

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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## Rectory Office

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April 12, 2020  
**Easter Sunday**

## Worship Sites

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

## Private Prayer:

### Daily

Church (Sacred Heart)  
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

## Confessions

Anytime upon Request

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## Mass Intentions

Said privately by Fr. Aron

April 13 (Mon)	Monday within the Octave of Easter Private Intention
April 14 (Tue)	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Thomas Delasko (Req. Joni Bonus O'Ship)
April 15 (Wed)	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Sophie Sankovitch (Req. Gigi Gromack)
April 16 (Thu)	Thursday within the Octave of Easter Mike Bednar (Req. Lloyd & Joyce Lane)
April 17 (Fri)	Friday within the Octave of Easter Helen Elko (Req. The Gourmet Group)
April 18 (Sat)	Saturday within the Octave of Easter Ann Marie Mulcahy (Req. Shirley & Dan Devan)
April 19 (Sun)	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) Kusha Haggerty (Req. Jeanine & Maxwell Lawn)

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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

### Responsorial Psalm

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever." R.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with  
power;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD." R.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes. R.

### A Reading from the Letter from St. Paul to the Coloccians

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

### A Reading from the Gospel of John

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

**FROM AN ANCIENT HOMILY FOR HOLY SATURDAY** - Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear. He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: “My Lord be with you all.” Christ answered him: “And with your spirit.” He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree. I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

## **THE SAINTS' SECRET TO LIVING EASTER JOY EVERY DAY - Sr. Theresa Aletheia Noble**

Lent is meant to show us just how bad we are at being good. No one should exit Lent feeling smug self-satisfaction. It is quite difficult to immerse oneself wholeheartedly and perfectly in the requisite fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. In fact, if we have picked the right penances, Lent is impossible to live flawlessly. Easter celebrations, on the other hand, show us just how bad we are at rejoicing. Sure, the first week or so is full of joy, especially if we've given up beer or chocolate or something enjoyable in which we can now indulge. However, after the second or third week of Easter the enthusiasm fades, flowers begin to wilt, homilies stray from the Easter message, the eggs that were missed in the yard start to rot, and things go back to normal. Just as we are bad at maintaining Lenten sobriety, we are also very bad at maintaining Easter joy.

Easter joy—the kind of joy that astounds, shocks, and lasts—is rare in today's world. Instead, sadness masquerading as self-satisfaction, anger, sarcasm, and bitterness often dominates. We all feel these shades of sadness overcoming us from time to time and it is born of an inability to really rejoice. Sure, we know how to grasp for transitory delights like infants. We are very practiced at entertaining ourselves and engaging in pleasurable activities for the moment. But these things melt away almost as soon as we experience them. Very few people know how to live a lasting Easter joy beyond fleeting pleasures.

Few people choose lives that lead to Easter joy in this world, so we have a hard time imagining what it looks like. Plenty of people try to fake it but their plasticized happiness enrages those they come across because they live a cheerfulness that does not acknowledge the pain of living. Easter joy does not involve spouting spiritual platitudes that mask the problem of suffering. Easter joy acknowledges life's pain, the violence, the injustice, the overwhelming anxiety. Life can be brutal, life can be dark. Sin and the horrific consequences of sin cannot be ignored or glossed over.

The saints find a balance between acknowledging the pain of this life while living in peace and hope. Each in their own unique way, they live their love for the Lord with Easter joy. Their joy flows from a source that is accessible to all of us—the indwelling of the Trinity within our souls through Baptism. The saints lived lives that fostered a close union with God and in this union they found lasting joy. What fostered their union with Christ? The answer is one that few of us want to hear.

In the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes, “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection” (6:5). The saints lived Easter joy not because they repressed negative emotions or denied painful events but because—precisely in these painful events—they allowed themselves to die with Jesus. In order to enter into Christ's life we must enter into his death. We must die to ourselves first. Death is the way to new life—the way to Easter joy.

In order to follow the example of the Saints and in Jesus' footsteps, we must follow Jesus to his throne—the Cross. The reason very few people experience lasting Easter joy is that we all want to bypass Good Friday and go straight to the Resurrection. But Jesus showed us that there is only one way to follow him and it leads to the Place of the Skull: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mt 16:24).

People of Easter joy serve a King who conquered this world by accepting its suffering and brutality, knowing that in the end nothing is greater than his Love. If we want to grasp Easter joy and live it beyond the first few days of the Easter season, we must be willing to live Lent in our hearts first. Denying ourselves, allowing God to transform the suffering of our lives into good is the path to joy. No one wants to hear this. We all look for shortcuts. But there are no shortcuts when it comes to this aspect of the spiritual life. If we evade suffering, we will evade joy.

Jesus, help me to live united to the indwelling of the Trinity within me through my Baptism. Imbue me with your grace so that I might unite my suffering with yours and live the joy of the Trinity each day.

**EASTER: NO GREATER LOVE** - Editor: - Oftentimes, the observance of Easter Sunday is overtaken by a more “traditional” celebration than one truly reflecting the Feast of the Resurrection. Lest we forget:

- Before there were bonnets or bows, there was a cap of thorns, common and coarse, but more precious by far than all the crowns of all the kings who ever reigned.
- Before there were gatherings or greetings of the day, there was a crowd and the cry, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”
- Before there were fashion pageants or parades, there was a path whose sacred steps were sorrow-worn, and whose only design was that of death.
- Before there was elegance or style of dress, there was a simple robe, woven of a mother’s love, and trimmed with tears untold.
- Before there were baskets brimming with every sort of sweet delight, there was a crude casket of spikes emptied out upon a hill and driven deep into sinless hands.
- Before there were customs of candy and cake, there was the bitter taste of gall.
- Before there were gifts or fond exchange, there was redemption, rising with the dawn, and hope, like a prayer, lifting the least of us to the heights of Heaven.

