

# Queen of Angels All Saints Parish

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July 5, 2020

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Mass Intentions

July 6 (Mon) NOON (OLQA Church)	St. Maria Goretti Ellis & Violet Smith (Req. Dudzinski Family) Central City
July 7 (Tue)	Weekday NO MASS
July 8 (Wed) 6:30 PM (All Saints)	Weekday Martin Smith (Req. Children) Boswell
July 9 (Thu) NOON (St. Ann's)	St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions Vincent Ruis (Req. Bob & Angie Williams) Davidsville
July 10 (Fri) 8:00 AM (OLQA Church)	Weekday Richard Mowrey (Req. Deanna & Nicki) Central City
July 11 (Sat) 4:00 PM (OLQA Church) 6:00 PM (All Saints)	<i>Vigil - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Bob Sankovitch (Req. Julie Bollman) Central City Edward & Mary Baca - Wedding Anniversary (Req. son Fred) Boswell
July 12 (Sun) 8:00 AM (OLQA Church) 10:30 AM (OLQA Chapel) 10:30 AM (All Saints) 6:00 PM (Outdoor)	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Louis & Elizabeth Yuko, Steph Roman & Kristen Zubek (Req. Shirley Roman) Central City Mary Sanzo (Req. Karen Zelenski) Central City Victoria "Vickie" Thomas (Req. Pina Kulka) Boswell For the Parishes (Missa Pro Populo) Holy Cross Cemetery - Jerome

## The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his altar draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work,  
and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that thou needest hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen"  
Sound from his people again,  
Now as we worship before him!

### A Reading from the Book of Zechariah

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will extol you, O my God and King,  
and I will bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever. **R.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works. **R.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might. **R.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down. **R.**

## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

## A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

## Recessional Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ,  
her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his  
holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her  
life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the  
earth,  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith,  
one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy  
food,  
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace  
endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace  
forevermore,  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are  
blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the  
Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the  
Three-in-One,  
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose  
rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that  
we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may  
dwell with thee.

**CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER** - Schedule for private prayer:

Our Lady Queen of Angels: Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM - Church  
All Saint's Boswell: Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM until NOON

**CONFESSION** - Our Lady Queen of Angels: Sunday 1:00 PM - Chapel  
All Saint's Boswell: Sunday 4:00 PM

**OUTDOOR MASS** - Father Aron will offer the Holy Mass **OUTDOORS** at Holy Cross Cemetery in Jerome each Sunday night from now until Labor Day beginning at 6:00 PM. It is asked that all in attendance bring their own lawn chair (and if you feel the need - umbrella). Any envelopes will be sent to their respective parish of origin. Holy Cross Cemetery is located right off of Rt. 219 (when exiting Rt. 219 drive several hundred feet toward Jerome and make a right onto Maple Springs Road (right across from Dollar General), go around the sharp corner to the right and the cemetery will be a few hundred feet on your left right past Maple Springs Church of the Brethren). In the event of inclement weather the Mass will be celebrated in St. Anne Church in Davidsville. All are welcome.

**SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER** - North Star Cougars Football Team is having a Shoe Drive Fundraiser. Please go through your closets, garages, basements, etc. and gather up all those shoes you were meaning to **DONATE**, but haven't gotten around to doing so. The company we are doing the fundraiser through, Funds2Go, asks that all shoes be new or gently worn and in good condition; no holes, tears or worn out soles. Once collected, these shoes will be repurposed to those in lesser countries and cities. All shoe types are welcome, **with the exception** of ice skates, roller skates or ski/snowboard boots. Athletic cleats are welcome! We ask that you dust them off, clean them up a bit, and tie the pairs together. This will help us to package them up for pick up much easier. Our team's goal is to collect 100 bags of shoes! Let's see if we can meet or exceed that goal!

Drop off locations and times:

- NS High School, right inside first set of office doors M-W 9-11am, July 1<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
- Varsity football practices Wed & Sun 6-8pm at practice field
- NS Middle School parking lot July 11<sup>th</sup> & July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10-11am
- 1806 Uniques and Antiques, Pitt St., Jennerstown, PA; M, Th & Sat 10-5

The Cougar Football Boosters, and the North Star Football team greatly appreciate all your help and support! **THANK YOU!!!!**

## Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in memory of Benita Macziewewski by Aunt Genevieve Berezonsky.

**SOCIETY of ANGELS** - Meeting July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Activities Center - 6:00 PM

**SOUP & STUDY**- On Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 Activities Center with a small meal of soup being offered to anyone at no cost.

**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, 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, Tom Hudak, Mary Jane O'Brien, Rose Maga, Geneviene Berezonsky, Paula Spontak, Sophia Vincent, Mickey Kacmarski.

