

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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October 8, 2017
Twenty-Seventh
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

October 9 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions Martyrs</i> Margaret Hudak (Req. Family) – Church
October 10	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> NO MASS
October 11 8:00 AM	<i>Saint John XXIII, Pope</i> Fernand Danel (Req. Family) - Church
October 12 8:00 AM	<i>St. John XXIII</i> Stanley Brezovec (Req. Betty Gerko) – Church
October 13 7:00 PM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time - 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun</i> Robert Coleman (Req. John Eger Family) - Chapel
October 14 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Andy Haydu (Req. Stephen A. Haydu) - Church
October 15 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> George Napora, 1 st Anniversary of Death (Req. Family) – Church For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Chapel

MASS AND BENEFIT FOR IZZY BIHUN - The parish will offer a Mass on Saturday October 21st for the health and wellbeing of Izzy Bihun. All are welcome to come and pray for this special intention. Additionally the parish will be sponsoring a Cash Bash following the Mass (Saturday October 21st) with all proceeds going to Izzy. It is asked that you kindly plan on attending the event and invite a friend. Tickets are \$25.00 each and include food and drink. Doors open at 4:00 PM, dinner at 5:00 PM, and the drawings begin at 6:00 PM. If you are interested please phone or stop by the rectory; tickets will be available this week.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - Bishop Bartchak has asked all parishes in our diocese to take up a special collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico as well as the victims of the earthquake in Mexico. All monies collected will be given to Catholic Charities. There will be a special second collection for this most noble cause the weekend **THIS WEEKEND** at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

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. If you are interested in a tickets stop by the rectory. There are 1000 tickets with the winner determined by the PA daily number. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

October 14	Church	4:00 PM	E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger
October 15	Church	8:00 AM	D. Zelinski, T. Tomlinson, K. Koleszarik
October 15	Chapel	10:30 AM	C. Coleman, A. Dabbs, E. Spinelli

THOSE WISHING TO ENTER THE CHURCH - This past week classes began for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic (or for adult Catholics who have not been Confirmed or received First Communion). Anyone who interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is welcome to come and discern - no coercion. No matter where you are on the journey of faith all people are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Aron.

BREAKFAST NEXT WEEKEND - The All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast sponsored by the parish each 3rd Sunday of the month will be held on October 15th at the St. John site from 9:00 AM until Noon. The meal includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, donuts, hash browns, eggs, coffee, and juice. All proceeds benefit the CCD activities, including the trip to Rome. \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, under age 4 are free. Honestly, where can you get a breakfast like that for under \$10.00 anywhere near Central City? **Bring a friend!**

FLOWER MEMORIALS - This weekend the flowers at the St. John's site are for specials prayers to all friends and family of Joe and Kathy Lazzaro. The flowers at the Sacred Heart site are dedicated in honor of Tom J. Novak by wife Jenny.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church for prayers answered by Nicki and Deanna. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of William Betz by Mike and Kathy Mauger and family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 8 - Holy Name Corporate Communion 8:00 AM Mass, Regional Meeting/Breakfast to Follow
October 8 - Closing of Forty Hours Devotion - 7:00 PM, St. John site
October 15 - All-You-Can -Eat Breakfast - 9:00 - Noon, St. John Site
October 21 - Cash Bash - Activity Center
October 22 - Blessing of Animals - 10:00 AM, Sacred Heart site

WEEKLY OFFERING September 30th and October 1st - Adult Envelopes - \$2,791.25 Loose - \$244; Fuel - \$146; Student Offering - \$23.25; All Souls - \$50; Misc. Donations - \$20 - Total - \$3,274.50- Thank You!

CCD CLASSES - As is indicated on the CCD schedule there are **NO** CCD classes this weekend. Classes will resume next weekend.

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, Joe Zeigler, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Ron Rayman, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglina, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Richard Birely, 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, Paul Dooley, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka

FORTY HOURS - This weekend our parish will celebrate our annual Forty Hours Devotions. While consisting of forty hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, our celebration has been shortened this year to Sunday only (so in actuality more like 7 ½ hours). The Eucharist will be exposed on the altar of our St. John site from 11:30 AM **TODAY** (Sunday) until 7:00 PM Sunday night. The closing devotions will include a procession to our parish Fatima shrine (or in the event of inclement weather) the Marian altar inside the church, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun what took place a century ago this week at Fatima, Portugal. Once before the image of Our Lady, we will conclude the Fatima Novena we have with the special intention being the healing of Izzy Bihun. The homilist for the evening will be Fr. Thomas Hart, O.S.B., a Benedictine monk of St. Vincent Archabbey and Fr. Aron's professor. All are strongly encouraged to attend.

OCTOBER COUNT - Beginning this week all parishes in the diocese are asked to take up a count of all persons at Mass. This data will be used to assess the priest distribution and parish vitality in the future.

