

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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March 1, 2020
**First Sunday
Of Lent**

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

March 2 (Mon) NOON	Lenten Weekday Stanley J. Tomaszewski 30 Day Rememberance - Month's Mind (Req. Joel & Susan Gottlieb) - Chapel
March 3 (Tue)	St. Katharine Drexel NO MASS
March 4 (Wed) 8:00 AM	St. Casimir Helen Elko (Req. The Gourmet Group) - Chapel
March 5 (Thu)	Lenten Weekday NO MASS
March 6 (Fri) 8:00 AM	Lenten Weekday - First Friday Evelyn Saylor (Req. Sister Cil & Stan Tomaszewski) - Chapel
March 7 (Sat) 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Second Sunday of Lent</i> For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church
March 8 (Sun) 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Stan Tomaszewski & All Deceased Holy Name Members (Req. Holy Name)- Church Ann Richards (Req. Galish Family) -Chapel

WEEKLY OFFERING February 22nd & 23rd - Loose - \$157.75; Adult Envelopes - \$3,424.75; Initial Payments - \$15; Fuel - \$40; Solemnity of Mary - \$10; Student Offering - \$15.25; Ash Wednesday - \$48; Candles - \$73; Catholic Register - \$135; Altar Flowers - \$50; Mission Co-Op - \$611; Kielbasi - \$50; Total - \$4,629.75. - Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 7 - 4:00 PM - M. Mabon

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

March 8 - 10:30 AM - C. & L. Galish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. John

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

March 8 - CCD Class

March 8 - Gorzkie Zale - **3:00 PM** - Sacred Heart

March 9 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:00 PM (Note Time Change) - Activities Center

March 15 - All You Can Eat Breakfast - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM - St. John

March 18 - Comfort & Care Meeting - 1:00 PM - Rectory Office

March 19 - K of C Blood Drive - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM - St. John

March 22 - Senior Parishioners' Mass 10:30 AM (**Sacred Heart**) and Luncheon (Activities Center)

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

April 1 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7 PM - St. John

SOUP & STUDY- This coming Monday, March 9th, 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's Hall with a small meal of soup being offered to anyone at no cost.

CAN YOU SPARE A HALF- HOUR TO SPEND WITH THE LORD? First Friday devotions will be held on Friday, March 6th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the St. John site. The devotions include various prayers as well as significant periods of silence and will conclude closing devotions at 6:00 PM till 6:30 PM. All are invited to come and spend a half-hour of prayer and rest before the Eucharistic Christ. Please sign up in the back of each church.

WORKERS NEED - The March All You Can Eat Breakfast is in need of parishioners to set up, cook and clean up. We only need 6 workers per shift (6:30-9 and 9-11:00) There are sign-up sheets at the back of each church. Experienced workers will be present for guidance/training. Please volunteer your time to help fundraise for your parish!

PRAYER LIST - Please call the rectory with any changes or additions. Kay Hintosh, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, David Stockdill, Tina Udet, Rick Flickner, Patty Foltz, Connie Gruca, Judy Kostick, Lisa Schriff, Amy Thomas Georg, Cayleigh Wilson, Betsy Paolucci, Areile Adomnik, Charles Field, Todd Diorio, Denne Osman, Addison Zearfaus, Pam Kacmarski, Tom Schall, Howard Rose, Karen Hickey, David P. Bonus, Henry Sprock, Connie Criscoulo, Hunter Slater, Nancy Deneen, Stephen A. Haydu, Andrea Sesack, Jerry Otto, Lyle Spearo, Lauren Barnes, Agnes Palya, Bob Sankovitch, Gerald "Curly" Mains.

INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA - For over 60 years St. Andrew Parish in Johnstown has hosted a novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague. This annual devotional exercise has been a source of spiritual refreshment for generations of local Catholics. The novena begins on Sunday March 15th with Mass at 7:00 PM and continues each night at 7:00 PM until March 23rd. Fr. Aron will be the guest homilist on Tuesday March 17th (St. Patrick's Day - featuring the Polish Heritage Choir). All are welcome.

