

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Rectory Office

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March 8, 2020
**Second 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 9 (Mon)
NOON

St. Francis of Rome
Private Intentions (Req. The Soup & Lessons Group) - Chapel

March 10 (Tue)

Lenten Weekday
NO MASS

March 11 (Wed)
8:00 AM

Lenten Weekday
Ann, Robert & Elizabeth Mulcahy (Req. Bobbi Long) - Chapel

March 12 (Thu)

Lenten Weekday
NO MASS

March 13 (Fri)
8:00 AM

Lenten Weekday - Adoration
Willie Will (Req. Deanna & Nicki) - Chapel

March 14 (Sat)
4:00 PM

Vigil - Third Sunday of Lent
Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church

March 15 (Sun)
8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Lent
Gary Pongrac 20th Anniversary (Req. Chris, Angel, Rylee & Carley Pongrac)- Church
For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) -Chapel

WEEKLY OFFERING February 29th & March 1st - Loose - \$139; Adult Envelopes - \$3,404.75; Initial Payments - \$10; Fuel - \$241; Christmas - \$20; Student Offering - \$49.25; Ash Wednesday - \$570.75; Ash Wednesday Loose - \$122; Student Ash Wednesday - \$14.25; Candles - \$65.50; Catholic Register - \$47; Catholic Relief Services - \$10; Mission Co-Op - \$100; Easter Flowers - \$426; DVD - \$15; K of C - \$100; Immaculate Conception - \$10; Home Missions - \$186; Total - \$5530.50. - Thank You!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John site in memory of the birthday of Tony Mihelcic by Family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in memory of the Gruca Family and the Curaney Family by Robert and Connie Gruca.

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 15 - 8:00 AM - K. Koleszarik, D. Zelenski, T. Tomlinson

March 15 - 10:30 AM - J. Hammer, J. Eger

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 12 - Women & Girls Chior Practice - 6:30 PM - Sacred Heart

March 13 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - Sacred Heart

March 15 - CCD Class

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

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

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

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

April 19 - Confirmation - St. Peter's - Somerset

April 26 (**Please note change in date**) - Senior Parishioners' Mass 10:30 AM (**Sacred Heart**)
and Luncheon (Activities Center)

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? Friday devotions will be held on Friday, March 13th 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!

CCD NEWS:

- **CCD CLASS** - March 8, 15
- **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** - Loretto Monestary - 3:00 PM
- **NO CCD** - March 22
- **SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON** - April 26 -Invitations will be going out soon.

MARCH NOVENA - We will be praying The Novena to St. Joseph from March 11th - March 19th. 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.)

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 Schrift, Amy Thomas Georg, Cayleigh Wilson, Betsy Paolucci, Areile Adomnik, Charles Field, Todd Diorio, Denne Osman, Addison Zearfaus, Pam Kacmarski, Tom Schall, Howard Rose, 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, Rollin Wilson, Genevieve Berezonsky, Brayden Pfender.

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.

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 - All You Can Eat Fish Buffet at St. John the Baptist Church in New Baltimore - 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. Cost is \$14.00 for adults, \$4.00 for ages 5-11, and free for under 5 years.

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 Tarquinio. Mr. Tarquinio 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.

BISHOP McCORT BENEFIT AUCTION - Take a trip to Wine Country at the 28th Annual Great McCort Benefit Auction! Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Sunnehanna Country Club. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Reservations are \$50 per person, includes dinner. Call 814-248-3885 or go to mccortauktion.com to get your seat. Mobile bidding opens on March 13, 2020.

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - Our Lady of Victory Elementary School, State College: Principal - St. Michael Elementary School, Loretto: Principal - For a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply online go to: www.dioceseaj.org/careers.

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.

FOUR WAYS LENT TRANSFORMS US - (Tom Hoopes via Aleteia) - Why does the Church bring us to Mount Tabor at the beginning of Lent? Lent is still just getting started when, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we accompany James and John up Mount Tabor to see Jesus Christ transfigured in glory. Why does the Church tell us this story at the beginning of Lent? Because Lent is supposed to transform us, too, in several ways. **First, seeing who Christ really is transforms us.** “It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,” says the entrance antiphon today. “Hide not your face from me.” Peter, James and John see how great Christ is when they climb up Mount Tabor and see Christ’s glory. Says the Gospel: “He was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white.” Peter is so overwhelmed, he says, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Jesus — eventually — granted his prayer. The word for “tents” here is the same word we use for “tabernacle.” We have, before us, in every Catholic Church, the tabernacle where Christ’s glorious presence never leaves us so we can always seek his face. **Second, Lenten obedience transforms us.** “Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them,” the Gospel continues. “From the cloud came a voice, ‘This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.’” This is a direct call to obedience and the first reading gives us one of the greatest examples of obedience in the Bible: Abraham. The obedience of Abraham is famous: His very future, his very identity, is tied up with this son, and yet he is willing to sacrifice him at the Lord’s command. But Isaac’s obedience is also impressive. In the longer version of the story, Isaac seems to know something is up. But he goes along with his father’s plan anyway, even carrying the wood that his father meant to use to offer him. Abraham and Isaac have become two of the most celebrated men in history — not for their great talents but for their great obedience. Lent gives us the chance to be obedient like Isaac. We are following the Church’s instructions in climbing up the mountain of Lent, with our small bundle on our back. God will transform our sacrifice for us. **Third, Lenten sacrifice bears fruit.** In his willingness to follow his father’s will, Isaac foreshadows Jesus himself, who carried the wood of his own cross up Mount Calvary to his own place of sacrifice. But in Abraham’s case, it only seemed like he would slaughter his only son. Isaac isn’t slaughtered. Not so for Christ. The Stations of the Cross tell the story of this new Isaac’s journey up to the cross, but they end not with his rescue, but with his lifeless body being taken down by others and then buried. Abraham and Isaac’s sacrifice resulted in a whole nation rising up in their name. What did Christ’s sacrifice result in? St. Paul describes it in the Second Reading. “If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?” **Fourth, Lent teaches us that God’s glory is inextricable from his sacrifice.** Mountaintops are important in the Bible. Today’s readings mention two mountaintops — Mount Moriah and Mount Tabor — and references others. Elijah and Moses had enormously significant mountaintop experiences. Mountaintops are places of special communion with God. But looming behind all these is the “mountaintop” of Golgotha, the place of the skull, the place where Jesus will die at Lent’s end. The lesson is that the suffering, revelation and glory all go hand in hand. The painful experiences of our lives are not wasted times on the way to glory, they are precisely the places where we are closest to Jesus Christ. Jesus gave the apostles a glimpse of his true glory not just on our Mount Tabors, but on our Calvarys, too.