

Queen of Angels All Saints Parish

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May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Live Stream Mass:

10:30 AM Sunday

Facebook Live

Confessions

Anytime upon Request

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Mass Intentions

Said privately by Fr. Aron

May 25 (Mon)

St. Bede the Venerable
Harry Hillegas 30 Day - Month's Mind (Req. Parish)

May 26 (Tue)

St. Philip Neri
Agnes Zaroni (Req. Suzanne and Gary Soha)

May 27 (Wed)

St. Augustine of Canterbury
Bob Sankovitch 30 Day - Month's Mind (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy)

May 28 (Thu)

Easter Weekday
Rudy Chelednik 30 Day - Month's Mind (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy)

May 29 (Fri)

Easter Weekday
Pauline Kowlaczyk (Req. Family)

May 30 (Sat)

Easter Weekday
Edward Vatauk (Req. Zurenda Family)

May 31 (Sun)

10:30 Facebook Live

Pentecost Sunday
For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo)
Thomas Delasko (Req. Family)

MASSES ONLINE - Father Aron will Live Stream Holy Mass every Sunday at 10:30 AM with Nick Will. Please friend Father on Facebook (Aron Maghsoudi) to join him. All are welcome to pray the Mass and witness technical difficulties in real time. **Masses will also be posted to the church Website under “NEWS” – “Sunday Mass – Live Recordings”, after the live viewing.**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life’s refuge;
of whom should I be afraid? R.

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.R.

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.. R.

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. “I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you.”

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS –The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in memory of Harry Hillegas by Freda Labuda.

WEEKLY OFFERING - Thank you so very much to all who continue to support the church!

PRAYER LIST – Please call the rectory with any changes or additions. Kay Hintosh, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, David Stockdill, Tina Udet, 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, Lyle Spearo, Lauren Barnes, Agnes Palya, Gerald “Curly” Mains, Rollin Wilson, Tom Hudak, Mary Jane O’Brien, Rose Maga, Geneviene Berezonsky.

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 (rent, utilities, etc.) during this time. (814-754-5224).

All Saints Parish

STATUE HOSTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24TH – 31ST :

Pilgrim Madonna - M/M Florian Tomkowski; **Infant Jesus** - Mr. Matthew Marafino; **St. Anthony** - M/M Ralph Esposita

CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Divine Mercy Candle burns in memory of Marie Zuchelli by the Pro Life Prayer Group.

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PRAYER LIST – Theresa Mastillo/Flick; Jeannie Corden; Gloria Mathis; Jane Lintz; Msgr. Tomaselli; Dorothy Ferre; Jay Miller; Ellie Foster; Barbara Thomas; Todd Diorio; Randy Williams; Ashton Laush; Barbara (Tims) Dain; Mark & Deb Anderson; Frank Bazyk; Sandy Esposita; Richard Stern; Karla Enzweiler; Leonard Kozlosky; Mark Shaffer; Erma Mayak; Sharon Harper; Chester A. Kowalczyk, Jr.; David Omerzo; Jeff Yoder; Robert Gregory; Patsy Shaffer; Victoria Baraniak; Dave Keller; Shannon Blucas; Leyton & Finn Smalley; Andy Perrin; Lola Urban; Jack Bobish; John Bobish; Virginia Soha; Maria Policicchio; June Parker; J. Olechowski; Mary Stroke; Dorothy Reffner; Jeff Mayak; Bryson Ackerman; Brad Pellegrini; Marlin & Emily Stern; Ian Rosenbaum; Toni Kiss; Dave Krause; Donna Mikolich; Theresa Matsko; Frances Kulka; Danielle Stahl-Maurer; Jeanette Caldron; Ric Smith; Chris Reynolds; Donna Shank; Elizabeth “Liz” Walker; Remy Nancarro; Landon Lohr; Leann Frazier; Tom McClarney; Pam Stossel; Bill Stehley; Beverly Moore; Jodi Long; Terri; Jennifer; Steve Tuttle; Dute Budzina; Penny Sopich; Cindy West; James Sullivan; Zoe Taylor; Jan Long; Fred Dipre; Mike Minick; John Baranik; Rose Smith; Tabitha Shaulis; Jeanette Borelle; Madelyn Bobish; Dalton Jonas; Erla Judy; Doug Baird; Kristie Timulak; Helen Pastuch; Cecilia Frazier; Gena Fritz; Sarah Jarosick; Dominic Matsko Wild; Frank Emerick; Kami Corden; Karen Ridilla; Ken & Nancy Gowarty; Betty; John Nola; Dennis Knipple; Quinton Sigmund; Melissa Ruddek; Scott Shaulis; Gary Davila; Michelene Good; Joan Fritz; Lauren Dedik; Larisa; Pina Gibson; Leonard Cebula; Patty Jarosick; Adam Calderone; Kalin Oakman; John Straka; Meghan Hoffman; Violet Partsch; Christina Nichols; Nancy Pyle; Bill Gavel; Denise Durick; Cassandra Smith; Bob (Bobby) Dedik, Jr.; John “Pepe” Matsko; Lorraine Oakman; George “GJ” Urban; “Ducky” Matsko; Bruno Calisti; Ramona Dulle; Sarah Jane Symanski; Bev Berkebile Blough; Mike Maurer; Frank Bobish; Caroline Baird; Doug Duncan; Louretta Pugh; Scott Thomas; Agnes Vish-Freemeyer; Nina Miller; Hudson John Schmitt; Gail Miller; Antoinette Panek; Dave; (Special Intention) LSH; Karen Ryan; Taylon Cook; Kathleen Lisbon; Trisha Barron; Andrew Straka; Patricia (Lepley) Hanes; Areia Paruch; Fr. James Dugan; Jeanette Taylor; Donna Updyke; Janice Tasin; Carmen Perigo; Ernie & Gloria Stern; Patty Tedjeske; Joseph Caldron, Sr.; Mrs. Patricia Turillo; Mary Ann Stern; Becky Lepley; Theresa Reckner; Peggy Baer; Brian Borosky; Barbara Farris.

