

## March 19, 2023 Forth Sunday of Lent



### Queen of Angels

738 Sunshine Avenue  
Central City, PA 15926

Rectory Office..... (814) 754-5224  
Monday ..... 10:00am to 2:00pm  
Friday..... 8:00am to 12:00 pm

#### Worship Sites

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738 Sunshine Avenue 162 Wheeler Street

### All Saints

325 Quemahoning Street  
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Wednesday..... 2:00 to 6:00 pm

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### Holy Family

321 Sugar Street  
Hooversville, PA 15936

Rectory Office..... (814) 701-6069

#### Worship Site

321 Sugar Street

**Rev. Fr. Aron M. Maghsoudi**  
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### Regular Confessions

**Saturday;** 3:00 pm Sacred Heart Church  
**Sunday;** 10:00 am All Saints Church

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 20 Solemnity of Saint Joseph,**

**Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 am Rite of Communion  
Outside Mass (8:05am Rosary) ..... All Saints  
12:00 pm Joseph Yestrepky  
(Neice Marianne & Family) ..... OLQA Chapel

**Tuesday, March 21 Lenten Weekday**

8:30 am Rite of Communion  
Outside Mass (8:05AM Rosary)..... All Saints

**Wednesday, March 22 Lenten Weekday**

5:30pm Pro-Life Holy Hour, Rosary, and Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament ..... All Saints  
6:30 pm Rite of Communion Outside Mass ..... All Saints

**Thursday, March 23 Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop**

8:30 am Rite of Communion  
Outside Mass (8:05AM Rosary)..... All Saints

**Friday, March 24 Lenten Weekday**

8:30 am Rite of Communion  
Outside Mass (8:05AM Rosary)..... All Saints  
12:00 pm Dorothy Kaminsky (Keri Family)  
Stations of the Cross to follow ..... Holy Family  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ..... All Saints  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross ..... OLQA Church

**Saturday, March 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

4:00 pm Virginia Cassler (George & Eileen Lasure) ..... Holy Family

**Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Carl Sprock (Joanne Blucas) ..... OLQA Church  
10:30 am Parochial Intention (Mass Pro Populo) ..... OLQA Chapel  
10:30 am Matha Donia (Greg, Melanie & Stephanie Cavalio) ..... All Saints  
3:00 pm Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale) ..... OLQA Church

### Scripture Readings

**For the Week of March 19, 2023**

Monday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

### Special Confessions

**March 13** – All Saints – 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM **March 27** – Sacred Heart Site – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Fr. Aron with Fr. Doug Ondeck)  
**March 27** – All Saints – 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM (Fr. Aron with Fr. Doug Ondeck) **March 29** – All Saints – 7:15 PM – 8:00 PM  
**March 31** – St. John Site – 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM **March 31** – Holy Family – 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM  
**April 7** – Sacred Heart Site – 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
**April 7** – All Saints 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM (Last Scheduled Confessions before Easter)

## Please Pray

Areile Adomnik  
Peggy Baer  
Matthew Bailey  
Kathy Barczak  
Abby Barnes  
Trisha Barron  
Geneviene Berezonsky  
Allen S. Berkey  
Dale Berkey Jr.  
Regina Bittner  
Beverly Blough &  
Kayla Blough  
David P. Bonus  
Brian Borosky  
Matt Boyer  
Tom Bulger  
Travis Burns  
Joseph Brutts  
Joseph Caldron Sr.  
Leonard Cebula  
Gracie Chetrau  
Robert Coleman  
Taylon Cook  
Georgian Corden  
Connie Criscuolo  
Judy Croke  
Susan Custer  
Gloria Dedik  
Robert Dedik Sr.