GORZKIE ZALE MARCH 8TH - Our parish will celebrate the Polish devotion "Gorzkie Zale" or Bitter Lamentations on March 8, 22, and April 5. Our speakers will be the following...

March 8 - Fr. Thomas Hart, O.S.B. - Topic - Fasting, The Soul of Prayer - Father Thomas M. Hart, O.S.B., was born in 1957 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the youngest of six children. Raised on the Jednota Farm in Middletown, he attended the Jednota elementary school, where he had the privilege of being taught by the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. He is presently a professed monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey for thirty-five years. Fr. Thomas holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and philosophy from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary and did graduate studies in biblical theology at the Catholic University of America. Father Thomas holds memberships in The Catholic Biblical Association and the Society of Biblical Literature, and the C. G. Jung Society of Pittsburgh. He serves on the board for Live the Fast, a lay initiative to recover the early Church's regular weekly practice of prayer and fasting. Father Thomas has asked all those who wish to attend his talk to read Matthew chapter 6.

March 22nd - Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. - Topic - Deliver Us From Evil - Fr. Boniface Hicks O.S.B. was born in Groton, Connecticut in 1976 and holds Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate degrees in Computer Science from Penn State University as well as Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees from St. Vincent Seminary. A onetime atheist, Fr. Boniface converted to the Catholic faith while a student at Penn State. Fr. Boniface entered St. Vincent Archabbey in 1998. Since his ordination to the priesthood in 2004, Fr. Boniface has provided spiritual direction for many men and women, including married couples, seminarians, consecrated religious, and priests. He became the programming manager and an on-air contributor for We Are One Body Catholic radio in 2010 (106.7 FM) and has recorded thousands of radio programs on theology and the spiritual life. Father Boniface has extensive experience as a retreat master for laity, consecrated religious, and priests. He became the director of Spiritual Formation for Saint Vincent Seminary in 2016 and has offered courses there on spiritual direction. Together with Father Thomas Acklin, OSB, he is the author of *Spiritual Direction: A Guide for Sharing the Father's Love*.

April 5th - Mr. Robert Gutherman - Topic - Modern Day Miracle - In 1974 Robert Gutherman, then 14 years old, developed a severe ear infection. As a result of the infection Robert was informed that he would never hear in his right ear ever again. After praying through Mother Katharine Drexel's intercession Robert regained his hearing in a manner that was deemed medically impossible. After 14 years of investigations by doctors and other professionals, in 1988 the Vatican declared his healing to be a miracle attributed to Mother Drexel's intercession. The miraculous healing of his eardrum through the intercession of Mother Drexel provided the first of two miracles which led to her being declared a saint.

CCD NEWS:

- **CCD CLASS** - March 1,8,15
- **CCD PARENT MEETING** - March 8 - 10:00 AM - Activities Center - Any other parishioners willing to help with Dyngus Day preparation and work are also encouraged to attend.
- **NO CCD** - March 22
- **SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON** - March 22 -Invitations will be going out soon.

DYNGUS DAY TICKETS - Many thanks to all who purchased tickets to our Dyngus Day celebration; the tickets went on sale Wednesday of this week and were **SOLD-OUT** by Friday morning.

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's chapel on Thursday, March 19th from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Your support is welcome and critical to providing a stable and sufficient blood supply for your community!

NEW BALTIMORE FISH FRY -Why would one forego a buffet for a mere fish dinner? This is America, a land of liberty and prosperity. With the lofty concepts of choosing your own fish entrees and with the ability to eat as many as you wish (without succumbing to gluttony) I am officially endorsing the All You Can Eat Fish Buffet at St. John the Baptist Church in New Baltimore and am declaring it the best value going on a Friday during Lent. Beginning on Friday, February 28th, and continuing every Friday of Lent (March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, & April 3rd) an all you can eat bonanza of baked & fried fish, fried shrimp, fried clams, soup, baked potato, vegetables, salad & dessert bar and beverage is available in the parish hall from 3:30 PM until 6:30 PM. At \$14.00 for adults, \$4.00 for ages 5-11, and free for under 5 years, it's a good deal and a great way to help our neighbor parish pay their bills. Fr. Aron has officially endorsed this fish fry as the greatest in America or perhaps even the world.