FR. ARON'S NEW ASSIGNMENT - On June 1st Fr. Aron will begin a new assignment as administrator of St. Ann Parish in Davidsville. This assignment will be in addition to his current assignments at Queen of Angels, All Saints, and the prison.

WE NEED MORE PRIESTS - PLEASE PRAY FOR AND ENCOURAGE VOCATIONS IN YOUR FAMILY! Please pray for Father and for all of three parishes as we seek to work together to do all things for the greater glory of God.

CHURCHES TO REOPEN - Beginning this week on Thursday, May 28th, our churches will reopen for private prayer. Monday through Saturday the churches will be open from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM, and on Sunday from Noon until 6:00 PM. We go to church not because it is a pretty building, but because another beckons us to come and remain, Jesus truly present in the tabernacle - please plan to stop and rest with the living Christ. Distribution of Holy Communion will begin Sunday, June 7th, **FOLLOWING** the Mass. On June 7th all are welcome to come to Queen of Angels following the live streamed 10:30 AM Mass to receive Communion. As per the directive of Bishop Bartchak no public Mass can be celebrated until June 14th. On Sunday June 14th one Mass per parish will begin, further details on that procedure will follow in upcoming bulletins. This has been a frustrating, disorienting, and heartbreaking time for everyone - please let the longing of your heart find its satisfaction in getting back to the sacraments. If you wish to help with cleaning at either parish please phone the rectory 754-5224.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE - The Sacrament of Confession will be offered to all in need **EVERY SUNDAY** beginning this weekend from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM in the front vestibule of the St. John site in Central City and from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM in the main isle of All Saints Parish in Boswell. Additionally confessions will be heard at All Saints on Thursday at 11:00 AM and at 2:00 PM at the St. John site in Central City. If more penitents show up than can be covered during one hour the time will be extended. If none of these times work, or if you wish to discuss matters more fully, please contact Fr. Aron at 724 953 5347 to set up an appointment for Confession. These locations were chosen in accord with the bishop's directive regarding distancing and the sacrament. Only the priest and penitent are allowed in the building at the time of the confession. Since both of these structures have clear glass front doors penitents waiting in line are asked to remain outside and wait until the prior penitent has left the building before entering. When no line is present penitents are asked to look through the glass door to make certain that no other penitent is going to confession before entering. Those in line for confession are asked to maintain a safe social distance. If the above times do not work for your schedule, please phone Fr. Aron to set up a **Because ordinary sacramental schedules were suspended during Lent, all those who didn't make their Easter Duty are encouraged to do so - why live in a time of pandemic without the peace of mind that comes from making a good and holy confession? These are times that try human souls - confession is a big help in finding peace. I (Fr. Aron) am really looking forward to being able to go to confession more frequently myself, please join me in cleansing our souls of spiritual contagion during this time of fear and trepidation.**