Fr. James Dugan  
Karla Enzweiler  
Kristy Ewing  
Cindy Failor  
Barbara Farris  
Bill Farris  
Ron Filicky  
Cindy Findley  
Patty Foltz  
Victor Foltz  
Scott Freeman  
Jack Gaudlip  
Amy Thomas Georg  
Jesse Georgiana  
Ken Gibbons  
Karen Gibson  
Matt Gibson  
Tina Gilkey  
Ronald Gindlesperger  
Michaelene Good  
Nancy Gowarty  
Ann Grega  
Annette Grosshans  
Connie Gruca  
Patricia (Lepley) Hanes  
Sharon Harper  
Stephen A. Haydu  
Jamie Hillegas  
Kay Hintosh  
Tom Hudak  
Dwight Jacobs

Patty Jarosick  
Jennifer Jarvis  
Jennifer  
Amy Jones  
Mickey Kacmarski  
Pam Kacmarski  
Valerie Kaltenbaugh  
Mary Jane Knapp  
Bill Kearney  
John Ketchock  
Toni Kiss  
Dr. Kim Kolonich  
Freda Labuda  
Geno Lamonica  
Becky Lepley  
Kathleen Lisbon  
Sophia Lohr  
LSH (Special Intention)  
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Erma Mayak  
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Hank Sprock Family  
Mary Ann Stavlo  
Ken Stebbin  
Donna Sefancic

Gloria Stern  
Jerry Stern  
Sue Stern  
Ansley Stigers  
Robert Stine  
Andrew Straka  
Barry Stuft  
Larry Sturtz  
Tim Swintossy  
Janice Tasin  
Jeanette Taylor  
Dolores Tedjeske  
Patty Tedjeske  
Victoria Tedjeske  
Donald Tedjeske  
Ed Terry  
Cil Tomaszewski  
Eugene Topka  
Mrs. Patricia Turillo  
Donna Updyke  
Jason Updyke  
Jake Vargo  
Sophia Vincent  
Ana Volocko  
Lillian Waltos  
Dylan Wechtenhiser  
Rosanna Weil  
Aaron Whigham  
Kathy Wojnarowski  
Betty Ann Yatta  
Private Intentions

## Statue Hosts

### All Saints Church

#### Pilgrim Madonna

Mar 5-12 S., K., & D Kowalczyk  
Mar 12-19 M/M Florian Tonkowski  
Mar 19-26 M/M Joseph Kowalczyk  
Mar 26-Apr 2 Mrs. Vickie Baraniak

#### Infant Jesus

Mar 5-12 M/M John Nichols  
Mar 12-19 Mr. Matthew Marafino  
Mar 19-26 Mr. Jerry Stern  
Mar 26-Apr 2 M/M Randall Koontz

#### St. Anthony

Mar 5-12 M/M Christopher Maurer  
Mar 12-19 S., K., & D., Kowalczyk  
Mar 19-26 M/M Christopher Maurer  
Mar 26-Apr 2 S., K., & D., Kowalczyk

## Candle Intentions

All Saints Church

St. Joseph candle burns in Thanksgiving to St. Joseph (All Saints Parishioners); Sacred Heart candle burns for a Special Intention; Infant Jesus candle burns in memory of all the unborn lost to abortion; St. Stanislaus candle burns for the intention of ending cruelties and injustices to human life worldwide.



## Server Schedule

### Our Lady Queen of Angels

#### March 19

8:00AM D. Zelenski  
A. & C. Pakstis  
10:30 AM A. Klahre

#### March 26

8:00AM A. Deneen &  
C. Pongrac  
10:30 AM C. Galish

## **Your Easter Basket Guide – We are One Month away – Be Ready!**

Families pass on and prepare numerous variations of foods taken to church for the blessing. Here is a traditional list of foods, which once blessed by a priest, carry spiritual meaning.

**CROSS BREAD:** Most Slavic people consider bread as sacred. As stated by a Polish poet, “When a piece of bread falls to the ground, raise it to you lips and kiss it in reverence for heaven’s gift.” Round loaves marked with a cross symbolize Jesus, the Living Bread come down from heaven (Jn 6:35). Breaking round cross-signed-bread extends the blessings of the Easter Eucharist into the home.

**YEAST-RAISED BREADS & SWEETS:** People make Lenten promises by giving up favorites. Yeast-raised cakes allow all to taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Ps 34:9). Rising in a warm oven, bread mirrors Jesus’ rising from the tomb.

