

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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*Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)

738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John)

162 Wheeler Street

Holy Masses:

Daily

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM

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)

Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

November 13 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini</i> Tillie Pasierb, Anniversary of Death (Req. Pysnik Family) -Church
November 14	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> NO MASS
November 15 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Albert the Great</i> Leona Matsko (Req. Mr. & Mrs. James Balog) - Church
November 16 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Gertrude</i> John Kotus Family (Req. Estate of John Kotus) - Church
November 17 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</i> Walter Lorek (Req. Joanne Resick) - Church
November 18 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Andrew Mauger (Req. wife Madelain and Family) - Church
November 19 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Helen Yantus, 30 Day Remembrance, Month's Mind (Req. Children) - Church For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Chapel

NEW TICKET - The parish is now sponsoring a new ticket for a half a beef, half a hog, and a deep freezer. The ticket benefits the CCD program and goes off on December 8th. There are 1000 tickets with the winner determined by the PA daily number. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

NEW MENS PRAYER GROUP - Several months ago a proposal was made to have a monthly prayer group for men. The group will meet at 7:00 AM on Saturday November 18th at the St. John site. The event will begin with Mass and be followed by adoration, the rosary, and breakfast. It will conclude at 9:00 AM. All men who wish to have some quiet time for adoration and camaraderie with others are invited to attend. Often times men lag behind when it comes to devotional exercises - what else are you doing on a Saturday morning at 7:00 AM?

WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN'S PRIEST SON - In the spring of 1878, General William T. Sherman opened a letter from his oldest son Thomas, a young man for whom he held great hopes. At 22, Tom had studied at

Georgetown and Yale, and had graduated from law school. Sherman envisioned a bright future for Tom, one which would ensure the family's security. The letter, however, left him shocked, distressed, even furious. Tom wrote that he wasn't going to continue as a lawyer, but was joining the Jesuits that summer. The General told Tom in no uncertain terms that he had betrayed him, his sisters and mother, who looked to him for support in their old age. (He always felt his army salary didn't go far enough.) It's not clear that Sherman ever fully forgave his son. While Mrs. Sherman, a devout Catholic, was overjoyed, her husband held a lifelong skepticism toward religion in general and Catholicism in particular. Born Tecumseh Sherman to Protestant parents, he was orphaned early and raised by Catholic neighbors who insisted on his being re-baptized. His baptism occurred on June 28, 1829, the feast of St. William, and he was renamed William Tecumseh. But as his biographer John Marszalek notes, Sherman "refused to call himself a Catholic or practice that creed." Yet his children were all raised Catholic. Ellen Sherman actively supported Catholic causes, numbering many priests, bishops and even cardinals among her close acquaintances. The General, however, frequently berated what he called her "unnatural fascination for the Church." Born on October 12, 1856, Thomas Ewing Sherman was the grandson of one United States Senator and the nephew of another. His father, a central figure in the American Civil War, served for two decades as commanding general of the U.S. Army. Raised in Washington, D.C., among the nation's political elite, through his mother Tom was on intimate terms with the country's leading Catholics. Priests and bishops were frequent guests at the Sherman home. One family friend who made a strong impression on him was Father Peter DeSmet, a Belgian Jesuit who worked extensively with Native Americans. The General complained that Ellen "thinks religion is so important that everything else must give way to it." He told young Tom: "I don't want you to be a soldier or a priest but a good useful man." Nonetheless, it was while at Georgetown that Tom became seriously interested in the Jesuits, who ran the university. But he went on to study law at Yale. After graduation, he practiced law for two years in St. Louis. By 1878, he had made his decision to join the Jesuits. Although his father felt he was shirking his family duties, Tom wrote his sister Minnie: People in love do strange things ... Having a vocation is like being in love, only more so, as there is no love more absorbing, so deep and so lasting as that of the creature for the Creator. What a grand thing it is to be, as it were, shooting straight at one's mark, living every hour, performing every action in preparation for the great hereafter. The preparation program for the Jesuits can last up to a dozen years, and Tom started his novitiate, where he said his position "quite corresponds to that of a cadet in the army," in England. Back in America, he studied philosophy and taught at St. Louis University, a Jesuit school founded in 1818. There he preferred public speaking to teaching, but he made a strong impression on his students, several of whom followed him into the Jesuits. As the son of a leading national hero, Tom Sherman was something of a celebrity, a man set apart. In 1889, he was ordained to the priesthood, but in a separate ceremony from the rest of his class. His mother's close friend, Archbishop Patrick Ryan of Philadelphia, performed the ordination. The event was national news, and Father Sherman looked forward to a promising career. While most Jesuits take up teaching or parish work after ordination, Sherman seems to have written his own ticket as a popular lecturer. His biographer Joseph Durkin writes that he "had a flair for the dramatic and an acute sense of the theatre." One peer described him as "always hungry" for a podium. No doubt his name and background helped draw crowds. And draw crowds he did. In time, however, he butted heads with his superiors, who felt that fame might be going to his head. Durkin describes him as "a high-strung individualist of an extreme refinement of nature and a disposition unusually sensitive." Ordered to take a break from the lecture circuit, he went over his superiors' heads to Rome, and got a leave of absence from the Jesuit order. During the Spanish-American War, he obtained a chaplain's commission without consulting the Jesuits. For several years, Sherman drifted from one Jesuit assignment to another until he suffered a nervous breakdown in his early 50s. Institutionalized for several years, he traveled around the country from one Jesuit community to another. "Having served in six provinces," he wrote a friend, "I am attached to none." In a fit of despair he wrote, "I am utterly at a loss what to do ... no peace is possible for me." In the fall of 1914, Sherman formally withdrew from the Jesuits. For several years, unattached to any diocese or religious order, he wandered around the country before settling down in Santa Barbara, California, where family members looked after him. For much of this time, Durkin writes, he was "allergic to the mention of the word 'Jesuit.'" Just before his death at age 77, however, Father Thomas Ewing Sherman reconciled with the Jesuits and renewed his vows. After many years of unrest, General Sherman's son died a Jesuit. He was buried in their cemetery at Grand Couteau, Louisiana. Interred next to him is Father John Salter, a nephew of Alexander Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States of America (the priest son of a Union General is buried next to the priest son of the Vice President of the Confederacy - Father Aron, "somewhere there is a homily in there").