Easter, then, is not about bunnies or bouquets or clothing or cuisine, although they are all pleasant and familiar associations. No. It is about the greatest day in Christendom, and the greatest love humankind has ever known. It is a day given to the glory of God. It is a holy day and one like no other. Mary Lynch - Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, March 26, 2016

## **EASTER SEQUENCE**

Christians to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises!  
A lamb the sheep redeems; Christ who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
The prince of life who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring:  
"The tomb of Christ who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection;

Bright angels, attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning. Amen. Alleluia.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - Adult Envelopes - \$1,323; Fuel - \$30; Holy Thursday - \$5; Candles - \$9; Catholic Relief Services - \$30; Easter Flowers - \$10; Holy Land/Good Friday - \$5; Maria House - \$10; Total - \$1,804.00. - Thank You!

**FR. ARON'S FACEBOOK LIVE APPEARANCES** - You are welcome to friend Fr. Aron (He is listed "Aron Maghsoudi") and join him for his Facebook live events on the following days: **Holy Thursday at 7:00 PM - Good Friday at Noon - Easter Sunday at 10:30 AM.**

**NOTE** these liturgies will be celebrated in church however it is asked that the faithful watch from home as we are united in the fight against Covid-19.

**APRIL NOVENA** - We will be praying The Divine Mercy Novena from April 10<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please use the previously enclosed booklet 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, 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, Gerald "Curly" Mains, Rollin Wilson, Genevieve Berezonsky, Tom Hudak, James Shaw.

**SMALL ERRANDS** - Volunteers have contacted our office offering to run small errands like grocery and/or prescription pick up and drop off for anyone in need. Please call the rectory if you need assistance, errands or help with bills during this time. (814-754-5224).

**DONATIONS** - To assist parishes like ours who do not currently offer online/electronic giving, the Diocese has provided the use of their online giving platform and created a specific "Your Parish Offertory" giving site. "Your Parish Offertory" is available on the diocese's home page featuring a GIVING button. Parishioners can also go to [www.dioceseaj.org/giving](http://www.dioceseaj.org/giving). All funds donated will be credited to Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish and we will be made aware of your continued generosity. You can also mail your offertory directly to Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish, 738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City, PA 15926.

**CHURCHES NOW LOCKED** - As per the new Diocese regulations, all churches and facilities will remain locked until further notice.

**MASSES ONLINE:**

<https://video.ewtn.com/daily-mass> (Pre-recorded)

[www.mass-online.org](http://www.mass-online.org) (Live streamed)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ONLINE**

<https://stations.wordonfire.org/stations-of-the-cross>

## Easter Flower Memorials

Jane Chapman.....	Frank, Mom & Dad
Karen Caola.....	Families of Nussrallah & Churney Caola
Mr. & Mrs. John Eger.....	John Lacovitch & Barbara Eger
Joseph & Elaine Eiginger .....	Eiginger & Snizek Families
Ann Grega .....	Buhala Family & Grega Family
Leonard & Kathy Grega.....	Leonard Grega, Charles & Julia Sellers & Larry & Gloria Severn
Gigi Gromack.....	Deceased in Gromack Family
Sophie Gromack.....	Deceased in Wallace Family
Bob Gulakowski.....	Cathy Gulakowski & Annie Waterman
Marie Haggerty & Family .....	Catherine Haggerty
Christine Haydu.....	John Haydu, Sarha Haydu, Juanita Castelita
Stephen Haydu .....	Mother & Father
Karen Hickey .....	Gerald Grasser
Darrell & Beth Humphrey.....	Deceased of Ciccone, Humphrey & Bova Families, Andy Todd & Lena Todd
Mary Jane Knapp....	Michael, Margaret & Patrick Knapp; All Knapp, Svonavec, and Galish Family, and friends
Carol & John Levchik.....	Deceased members of the Labuda, Levchik, and Hillegas Families
Sue Magnone.....	Pat Magnone
Joseph Markferding.....	Joseph Markferding, Paul & Catherine Hollern, Jack & Ann Eicher, Joseph Ellery Michaud
David & Teresa Mrozowski.....	Stan & Stella Mrozowski, Melvin & Clara Wilson
Gary & Karen Norris .....	Diest & Norris Families
Dianne Pasierb.....	Michael & Jean Evonick; Geraldine Andrews
Marie Pollock .....	Ann Knapp, Mary Pollock, Barbara Chiappelli
Theresa Pollock.....	Pollock, Knapp & Galish Families
Carl & Rose Sprock.....	Deceased member of Meholec and Sprock Families
Janice & Joe Stahl.....	John & Louise Low, Andrew, Mary, Ann, Walter, Kay, Marion Wojcik, Peggy, Joe, & Marty Stahl, Suintina Kobak
John & Mary Wojcik .....	Mary Torres, Frona & Henry Wojcik
Elizabeth Yatta.....	Buhala & Yatta Families
John & Kaye Yuko.....	Mary Yuko, Stella Ling
Mark & Sharon Yuko.....	Donald "Sonny" Roman, Stephanie Roman
Betty Zubek.....	Ed Zubek & Kristen Zubek
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

**Blessed Easter!**

**Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych! - Polish**    **šťastnú Veľkú noc- Slovak**

*Rev. Fr. Aron*

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