**PASCHAL LAMB:** made of butter, cake, or bread with cross-emblazoned banner proclaims Jesus, the Lamb of God: Victor over death & evil (Jn 1:36; Rv 19:6-9) Resting on boxwood, parsley or lettuce, it is the Easter Table centerpiece. Whole cloves or peppercorns formed into a Cross often mark molded butter and point to the aromatic spices used to anoint Jesus body for burial.

**SMOKED MEATS:** sausages and ham symbolize the Paschal sacrifice of the new covenant (Lk 22:20). Jesus frees us from sin & death, bringing Exodus liberation to fulfillment. Sausage rings recall family unity.

**EASTER EGGS:** colored eggs represent Christ's tomb; their yolk, the radiant morning sunrise. Written eggs with symbolic designs proclaim the glorious transformation of the Resurrection reflected in nature and the lives of the Baptized.

**FRUIT** is one of the world’s oldest sweeteners indicative of the gratifying joy and abundance of Easter meal fellowship. Along with figs and nuts it is found on some of the most ancient blessing lists. Even though its role is supplanted by candies and chocolates, apples are blessed Easter fare in northern Europe, and oranges in other families.

**CHEESE:** The cheese making process of milk curds congealing into one inspired ancient prayers to view blessed cheese as symbol of church and family unity, as well as abundance.

**HORSERADISH & VINEGAR:** Bitter herbs of Passover were also fulfilled as Jesus tasted sour wine while dying on the cross. Pepper too, symbolizes Jesus’ painful execution and death. In memory of Jesus’ suffering sweets are only eaten after tasting some bitter food.

**SALT:** You are the salt of the earth (Mt 5:13). The faith, hope and love of Jesus' followers give zest and meaning to daily life, preserving, as does salt, all which is good. In the Bible, to “eat a barrel of salt” with someone meant to enjoy a close friendship nurtured at many a meal. For forty days after the Resurrection Jesus “shared salt”, in other words, many meals with his disciples (the original Greek text of Acts 1:3). At table Jesus proved he was truly alive, calming the disciples fears and strengthening their faith for mission (Lk 24: 36-49). Salt emerges as a Scriptural symbol of vibrant evangelization and table fellowship.

**WINE OR BEER:** The Psalms refer to wine as gladdening the heart (Ps 104:16). Wine points to the new and everlasting covenant (1Cor 11:24) and to the fullness of joy at the Lord’s Eucharistic Table. For those abstaining from alcohol during Lent, blessing signifies union with Christ in desert and Resurrection. Blessing means promising never to abuse.

**SPRING FLOWERS & GREENS:** Parsley, boxwood, myrtle, periwinkle & pussy willows symbolize the new life of an eternal Spring won through Christ’s Resurrection.

**GATHERING THE FRUITS OF THE FAST FOR THE NEEDY:** Easter table bounty –the fruit of the Lenten fast– is traditionally shared with the needy and homeless. Believers identify the needy and abandoned with Jesus rejected by his own people (Mt 25:40). Donations may be accepted at the Lord’s Tomb on Holy Saturday, and/or given to a local food bank.

