college recruiting offer. I took that to mean God was serious about me being Catholic and had plenty of good things to bless me with. Even though I knew going to the classes was the right thing to do, I needed that push to actually do it. That can happen sometimes: We see what's good but need to be given the motivation or strength to do it when we're tired or distracted by something else. That's one of the major things a family is for, and I look forward to that with the family that I start one day.

What is it like to be on the same offense as two-time Pro-Bowler Alejandro Villanueva?

I've been to the team Mass a few times with Alejandro, who is an offensive tackle. He was surprised to see me there, since I'm from a part of the country known for being Protestant. Philip and I are at least two Catholics from the South, but, anyhow, I rely on Alejandro to protect me during the game, and that role actually starts in Mass with his prayers. I usually pray that no one gets hurt, that both teams play to the best of their abilities, and that if I get a chance to get into the game, I glorify God. Even though winning is fun, it's not really about getting that end result, so I don't ask for it. I just want to do the best I can and have everyone else do the best they can, so it all works out for the glory of God.

Do you have a favorite devotion such as the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or Eucharistic adoration outside of Mass?

I have experienced all those ways of praying and others, but I haven't chosen one or two that I do daily without fail. I do pray every day, but not always with a well-known devotion yet. My prayer is regimented, but free at the same time. There's a general pattern or framework, but I use words that are spontaneous rather than memorized. Every night I thank God for all the blessings he has given me, my family and friends. I ask for his continued blessings so that I can live how he wants me to, bringing glory to him.

I find that prayer calms me down and puts me in the right frame of mind. That should be expected, since prayer is communication with the God who created us and holds us in existence. Without God, there's a lot to be anxious about.

St. Hubert is a patron of hunters. Do you have a devotion to him?

I have heard something about St. Hubert — that he was a bishop in Europe many years ago — but I need to look into his story more. My main patron is St. Sebastian, an early martyr that Philip Rivers also admires. That's not surprising, since St. Sebastian is a patron of athletes. I chose him for a confirmation saint and like his courage and fortitude in being a Christian, no matter what the earthly consequences were.