**K of C BLOOD DRIVE** - The Central City Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross. The drive will be held at the Activities Center on Sunshine Ave. on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Everyone who donates blood will receive a COVID antibody report within 7-10 days. Your support is welcome and critical to providing a stable and sufficient blood supply for your community!

## All Saints Parish

**STATUE HOSTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5<sup>st</sup> - JULY 12<sup>th</sup>:**

**Pilgrim Madonna** - Mrs. Caroline Baird; **Infant Jesus** - Mrs. Sarah Jarosick; **St. Anthony** - Mrs. Erma Mayak

**CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Infant Jesus Candle burns in memory of all the unborn lost to abortion. The St. Stanislaus Candle burns for the intention of ending cruelties and injustices to human life worldwide. The Blessed Mother Candle burns for a Special Intention.

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Melissa Ruddek; Scott Shaulis; Gary Davila; Michelene Good; 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; 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; Kristy Ewing; Kathy Wojnarowski, Jerry Stern, Toni Kiss.

**PILGRIMAGE ON PAPER** - Each week the bulletin will feature a different historic church worthy of a visit. Since Fr. Aron's custom of bus trips to interesting churches in our region is impossible for now, it is hoped that you will enjoy the "pilgrimage" in this weekend's bulletin - if only on paper. This week's featured church is Saint Casimir Church - Shenandoah, PA:

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - ST. CASIMIR CHURCH - SHENANDOAH, PA** - On a side street in Shenandoah, right in the heart of Pennsylvania's "Hard Coal Region," stands St. Casimir Church, an old ethnic church with a most notable native son. That man, Father Walter Cizek, has a story worthy of much consideration. Far in the bitter Russian north, word of the death of Joseph Stalin spread - even among the political prisoners and criminals who toiled ceaselessly, doomed and forgotten, in the mines and forests of Siberia. The news was a spark of hope that lit the fuse of rebellion. The camps erupted in violence as prisoners' pent up frustration with hard labor, hunger, and indignity were loosed. They never had a chance. By the butt of the rifle and the muzzle of the machine gun, Soviet soldiers put the uprising down. Among the prisoners of Camp 5, sprawled in the dirt and desperately trying to avoid the gunfire, was a Catholic priest from Pennsylvania. How he came there - and how he came back - is a study in, as the priest himself put it later, "the strange and mysterious ways of divine providence." Walter Cizek's seemed an unlikely vocation. By his own account, he was a "bully, the leader of a gang, a streetfighter... I had no use for school, except in so far as it had a playground where I could fight or wrestle or play sports." Walter's Polish immigrant parents - his father was a mineworker and then a barkeeper in eastern Pennsylvania - were so exasperated by their difficult son that they once asked the police to take him off their hands. It was not the typical childhood of a follower of Ignatius of Loyola, who was required, among other things, to observe strict obedience to superiors and to achieve intellectual prowess through a long and rigorous regimen of academic study. But

Walter Ciszek did not lead a typical life. Born November 14, 1904 in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, Walter was the seventh of Martin and Mary Ciszek's thirteen children. His mother's devotion eventually inspired Walter to form aspirations to consecrated life, though his father remained skeptical that such an obstreperous youth could ever embody the piety and kindness that Martin thought proper to the Catholic priesthood. In the "strange and mysterious ways of divine Providence," however the path of Walter Ciszek was already laid out: God would use the young man's very contrariness as a lever to nudge him toward his vocation. His father's opposition to the idea confirmed Walter's determination to enter the seminary, and Walter's own inclination away from the communal religious life and extensive training of the Jesuits convinced him to accept both: "since it was so hard," he declared, "I would do it." In 1929, Pope Pius XI founded a Roman university for the purpose of training western priests to work among the eastern rite Catholics of Russia. Early in his religious life Walter learned of the "the Russicum" and by the time he took vows in 1930, the dream of ministering to Russian Catholics was planted ineradicably in young Jesuit's mind. Father Ciszek was ordained in Rome, June 24, 1937. By the 1930s, however, Soviet Communism's implacable opposition to all independent religious activity made it impossible for a Catholic priest to enter the country. Father Ciszek was therefore assigned to a small town in eastern Poland, to work among the eastern-rite Catholics of the area and bide his time until a route into the USSR might somehow be discerned. That day came quickly. Shortly after war broke out in September 1939, the Soviet army overran eastern Poland. Its envelopment by Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia was a disaster for Poland, but was a godsend for Ciszek. He now found himself within the boundaries of the Soviet empire. The American Embassy recommended that he leave the country, but he declined. Instead, with the approval of his Jesuit superiors and the local Archbishop, he conspired with two fellow Jesuits to enter the Russian heartland and realize his missionary dream. Aided by his local friends, Ciszek forged papers to show that he was a widowed Polish peasant and volunteered to work in the Soviet war industry, which was hiring recruits throughout Soviet-occupied territory. Thus he found passage on an eastbound train and crossed into Russia proper. Notwithstanding his careful efforts to hide his identity, he was arrested after only a year spent as a logger in the Ural Mountains. The Communist state had spies everywhere, and they quickly discovered the true identity of the American priest. So began a brutal, years-long series of interrogations, incarcerations and forced labor assignments. The Soviet imagination could not comprehend the religious and charitable motives that impelled a young American man to sacrifice all for the sake of a ministry amidst the embattled and impoverished Catholics of Russia; therefore, they determined that he must be a spy. At first, they insisted that he was in service of Hitler, then that he was involved in some kind of plot masterminded by the pope. In any case, they would not accept his explanations. He was found guilty of espionage and sentenced to fifteen years of labor in the Gulag. The early years of his sentence were served in Moscow, within the confines of the notorious Lubyanka prison. Ciszek could not know at the time that the cell at Lubyanka would appear to be luxurious accommodations compared to later hardships. In 1946 he was transferred to Norilsk, Siberia, where his toils over the next decade included construction and coal mining. Daily life was a constant struggle for survival, but Ciszek made the most of his spiritual opportunities, saying Mass when possible, offering solace and sacraments to the religious, and sharing the rudiments of faith with those who had none. Ciszek's sentence ended in 1955. He was released into Siberia, but he was not free. As a treasonous ex-convict, not only would he never be permitted to leave the country; he must also seek permission for every transition of employment or residence. This period of relative freedom, however, was Ciszek's most fruitful as a minister. Priests were in short supply in