SLOVAK CLASS OFFERED - Dr. Michal Kopanic will offer a one session class on Slovak Lent and Easter customs on Monday March 30th in the activity center. Dr. Kopanic, who teaches at the University of Maryland, holds a Bachelor of Arts from Youngstown State University, a Master of Arts from the University of Notre Dame, and a Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. Additionally he has studied at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. He is an expert on Slovak customs and the history of central Europe. Dr. Kopanic will prove to be a fascinating speaker on the history and present realities of Slovakia - his class is free - please call the rectory to register - all are welcome.

SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT - For the last few years our parish has sponsored a special charity project during Lent as a way to practice the venerable Lenten custom of almsgiving. This year we will be supporting Maria House Project. Maria House Project is a drug and alcohol counseling and recovery facility for men. The program, founded decades ago by Monsignor James Peterson, houses men released from correctional facilities that are in need of a new way of life. The philosophy and programs of Maria House reflect the dignity of men and supports them in claiming their own power. These men are encouraged to make choices that are appropriate for them, to develop personal responsibility, and to live independently in permanent housing and to achieve their full potential. The program has been a lifeline for men seeking to rebuild their lives, or more importantly, be rebuilt by God. Since the death of Monsignor Peterson (1923-2013) the program has been directed by Mr. Joseph Tarquinino. Mr. Tarquinino will be here to speak at all weekend Masses next weekend. A special collection will be taken on March 14-15 to support this most noble mission.

GOOD REFLECTIONS FOR ALL – This week the study group that meets following the Noon Mass each Monday will begin their review of the book *The Strength of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise* by Cardinal Robert Sarah. What follows here is an excerpt from an interview with Cardinal Sarah that appeared in the October 2016 issue of the French newspaper *La Nef*. Perhaps if you are, or are not, reading the book the Cardinal's words give us some food for thought about silence.

La Nef: This book that you are offering to your readers is a veritable spiritual meditation on silence: why have you launched into such a profound reflection, which is not usually expected of a Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, who is in charge of dossiers that deal very concretely with the life of the Church? Cardinal Sarah: “God’s first language is silence.” In commenting on this beautiful, rich insight of Saint John of the Cross, Thomas Keating, in his work *Invitation to Love*, writes: “Everything else is a poor translation. In order to understand this language, we must learn to be silent and to rest in God.” It is time to rediscover the true order of priorities. It is time to put God back at the center of our concerns, at the center of our actions and of our life: the only place that He should occupy. Thus, our Christian journey will be able to gravitate around this Rock, take shape in the light of the faith and be nourished in prayer, which is a moment of silent, intimate encounter in which a human being stands face to face with God to adore Him and to express his filial love for Him. Let us not fool ourselves. This is the truly urgent thing: to rediscover the sense of God. Now the Father allows Himself to be approached only in silence. What the Church needs most today is not an administrative reform, another pastoral program, a structural change. The program already exists: it is the one we have always had, drawn from the Gospel and from living Tradition. It is centered on Christ Himself, whom we must know, love and imitate in order to live in Him and through Him, to transform our world which is being degraded because human beings live as though God did not exist. As a priest, as a pastor, as a Prefect, as a Cardinal, my priority is to say that God alone can satisfy the human heart. I think that we are the victims of the superficiality, selfishness and worldly spirit that are spread by our media-driven society. We get lost in struggles for influence, in conflicts between persons, in a narcissistic, vain activism. We swell with pride and pretention, prisoners of a will to power. For the sake of titles, professional or ecclesiastical duties, we accept vile compromises. But all that passes away like smoke. In my new book I wanted to invite Christians and people of good will to enter into silence; without it, we are in illusion. The only reality that deserves our attention is God Himself, and God is silent. He waits for our silence to reveal Himself. Regaining the sense of silence is therefore a priority, an urgent necessity. Silence is more important than any other human work. Because it expresses God. The true revolution comes from silence; it leads us toward God and toward others so that we can place ourselves humbly at their service. *La Nef*: Is it still possible to understand the importance of silence in a world where noise, in all its forms, never ceases? Is this a new situation of “modernity”, with its media, TV, and internet, or has this noise always been a characteristic of the “world”? Cardinal Sarah: God is silence, and the devil is noisy. From the beginning, Satan has sought to mask his lies beneath a deceptive, resonant agitation. The Christian owes it to himself not to be of the world. It is up to him to turn away from the noises of the world, from its rumors that run headlong in order to turn better toward what is essential: God. Our busy, ultra-technological age has made us even sicker. Noise has become like a drug on which our contemporaries are dependent. With its festive appearance, noise is a whirlwind that avoids looking oneself in the face and confronting the interior emptiness. It is a diabolical lie. The awakening can only be brutal. I am not afraid to call on all people of good will to enlist in a form of resistance. What will become of our world if it cannot find oases of silence? In the turbulent floods of easy, hollow words, keeping silent assumes the appearance of