**N.B.** Out of reverence for God’s gifts, scraps of blessed food (only) are traditionally burned or buried.

## 15 Random Easter Basket Thoughts from Father Aron

1. **Hrudka, Cirac, or Easter Cheese**, is customary among Slovaks, Rusyns, and some Ukrainians. Farmers Cheese (known as Twaróg) may be included by Poles who come from southeastern Poland.
2. Holyday bread varies. Poles bake Babka (often with raisins), Rusyns have their Paska, and Slovenes commonly put Potica in their baskets, which is more of a nut roll. Hungarians use braided bread known as Husveti Kalacs. Primorski Uskrsne Bebe, is a Croatian tradition where the braided bread is made into the shape of a doll with the face drawn on a hardboiled egg baked into the loaf. In Lithuanian, many desserts are eaten including a blessed Easter bread known as Velykos Pyragas, a semi-sweet yeast raised dough and raisins. Austrians bake Weihkuchen (or Osterlamm), a blessing cake made of flour, oil, milk, butter, and honey. A Lamb biscuit in Austria is also traditional, yet not always taken to church for the blessing. You can find recipes for each on the internet.
3. **Wine** regions such as Hungary and Croatia typically include wine in their basket. It isn't uncommon for Magyars to also include plum brandy, known as Palinka (often homemade). Some put beer in the basket if they gave up drinking for Lent.
4. The Polish custom often includes a plate or platter in the bottom of the basket that is only used for Easter foods.
5. **Perhaps the most traditional Easter eggs are those dyed golden brown in onion skins.** Kroszonki (common in the Silesia region of Poland) are eggs dyed and later adorned with detailed floral patterns that are delicately scratched on the surface. The Ukrainian custom of pysanky is well known and uses a stylus to apply hot wax over patterns that is then melted after a series of dye baths. While a solid reddish brown is common for eggs in Croatia, in the northeast of the country soot mixed with oak is used to make a dark brown color. Slovenes, and others, typically wrap their eggs with leaves of herbs or plants then dye them in natural dyes made from onion skins, turmeric, blueberries, or beets. Lithuanian Easter eggs (known as margučiai) are stained with natural dyes extracted from bark, leaves, fruit, and vegetables. Stained margučiai appear in solid colors or patterns created when leaves or other materials are pressed onto the eggs during the staining process. On Easter, Hungarians wish each other "Happy Easter with many red eggs!" or "Boldog Húsvéti Ünnepeket és sokpiros tojást!" Eggs dyed red for the blessing are symbolic of the sacrifice of Christ's Blood, the spilling of which forgives sin.
6. Croats often place green onions in their basket, occasionally radishes as well. They are also more apt to put actual lamb in the basket instead of ham. As a Croat priest once said to me, "Croatians invented lamb."
7. **Various Spring flowers**, fragrant myrtle, boxwood greens, and pussy willows -- the first flower of spring - symbolize resurrection and often adorn baskets, especially in Slovakia and Poland. Lithuanians are famous for their blessed branch palms, named verbos. While not for Easter baskets, these branches, made of indigenous plants, are weaved into decorative palms for Palm Sunday. More like bouquets than common palm branches, typical verbos include sprigs from juniper, mistletoe, weeping willows, pussy willows, and osier decorated with colorful dried flowers.
8. Prior to Pope Pius XII's Holy Week changes in 1951, the Easter Vigil was celebrated on Saturday morning. This meant that holy water and fire for incense were available before noon on Saturday (enter the ever controversial with or without holy water debate). Greek Catholics don't typically bless the baskets the day before, but after their Easter liturgy. In Roman Catholic Lithuania people brought holy water home from the morning Easter Vigil Mass and lit their coal from the Easter fire (before the vigil was moved to the evening). Taking the coal lit from the Easter fire they put it in their cook stoves and cooked their Easter meal. They then sprinkled their basket with holy water at home.
9. **The meal is typically served cold after attending Mass.** The coldness of the food is an early sign of equality - the burden of cooking coupled with the desire that all could eat the meal together extends to everyone, including mom and baba, who were otherwise typically tied to the stove.
10. In some communities, Central City included for sure - not certain about Boswell, the priest used to **go to individual houses to bless baskets**. The beloved priest used to also be gifted with goods from the baskets of his parishioners. I don't expect such gifts, however a cold beer will not be turned down.
11. **Butter**, which reminds us of the sweetness of Christ, is sometimes formed into a Lamb of God sculpture (or taken from a lamb mold). A cross-embazoned banner must be inserted or else it's a sheep. Both types Margarine makes the lambs look orange. Unless you want your lamb to look like it had a spray tan, stick to good sweet butter.
12. **Ground or whole horseradish root**, vinegar or pepper call to mind the bitter gall Jesus was given to drink on the cross. Salt is added as the Gospel sign of vivifying flavor. Children are not to enjoy any Easter sweets or chocolate until after having tasted of the blessed horseradish in memory of Jesus' pain and suffering. There is no resurrection without crucifixion. In various Polish and Slovak regions there is a tradition of putting red beets in the horseradish (in Polish Cwikła).
13. **Sharing a blessed egg(s)** around the table is often the first food exchanged passed around the table along with holyday wishes "Happy Easter" or "Christ is risen!" In the Lithuanian tradition the Easter dinner host slices a hard-boiled egg into as many pieces as there are guests and passes the plate around the table to share this one egg with everyone. This sharing of the egg is believed to bring harmony and unity to the household. In various cultures, cracking hard boiled eggs against one another leads to a victor, the winner possessing a whole, un-cracked egg (and thus strongest egg), symbolizing the power of Jesus' Resurrection to overcome death.
14. **Easter Basket covers** often crocheted or embroidered are customary in some families. Used only for the food blessing, they are often handed down from generation-to-generation or given as wedding gifts in addition to a family basket.
15. During the time of the blessing, Greek Catholics and Orthodox Christians, **light a candle** in the basket recalling Christ the Light of the World, whom no darkness can overcome.