SCHOLA INFORMATION – This weekend the parish welcomes the schola cantorum of Franciscan University of Steubenville. The schola, or more formally the Schola Cantorum Franciscana, is an elite choir composed of 20 students from the university. It is under the direction of Professor Nicholas J. Will, Assistant Professor of Sacred Music. A little bit about Nicholas Will. Professor Will is a native of Martinsburg in Blair County. Professor Will completed his undergraduate studies at Duquesne University and graduate studies at the Peabody Conservatory of Music (Johns Hopkins University). He is a past winner of the André Marchal Award for Excellence in Organ Performance (Duquesne), the Dorothy DeCourt Prize in Organ (Peabody), and First Prize in the Young Organists' Auditions sponsored by the Pittsburgh Concert Society. At the university he teaches organ lessons, directs the Schola Cantorum Franciscana and Franciscan University Chorale, as well as teaches courses in Music Theory, Ear Training, Music History, Gregorian Chant, and Conducting. As a conductor, Professor Will has directed parish, cathedral, and community choirs throughout western Pennsylvania, serving for three years as Director of Music at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and for three years as Guest Conductor for the Pennsylvania Consort. Currently he serves as Director of Music at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, where he conducts the volunteer Parish Choir and professional Schola Cantorum. As an organist, Mr. Will has performed solo recitals throughout the eastern United States; notable performance venues include the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, St. Paul Cathedral (Pittsburgh), Heinz Memorial Chapel, and Tremont Temple Baptist Church (Boston), and St. Patrick Cathedral (New York). In 2012, he was one of three organists to present recitals during the national convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. Other recent performances include a soloist appearance with the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra, a performance of Duruflé's Requiem with the Altoona Symphony Orchestra and State College Choral Society, and a tour of Belgium, the Netherlands, and France as organist-accompanist for the University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club, including performances at Notre Dame Cathedral, the American Cathedral (Paris), and Westerkerk (Amsterdam). At present Professor Will is one of three regular organists at the Anniversary of Pittsburgh's Heinz Memorial Chapel. He and his wife, Kate, and their two daughters reside in Pittsburgh.

WHAT WAS THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN? –In 1917, Portugal, like the majority of the world at the time, was embroiled in war. As World War I raged throughout Europe, Portugal found itself unable to maintain its initial neutrality and joined forces with the Allies, in order to protect colonies in Africa and to defend their trade with Britain. About 220,000 Portuguese civilians died during the war; thousands due to food shortages, thousands more from the Spanish flu. Compounding the problem, government stability in the country had been rocky at best following the revolution and coup d'état that led to the overthrow of the monarchy and subsequent establishment of the First Portuguese Republic in 1910. A new liberal constitution separating Church and state was drafted under the influence of Freemasonry, which sought to omit the faith – which for many was the backbone of Portuguese culture and society – from public life. Anti-Catholicism in Portugal had initially begun in the 18th century during the term of statesman Marquês de Pombal, and flared up again after the drafting of the new constitution. Catholic churches and schools were seized by the government, and the wearing of clerics in public, the ringing of church bells, and the celebrating of popular religious festivals were banned. Between 1911-1916, nearly 2,000 priests, monks and nuns were killed by anti-Christian groups. This was the backdrop against which Mary, in 1917, appeared to three shepherd children – Lucia dos Santos, 10, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, 9 and 7 – in a field in Fatima, Portugal, bringing with her requests for the recitation of the rosary, for sacrifices on behalf of sinners, and a secret regarding the fate of the world. To prove that the apparitions were true, Mary promised the children that during the last of her six appearances she would provide a “sign” so people would believe in the apparitions and in her message. What happened on that day – Oct. 13, 1917 – has come to be known as the “Miracle of the Sun,” or “the day the sun danced.” According to various accounts, a crowd of some 70,000 people – believers and skeptics alike – gathered to see the miracle that Mary had promised. After appearing and speaking to the children for some time, Mary then “cast her own light upon the sun.” The previously rainy sky cleared up, the clouds dispersed and the ground, which had been wet and muddy from the rain, was dried. A transparent veil came over the sun, making it easy to look at, and multi-colored lights were strewn across the landscape. The sun then began to spin, twirling in the sky, and at one point appeared to veer toward earth before jumping back to its place in the sky. Dr. Marco Duarte, director of the Fatima shrine museums, said the miracle was a direct, and very convincing contradiction to the atheistic regimes at the time, which is evidenced by the fact that the first newspaper to report on the miracle was an anti-Catholic, Masonic newspaper in Lisbon called *O Seculo*. The Miracle of the Sun, he

said, was understood by the people to be “the seal, the guarantee that in fact those three children were telling the truth.” Even today, “Fatima makes people change their perception of God,” he said, explaining that for him, one of the most important messages of the apparitions is that “even if man has separated God from his existence, God is present in human history and doesn’t abandon humanity.” With World War I raging, a war the likes of which the world had never seen, Mary appeared to tell the children that “that story can have another ending, when the power of prayer is stronger than the power of bullets.”

SPECIAL MASS FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA - Mass this Friday will be celebrated at 7:00 PM at the St. John site in honor of the Miracle of the Sun. The Holy Rosary will be prayed beginning at 6:30 PM.