weakness. In the modern world, the silent man becomes someone who does not know how to defend himself. He is a “subhuman” with respect to the self-proclaimed strong man who crushes and drowns the other in the floods of his talk. The silent man is one man too many. This is the deep reason for modern men’s disdain and hatred of silent beings, for their abominable crimes against unborn children, the sick, or persons at the end of life. These human beings are the magnificent prophets of silence. With them, I am not afraid to declare that the priests of modernity, who declare a sort of war on silence, have lost the battle. For we can remain silent in the midst of the biggest hodgepodge, despicable disturbances, in the midst of the din and shouting of those infernal machines that invite us to activism by snatching any transcendent dimension and any interior life away from us. Le Nef: Although the interior man seeks silence in order to find God, is God Himself always silent? And how are we to understand what some call “God’s silence” with regard to unspeakably evil tragedies like the Holocaust, the gulags...? More generally, does the existence of evil call into question the “almighty power” of God? Cardinal Sarah: Your question leads us into a very deep mystery. At the Grande Chartreuse [Carthusian monastery], we meditated at length on this point with the Prior General, Dom Dysmas de Lassus. God does not will evil. Nevertheless, He remains astonishingly silent in the face of our trials. In spite of everything, suffering does not call God’s almighty power into question—far from it; rather, it reveals it to us. I still hear the voice of the child who through his tears asked me, “Why did God not keep my father from being killed?” In His mysterious silence, God manifests Himself in the tear shed by the child and not in the order of the world that would justify that tear. God has His mysterious way of being close to us in our trials. He is intensely present in our trials and sufferings. His strength makes itself silence because it reveals his infinite tact, His loving tenderness for those who suffer. External manifestations are not necessarily the best proofs of closeness. Silence reveals God’s compassion, the fact that He takes part in our sufferings. God does not will evil. And the more monstrous the evil, the clearer it becomes that God in us is the first victim. Christ’s victory over death and sin is consummated in the grand silence of the cross. God manifests all His power in this silence that no barbarity will ever be able to sully. When I traveled to countries that were going through violent, profound crises, sufferings and tragic miseries, such as Syria, Libya, Haiti, the Philippines after the devastating typhoon, I observed that silent prayer is the last treasure of those who have nothing left. Silence is the last trench where no one can enter, the one room in which to remain at peace, the place where suffering for a moment lays down its weapons. In suffering, let us hide ourselves in the fortress of prayer. Then the power of the jailers is no longer important; criminals can destroy everything furiously, but it is impossible for them to break in and enter into the silence, the heart, the conscience of a human being who prays and nestles in God. The beating of a silent heart, hope, faith and trust in God remain unsinkable. Outside, the world may become a field of ruins, but inside our soul, in the deepest silence, God keeps watch. War and the processions of horrors will never get the better of God present in us. When faced with evil and God’s silence, we must always persevere in prayer and cry out silently, saying with faith and love: “I looked for you, Jesus! I heard you weeping for joy at the birth of a child. I saw you seeking freedom through the bars of a prison. I walked close by you while you were begging for a piece of bread. I heard you howling with sorrow when your children were laid low by the bombs. I discovered you in the rooms of a hospital, subjected to treatments without love. Now that I have found you, I do not want to lose you again. I ask you, please, teach me to love you.”