CHRISTIANS DENIED ASSISTANCE DURING COVID OUTBREAK - NGOs and Muslim leaders in Pakistan stand accused of refusing to give COVID-19 emergency aid to Christians and other religious minorities - even though they are among those worst affected by the pandemic. Cecil Shane Chaudhry, Executive Director of the National Commission for Justice and Peace, a Catholic-run human rights organization, described reports of religious organizations and mosques making announcements telling Christians not to come forward for food and other emergency handouts. Speaking to the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need, Chaudhry said Christians and other religious minorities were particularly in need of help as many are in the lowest paid jobs, dependent on daily wages, and on the breadline, with work drying up because of the lockdown. And, stressing how minority women were especially at risk, he called on the Pakistan government to provide masks, gloves and other COVID-19 protective equipment for sanitary workers and domestic workers - many of whom are Christians. With Pakistan's government now easing the lockdown, Chaudhry said he feared a spike in COVID-19 cases especially among Christians and other minorities whose jobs, he said, make them particularly at risk of infection. Chaudhry gave reports of how Christians in a village near Lahore on Raiwind Road had been denied food aid and how, in a separate incident, about 100 Christian families were excluded from food distribution in Sandha Kalan village, in the Punjab's Kasur district. He said there were reports of COVID-19 emergency aid staff on the ground refusing to give help to non-Muslims as the donations had come as Zakat charitable offerings, in accordance with Islamic Shari'a law. Chaudhry said, "COVID-19 knows no boundaries - everyone is at risk, irrespective of their religion so how can it be fair to deny food and other emergency help to Christians and other minorities, especially when they are among those suffering the most at this time?" The NCJP chief quoted an imam from a mosque in Lahore's Model Town who, he said, had announced in a recent sermon: "There will be a ration distribution tomorrow morning for needy people but only for Muslims." Pakistan has 32,819 confirmed cases of Coronavirus, according to latest reports, with 733 deaths, although Mr Chaudhry stressed many cases were going unreported. The NCJP chief called on the government to consult with minority groups about COVID-19 response initiatives and to make better use of census data to target aid for the most vulnerable. He said, "Although plans are being worked on, for now we do not know of [any initiatives to include] religious minority members to ensure their needs are not ignored." In early April 2020, ACN reported on claims that the Saylani Welfare International Trust, a charity in Karachi, had been handing out food vouchers in the port city's Korongi district but when they got to Christian homes they moved on.

WISDOM OF POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II - Last week would've marked the 100th birthday of Pope John Paul II. In honor of perhaps one of the greatest men to succeed St. Peter below are twenty interesting quotes worthy of consideration.

1. "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."
2. "What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless."
3. "Genuine love ... is demanding. But its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes. Only those able to make demands on themselves in the name of love can then demand love from others."
4. "It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle."
5. "There is no place for selfishness and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice"
6. "There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already born for us, and does not now bear with us."
7. "Darkness can only be scattered by light, hatred can only be conquered by love."
8. "The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons."
9. "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."
10. "It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."
11. "God has assigned as a duty to every man the dignity of every woman."
12. "When a young man or woman recognizes that authentic love is a precious treasure, they are also enabled to live their sexuality in accordance with the divine plan, rejecting the false models which are, unfortunately, all too frequently publicized and very widespread."
13. "Jesus does not say 'no' to the authentic demands of the heart, but only a clear, loud 'yes' to life, to love, to freedom, to peace and to hope. With Him no goal is impossible and even a small act of generosity grows and can lead to change."
14. "Today Christ is asking each of you the same question: do you love Me? He is not asking you whether you know how to speak to crowds, whether you can direct an organization or manage an estate. He is asking you to love Him. All the rest will ensue."
15. "It is first of all necessary for you young people to give a forceful witness of love for life, God's gift. This love must extend from the beginning to the end of every life and must struggle against every

attempt to make man the arbiter of his brother's life, of unborn life, of life that is waning or that of the handicapped and the weak."

16. "Love of Christ does not distract us from interest in others, but rather invites us to responsibility for them, to the exclusion of no one...."

17. "Dear friends, if you learn to discover Jesus in the Eucharist, you will also know how to discover Him in your brothers and sisters, particularly the very poor."

18. "Prayer, intimate dialogue with the One who is calling you to be His disciples, must come first. Be generous in your active life, young people, and be deeply immersed in the contemplation of God's mystery. Make the Eucharist the heart of your day."

19. "Be generous in answering Jesus' call inviting you to put out into the deep and become His witnesses, discovering the trust He puts in you to devise a future together with Him. Above all, to fulfill this mission the Church is entrusting to you requires that you cultivate a genuine life of prayer nourished by the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession."

20. "Today you are being called to commit yourselves in this way: accepting to follow Christ, you proclaim that the way of perfect love passes through the total and constant gift of oneself. Wherever people are suffering, wherever they are humiliated by poverty or injustice, and wherever a mockery is made of their rights, make it your task to serve them."

