

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Rectory Office

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December 25, 2019
Nativity of the Lord
Christmas

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 25 (Wed)	Christmas
12:00 AM (MIDNIGHT)	PEACE ON EARTH - Chapel
10:00 AM	Walter Adommik (Req. Society of Angels)- Church
December 26 (Thu)	St. Stephen
	NO MASS
December 27 (Fri)	St. John
	NO MASS
December 28 (Sat)	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>
4:00 PM	Lydia Yestrepesky -Wechtenhiser & John Joseph Yestrepesky (Req. Marianne & Family) - Church
December 29 (Sun)	<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>
8:00 AM	Richard Satkovich (Req. Family) - Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) -Chapel



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

January 12 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8 AM - Sacred Heart; Meeting to follow
- Activities Center

January 12 - CCD Class Resumes

January 12 - CCD Students visit Garvey Manor

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

January 20 - Care & Comfort Meeting - 6:30 - St. John

COLLECTION ENVELOPES - Offertory envelopes are available for families registered at the parish and can be found on the back tables at each site. If you cannot find your envelope box or did not receive one please phone the rectory so that we can take care of getting a box for you.

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.

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!

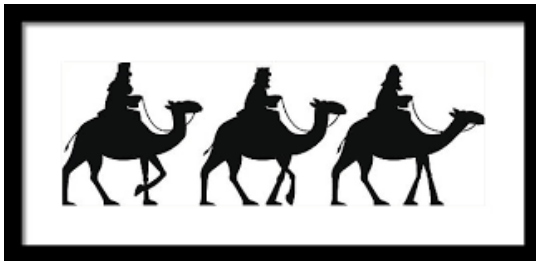
CCD NEWS:

- **CCD CLASSES** - CCD classes resume January 12, 2020.

HOUSE BLESSINGS - If you wish to have your home blessed in the time after Epiphany (as is the Polish and Slovak custom) please phone the rectory to set up a time.

KNIGHT AT THE RACES (BOSWELL) – JANUARY 18, 2020 – Our Lady of the Laurel Highlands Council Knights of Columbus hosts “A KNIGHT AT THE RACES” at their parish hall, 325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell, PA 15531. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. – Dinner 5:30 p.m. – Horse Racing Begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets - \$25.00 Individual (one horse) - \$40.00 Couple (one horse) Over 21 years old only. If you wish to buy a ticket please phone the rectory at 814-629-5551.

THOUGHTS ON MIDNIGHT MASS - Keeping vigil has always been a spiritual practice in Catholicism. A well-known biblical reference that underscores this point at Christmas is that the shepherds in St. Luke’s infancy narratives were keeping watch over their sheep on their nightly vigil the first Christmas. In a sense, we are those same shepherds today, and we are entrusted to keep watch over one another. While we wait for God during Advent, it’s also important to note that God also keeps Vigil for us, waiting for us to come home, waiting for us to cooperate with His grace that we surrender more fully to His love. Yes, midnight Mass is inconvenient. In a recent article, Father Raymond Desousa mused on this reality when he wrote, “Midnight Mass is the ultimate sign that we are adjusting our lives to fit Christmas. In the whole year – sacred or profane – no other event begins at midnight. For no other reason do we head out in the middle of the night. In the heart of the night, in the heart of the darkest season, in the heart of the winter bleakness, Catholics gather because they have seen a great light. It is the Christmas tradition par excellence. Why toss it away for greater convenience? Christmas Day begins at midnight, and Mass at that hour indicates that Catholic people are so eager for Christmas that they want to wait not one minute longer than necessary. Catholics frequently complain about the secularization of Christmas. There is little we can do about that, but to the extent that we have an alternative to offer, it means becoming more Catholic not less. Midnight Mass is a uniquely Catholic tradition. What time is midnight Mass? The answer should be obvious.” There’s something inspiring, consoling and just plain beautiful about worshiping God in the middle of the night—literally mid-night. We are pilgrims on a journey, after all, and so much of that journey is spent in the dark—frightened, alone, uncertain. But on Christmas night, shake all that off. We stand and kneel and pray together in defiance of the dark, amid the greatest light imaginable, Emmanuel, singing glory to the newborn king. I think that’s worth waking up for.



Christmas Flower Memorials

- Julie Bollman Tony & Julie Mihelcic
- Karen Caola..... Karen Caola Family Members
- Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ference.....Deceased Gulakowski Family & Ference Family
- Vivian Ferko George W. Ferko
- Michael & Robin Galish.....For all Family Members
- Leonard GregaDeceased of the Grega, Bunald & Sellend Families
- Gigi Gromack.....Deceased in Gromack Family
- Sophie Gromack.....Deceased in Wallace Family
- Christine Haydu.....John Haydu, Sicily Joseph, Juanita, Chavelita, Sebastian Castelita
- Karen HickeyGerald Grasser, Sr.
- Mary Jane Knapp..... All Knapp, Svonavec, and Galish Family, all relatives and friends
- Kevin Kudasik.....Penny & Deceased Family Members
- Carol & John Levchik.....Deceased members of the Labuda, Levchik, and Hillegas Families
- Sue Magnone.....Pat Magnone
- Cory & Dannielle Manges..... Alan Manges
- Jim & Joetta Mincek.....Joseph & Nancy Satkovich, Jacob & Dorothy Mincek, John & Angela Satkovich,
Richard Satkovich, Pearl & Roy Dilicchio
- David & Teresa Mrozowski.....Stan & Stella Mrozowski, Melvin & Clara Wilson
- Jenny Novak..... Margaret & James Mihelcic Family
- Joni Bonus O'Ship.....David G. Bonus, Margaret & Jess Yurjevsic, Adonlph & Julia Bonus, Sullivan Nelson
- Dianne Pasierb.....Michael & Jean Evonick
- Marie Pollock Ann Knapp, Mary Pollock, Barbara Chiappelli, James Pollock
- Theresa Pollock..... Mary & Joe Pollock, William & Jenny Galish, Jim Pollock, Mike & Ann
Knapp, Deceased Galish & Knapp Families
- Mary Ann Rendar.....John & Kathryn Rendar
- Dominick Sanzo.....Mary Sanzo
- Carl & Rose Sprock.....Deceased Meholec Family & Deceased Sprock Family
- Janice & Joe Stahl.....John & Louise Low, Andrew, Mary, Ann, Walter, Marion Wojcik, Peggy, Joe, and, Marty Stahl, Suntina Kobak
- Larry Warchola.....Jerz Family & Warchola Family
- Yantus Family.....Helen Yantus & Steve Yantus
- Elizabeth Yatta.....Frank Yatta & Veronica Russo
- John & Kaye Yuko.....Mary Yuko, Stella Ling
- Mark & Sharon Yuko.....Donald "Sonny" Roman, Stephanie Roman
- Bill & Steph Zubek.....Kristen Zubek
- Bob & Gloria Zubek.....For all Family Members
- Derrick Zubek.....For all Family Members
- Pat & Mary Ann Zubek.....Edward & Kristen Zubek, Ray & Mary Carmany
- Marion & Henry Zurenda.....Kochan Family, Zurenda Family

- **Merry Christmas!**

- **Wesołych Świąt! - Polish** veselé Vianoce - **Slovak**

Rev. Fr. Aron

- **Father Aron**