WHEN SOULS IN PURGATORY COME OVER FOR A VISIT - Padre Pio is known for his many mystical experiences during prayer, often piercing the heavenly veil while on earth. One such experience involved an unexpected encounter with a soul from purgatory. One day while praying alone, Padre Pio opened his eyes to see an old man standing there. He was surprised by the presence of another person in the room and explained in his testimony, "I could not imagine how he could have entered the friary at this time of night since all the doors are

locked.” Seeking to unravel the mystery, Pio asked the man, “Who are you? What do you want?” The man responded, “Padre Pio, I am Pietro Di Mauro, son of Nicola, nicknamed Precoco. I died in this friary on the 18th of September, 1908, in cell number 4, when it was still a poorhouse. One night, while in bed, I fell asleep with a lighted cigar, which ignited the mattress and I died, suffocated and burned. I am still in purgatory. I need a holy Mass in order to be freed. God permitted that I come and ask you for help.” Pio comforted the poor soul by saying, “Rest assured that tomorrow I will celebrate Mass for your liberation.” The man left and the next day Pio did some investigative work and discovered the veracity of the story and how a man of the same name died on that day in 1908. Everything was confirmed and Padre Pio celebrated a Mass for the repose of the old man’s soul. This was not the only appearance of a soul from purgatory asking Padre Pio for prayers. Pio claimed, “As many souls of the dead come up this road [to the monastery] as that of the souls of the living.” Many times the souls would ask for a Mass to be said for them, highlighting the spiritual weight of a Mass and how it can lessen the time a person spends in purgatory before embracing the glories of heaven.

TURKEY RAFFLE - A Turkey Raffle to benefit Bishop McCort High School will be held on Friday, November 17th at 6:30 PM at St. John Gualbert Activity Center, 110 Adam Street, Johnstown. Over 100 honeysuckle white turkeys to be raffled. Additional food to be sold including: hot dogs, sauerkraut, chips, nachos, pretzels, and beverages. Admission is free.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL - A Pro - Life Vigil is held every Thursday, from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM across from the Planned Parenthood office at 817 Franklin St, Johnstown. For information, contact Gale at 539-0155.

WELCOME FATHER JOHN-MARY - Please offer a warm welcome to Father John-Mary Tomkins, O.S.B. who is covering for Father Aron while he is at his other parish in New Baltimore.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE - The presentation that was to be held next weekend by a local group of committed Catholics from our area who assist the poor in West Virginia has been rescheduled to Lent. We look forward to hearing about their work and powerful witness to the love of Christ in a few months.

PICTURES NEEDED - The parish will be publishing an attractive newsletter for Christmas to be sent to all Catholics in town (practicing and non-practicing). Additionally the parish is in the process of creating a new website to replace the outdated version that currently exists. For both of these projects photos are needed of events that took place recently in the parish. These could be from liturgical, devotional, or social events, or pictures that were taken at the parish as part of “day-to-day” life. **Please contact the rectory by November 12th or email the pictures to Fr. Aron at maganudo@yahoo.com.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 11-12- Fr. Aron away in New Baltimore - Benedictine Fathers Cover

November 12 - No CCD Classes

November 12 - Holy Name Society Corporate Communion and Meeting - 8:00 AM - Sacred Heart

November 13 - Social Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM - Rectory

November 13 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activity Center

November 18 - Men’s Prayer Group - 7:00 AM - St. John Site

November 19 - All You Can Eat Breakfast - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - St. John Site

November 26 - No CCD Classes

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

November 18 Church 4:00 PM T. & M. Mabon, A. Mauger

November 19 Church 8:00 AM L. L. & L. Mincek

November 19 Chapel 10:30 AM E. Spinelli, C. Coleman, A. Dabbs

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle at both sites burns for the donors and contributors of Our Lady’s Memorial Fund.

FLOWER MEMORIALS - This weekend the flowers at the St. John’s site are dedicated in honor of the Wedding Anniversary of Arthur and Elizabeth McClucas requested by family. The flowers at the Sacred Heart site are dedicated in honor of Walter (Whitey) and Kay Wojcik by Joe and Janice Stahl.

WEEKLY OFFERING November 5th and November 6th - Adult Envelopes - \$3,105.25; Loose - \$329.85; Fuel - \$277; Student Offering - \$43.66; All Souls - \$232; All Saints - \$723; Students All Saints - \$20.50; Misc. - \$230; Thanksgiving - \$50- Total - \$5,011.26- Thank You!

PRAYER LIST - Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Tom Hudak, Quincy Ogline, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Joseph Shelko, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Larry Krestar, Harriet Konitsky, Andrew Muha, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Shelly Delasko, Lionel Berkebile, Jeremy Christopher, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, Mary Ann Naret, Barry Stuft, Mary Ann Lasut, John Harchick Jr., Vincent Bestvina, Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Brie Purdy, Rhonda Bittner, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Kara Palumbo, Dave Andolina, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka, Michael Bednar, Carla Ayres