**Plan on making a basket this year!**

## OLQA Sanctuary Candle Intentions

The Sanctuary Candle at the Sacred Heart site burns in memory of Stanley Tomaszewski (wife Cecilia). The Sanctuary Candle at the Saint John site burns for the birthday remembrance of Dennis Caloa (Karen Caola)

## Calendar of Events

### March 20

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting St. John

### April 9

8:00 am Holy Name Corporate Communion Sacred Heart  
Meeting to Follow Activities Center

### April 10

6:00 pm Society of Angels Activities Center

## OLQA St. Vincent de Paul Society

This past week debit cards were distributed to approximately 50 people for the purpose of purchasing food for Easter. Thank you to everyone who made donations that help provide for the people who need it most.

## Historic Parish Bus Trip

Our parishes will be sponsoring a bus trip to visit historic churches in Cleveland Ohio on Sunday April 23rd. Departing from Central City (4:45 AM) with stops in Boswell (5:15 AM) and Latrobe (5:45 AM), the trip will include Latin High Mass at St. Stephen's (an historic German parish), as well as visits to St. Elizabeth (Hungarian), St. Casimir (Polish), and Our Lady of Lourdes (Bohemian/Czech). Following the church tours there will be a performance by the Tamburitza Folk ensemble featuring ethnic dances from Ukraine, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, Greece, and other old-world locales. Dinner at Marie's, an authentic, no-frills, good ethnic restaurant (schnitzel, halupki, Eastern European home fries, green beans - cash bar). Price includes transportation, dinner, and the show. The bus should return around 9:00 PM. All are welcome. Cost is \$125 per person. To register please call the Boswell parish office (814-629-5551) by April 15th.

## Pontifical Good Friday Collection Donations

Last year the Pontifical Good Friday Collection accomplished the following:

- Supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions
- Provided a home in Bethlehem for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence,
- Offered more than 500 scholarships for university education
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 53 friars preparing for the priesthood
- Restored and maintained 640 houses apartments for Christian families

- Provide assistance to more than 9000 families through weekly food baskets
- Employed more than 1000 workers in the Holy Land
- Preserved 80 shrines from the life of Jesus and the Apostles, and the prophets construction of a Catholic school in Cana of Galilee
- To give a Christian education to the youth of the city
- Began the work of restoration of the floor at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, the holiest place on earth, and completed the restoration of the Basilica of the Nativity done for the 1st time in centuries

## Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale)

**TODAY—Sunday, March 19, 2023—OLQA Church— 3:00pm**

Speaker Pilgrim George Walter – George Walter was born in Pittsburgh in 1941 and spent twelve years in the seminary where he was ordained a deacon, but never a priest. Dispensed from the responsibilities of being a deacon, George Walter spent the last fifty years walking over 40,000 miles living hand to mouth, relying on Divine Providence. His story, captured in the book The Forty Thousand Mile Man, has been the subject of much inspiration and is a powerful example of moving from a notion of God's care to actually relying on God's care. Pilgrim George, who largely lives as a hermit in his old age, rarely speaks publically any longer. Our parish is grateful that he is planning on sharing his thoughts on the spiritual life with us.

**CCD NEWS—OLQA— Classes will resume next Sunday, March 26th.**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023**



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