Russia and Cizek found grateful parishioners wherever he went. The KGB discouraged Cizek's religious activity by harassment and threat, but by this time the hard-bitten priest was not easily cowed, even by the Soviet secret police. Meanwhile in the United States, Cizek was presumed dead. The last contact with his relatives and Jesuit brothers was a postcard sent from Poland in 1940. In 1947, the Jesuits said a memorial Mass for him and his name was added to the official list of the Society's deceased. Then, suddenly, came a letter, postmarked Siberia. Father Cizek was alive! He remained in sporadic contact with his native country while his family sought to secure his liberty. On October 11, 1963, The US State Department announced to the world that a deal had been struck with the USSR. Two American prisoners were to be released in exchange for two Soviet spies captured in the United States. One of the Americans was a Jesuit priest. On the morning of October 12, Father Cizek stepped onto the tarmac at Idlewild Airport (now JFK) in New York. Friends and colleagues implored the repatriated priest to record his experiences, and he did so in two books: *With God in Russia* (1964) and *He Leadeth Me* (1973). It is no wonder that his accounts of life "behind enemy lines" were a sensation in Cold War America, but for Catholics they hold a meaning that goes beyond the historical contingencies of a particular period. In the details of this particular life we see written again the themes that play across Christian history: proclamation, witness, sacrifice, death, and resurrection. Father Cizek's labors evoke the heroism of the great Jesuit missionaries who preceded him: Francis Xavier, Paul Miki, Matteo Ricci, Isaac Jogues, Eusebio Kino. Not to mention the bearers of the gospel who formed the Church for fifteen hundred years before the society of Jesus existed: Paul of Tarsus, Patrick, Boniface, Cyril & Methodius. During his time in Russia, Cizek narrowly escaped death by drowning, freezing, starvation, illness, electrocution, firing squad, explosion, and beating. Millions of victims of the Gulag died in these ways and others. Why did Father Cizek survive? The answer is once again the "strange and mysterious ways of divine providence," but one might speculate. Father Cizek said: "I felt that one reason that God in his providence had brought me safely home was so that I might help others understand these truths a little better." Which truths? "That God has a special purpose, a special love, a special providence to all those he has created," and that, therefore, "every moment of our life has a purpose, that every action of ours, no matter how dull or routine or trivial it may seem in itself, has a dignity and a worth beyond human understanding." In the midst of the Cold War, this was a message the West needed to hear. Father Cizek was uniquely qualified to announce it. He possessed a combination of street-smart intelligence and genuine humility; an astonishing memory; and indomitable faith; and a native appreciation of American culture that was untainted by jingoism or xenophobia. His story helped to shape among American Catholics and anti-Communist ethos that was tethered to faith and fueled not by hatred of the Russian people but a desire to free them from oppression - to restore them to the transcendent truth about man's relationship with God that materialist ideology tried to stamp out. Cizek remained for the rest of his life in the United States, residing and teaching at Fordham University. He died on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1984 and his cause for canonization was formally introduced in 1990 at the behest of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, New Jersey. By that time, the Berlin wall had fallen, the Catholic Church was enjoying its freedom in Poland, and the Gulag where Cizek spent ten physically miserable years was largely dismantled. Yet changing circumstances do not diminish the timeless witness of the saints. The good news of God's "special purpose, special love, and special providence" is a message the world still needs to hear.