OP-ED BY CARDINAL SARAH - Before the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown the Monday lunchtime soup and study group from Queen of Angels Parish was reading Cardinal Robert Sarah's book *The Power of Silence and the Dictatorship of Noise*. His wisdom was evident to all those who read his book. In a recent op-ed for Figaro Vox, the internet platform of French daily Le Figaro he offered the following thoughts. The article, written in French, can be found as a working translation which is found below. - Does the Church still have a place in times of epidemic in the 21st century? In contrast with past centuries, the bulk of medical care is now provided by the state and healthcare personnel. Modernity has its secularized heroes in white coats, and they are admirable. It no longer needs the charitable battalions of Christians to care for the sick and bury the dead. Has the Church become useless to society? Covid-19 is bringing Christians back to the essentials. Indeed, the Church has since long entered into a distorted relationship with the world. Confronted with a society that pretended not to need them, Christians, through pedagogy, did their best to demonstrate that they could be useful to it. The Church has shown herself to be an educator, the mother of the poor, an "expert in humanity" as Paul VI put it. And rightly so. But little by little, Christians have come to forget the reason for this expertise. They ended up forgetting that if the Church can help man to be more human, it is ultimately because she has received from God the words of eternal life. The Church has committed herself to the struggles for a better world. She has been right to support ecology, peace, dialogue, solidarity, and the equitable distribution of wealth. All these struggles are just. But they could make us forget the words of Jesus: "My kingdom is not of this world." The Church has messages for this world, but only because she has the keys to the other world. Christians have sometimes thought of the Church as a help given by God to humanity to improve its life here on earth. And they did not lack reasons, so true is it that faith in eternal life sheds light on the proper way to live in this century. Covid-19 laid bare an insidious disease that was eating away at the Church: she thought that she was "of this world." She wanted to feel legitimate in her own eyes and according

to her own criteria. But a radically new reality has appeared. Triumphant modernity has collapsed in the face of death. This virus revealed that, despite its assurances and security, this earthly world was still paralyzed by the fear of death. The world can solve health crises. It will certainly solve the economic crisis. But it will never solve the enigma of death. Faith alone has the answer. Let us illustrate this very concretely. In France, as in Italy, the issue of nursing homes for the elderly, the so-called “EHPADs,” has been a crucial point. Why is that so? Because it directly raised the question of death. Should elderly residents be confined to their rooms at the risk of dying of despair and loneliness? Should they stay in contact with their families, risking death from the virus? We did not know how to answer. The State, trapped in a secularism that chooses on principle to ignore hope and send cults back to the private domain, was condemned to silence. For the State, the only solution was to flee physical death at all costs, even if it meant condemning moral death. The answer could only be a response of faith: to accompany the elderly towards a probable death, in dignity and above all the hope of eternal life.

The epidemic has hit Western societies at their most vulnerable point. They had been organized to deny death, to hide it, to ignore it. It came in through the front door! Who has not seen those giant mortuaries in Bergamo or Madrid? These are the images of a society that not long ago was promising an immortal, augmented man. The promises of technology make it possible to forget fear for a moment, but in the end they prove to be illusory when death strikes. Even philosophy merely restores some dignity to human reason when it is overwhelmed by the absurdity of death. But it is powerless to console hearts and give meaning to what seems to be definitively deprived of meaning. In the face of death, there is no human response that can hold. Only the hope of eternal life can surpass the scandal of death. But who is the man who will dare to preach hope? It takes the revealed word of God to dare to believe in a life without end. It takes a word of faith to dare to hope for oneself and one's family. The Catholic Church is therefore called back to its primary responsibility. The world expects of her a word of faith that will enable it to overcome the trauma of this face-to-face encounter with death that it has just experienced. Without a clear word of faith and hope, the world can sink into morbid guilt or helpless rage at the absurdity of its condition. Only the Church can enable it to give meaning to the deaths of loved ones, who died in solitude and were buried in haste. But if that is so, the Church must change. She must stop being afraid of causing shock and of going against the tide. She must give up thinking of herself as a worldly institution. She must return to her only “raison d'être”: faith. The Church is there to announce that Jesus conquered death through His resurrection. This is at the heart of her message: “And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith ... and we are the most wretched of all men” (1 Corinthians 15:14-19). All the rest is only a consequence of this. Our societies will come out of this crisis weakened. They will need psychologists to overcome the trauma of not being able to accompany the elderly and the dying to their tombs, but even more, they will need priests to teach them to pray and to hope. The crisis reveals that our societies, without knowing it, are suffering deeply from a spiritual evil: they do not know how to give meaning to suffering, finitude and death.