

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi

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January 15, 2017  
**Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Worship Sites**  
**Church (Sacred Heart)**  
738 Sunshine Avenue  
**Chapel (St. John)**  
162 Wheeler Street

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## Holy Masses:

Daily  
Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM  
Saturday Vigil  
Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00PM  
Sunday Morning  
Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM  
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

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## Mass Intentions

January 16 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Frank Mihelcic (Req. Larry Mihelcic) - Church
January 17 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Anthony, Abbot</i> Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Church
January 18 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Margaret Hudak (Req. Family) - Church
January 19 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Kathryn Yatta, 30 Day Rem. Month's Mind (Req. daughter Alice & Ed Zelenski & fam..) - Church
January 20	<i>St. Sebastian</i> <b>NO MASS</b>
January 21 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> David G. Bonus (Req. Donna & Wayne Mallory) - Church
January 22 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ray Labuda (Req. Stan & Cil Tomaszewski) - Church For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel

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**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM** – Our parish family offers sincerest sympathies to the family of Michael Knapp who died this past week. Mr. Knapp was buried from our parish on Saturday. Please remember Michael, his 10 children, and many grandchildren in your prayers. May he rest in peace!

**HOUSE BLESSING** – In keeping with the venerable Eastern European custom, Father Aron is happy to come and bless homes around the Feast of the Epiphany. If you wish to have your home blessed please phone the rectory to schedule a time – Father Aron will be blessing homes this week.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 15 – CCD Classes Resume

January 16 – Maintenance Committee Meeting – St. John Hall – 6:30 PM

January 17 – Slovak Class – St. John Hall – 6:30 PM (Classes every Tuesday for 7 weeks)

January 25 – Knights of Columbus Meeting

January 29 – Painting Party – Activity Center – 2:00 PM

January 30 – Parish Council Meeting – St. John Hall – 6:30 PM

February 2 – St. Vincent DePaul Meeting – 7:00 PM

February 18-20 – CCD Trip to New York City

February 25 – Mardi Gras Party – Activity Center

March 1 – Ash Wednesday – Masses – Sacred Heart 8:00 AM, St. John 7:00 PM

**MARDI GRAS PARTY** – The parish will sponsor a Mardi Gras party on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>. While Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is a celebration with Catholic roots, our celebration is way to say “THANK YOU” to the dedicated parishioners of our parish. The evening will include festive food, drink, and dancing. Music will be provided by Krazy Kat Daddies, an oldies band that plays music from the 50s through the 80s. The event is free and open to parishioners and their guests. It is asked that all in attendance bring a covered dish. Childcare will be available downstairs. The meal begins at 6:00 PM with dancing from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. If you would like to attend please call the rectory.

**PENGUIN TICKETS FROM THE K OF C** – The Knights of Columbus are selling chances on two tickets to the Penguins Game on St. Patrick’s Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>) and \$200 in cash. Tickets can be purchased after Mass or by contacting a K of C member.

**SOMETHING TO PONDER** – Don’t worry about tomorrow, you worried enough yesterday.

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** – There will be a meeting of the Maintenance Committee **THIS** Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. If you are a member of the committee please plan on attending.

**WISDOM OF THE SAINTS** – Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven-*Saint Rose of Lima*

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** – While the hall is not 100% finished, we will still have coffee and doughnuts this weekend after the 10:30 AM Mass. Stop down and see the progress!

**THE WHOLE TRUTH** – The only graceful way to accept and insult is to ignore it, if you can’t ignore it, top it, if you can’t top it laugh at it, if you can’t laugh at it, it is probably deserved.

**CCD CLASSES RESUME** – CCD classes resume this weekend. Each student will receive a schedule for the Spring 2017 term in class today. Many thanks to our teachers for their dedication to the religious education of our parish children.

**NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE** – Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them -*Saint Francis de Sales*

**ON THE DEATH OF OFFICER STEVEN McDONALD – ICON OF FORGIVENESS** – It was on a routine patrol in 1986 that Steven McDonald's life took a dramatic turn. McDonald, who was just two years into his service with the New York Police Department, and his partner confronted a trio of boys in Central Park. Within seconds, one of those teens drew a handgun and shot McDonald three times. That shooting left him paralyzed from the neck down. Yet his life was arguably shaped as much by those three bullets as by the three words he famously expressed afterward: "I forgive him." McDonald died Tuesday at the age of 59, after being hospitalized Friday for a heart attack. In the more than three decades after his paralysis, McDonald took on the stature of a larger-than-life symbol of forgiveness — a police officer whose sacrifice was heralded by generations of mayors and institutions in New York City. "No one could have predicted that Steven would touch so many people, in New York and around the world," NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill said in a statement. "Like so many cops, Steven joined the N.Y.P.D. to make a difference in people's lives. And he accomplished that every day." Perhaps never more so than on the day his son, Conor, was baptized in 1987, roughly nine months after the shooting. In a letter read to the media by his wife, Patricia, McDonald wrote of his anger toward his shooter — and his hope for healing. "I'm sometimes angry at the teen-age boy who shot me," she read, according to *The New York Times*. "But more often I feel sorry for him. I only hope that he can turn his life into helping and not

hurting people. I forgive him and hope that he can find peace and purpose in his life." In the years that followed, McDonald opened and carried on a correspondence with the teen who shot him, Shavod Jones, who served 8 1/2 years in prison for attempted murder. In the summer of 1988, Officer McDonald sent stamps and a box of stationery to Mr. Jones along with a note saying, "Let's carry on a dialogue." Days after his parole, Mr. Jones died of head injuries he sustained the previous day when a speeding motorcycle on which he was a passenger crashed into parked cars while performing wheelies in East Harlem, his old neighborhood. Officer McDonald, who was able to speak, albeit haltingly, and breathe with the help of a respirator, made many public appearances over the years, telling of his faith as a Catholic and saying that if people wanted forgiveness, they had to show it to others. He also said he was grateful to God for sparing his life. He made trips to Northern Ireland in the cause of reconciliation between Catholics and Protestants, accompanied by the Rev. Mychal F. Judge, the chaplain of the New York City Fire Department. Father Judge was killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center when debris rained down on him while he was ministering to victims. Reflecting on his passing his friend Robert Lynch penned these words - "Remaining with the NYPD and eventually being promoted to the rank of Detective, McDonald has become a beloved icon, especially among his fellow Irish Catholic New Yorkers, because of his tireless preaching of the Christian message of peace and forgiveness, which he even extended to the assailant who so grievously wounded him. Steven announced his forgiveness of his attacker at Conor's Baptism. As he explains: "I wanted to free myself of all the negative, destructive emotions that this act of violence awoke in me - the anger, the bitterness, the hatred. I needed to free myself of those so I could be free to love my wife and our child and those around us." When asked why he forgave, Steven answers: "I often tell people that the only thing worse than a bullet in my spine would have been to nurture revenge in my heart. Such an attitude would have extended my tragic injury into my soul, hurting my wife, son, and others even more. It is bad enough that the physical effects are permanent, but at least I can choose to prevent spiritual injury." - May this remarkable man rest in peace!

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of John and Kathryn Rendar (Birthday Remembrance) by Mary Ann Rendar. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel for the deceased enrollees of the Our Lady's Memorial Fund.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** January 7<sup>th</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup> - Adult Envelopes - \$2,123.50. - Adult Initial Offering - \$71; Students \$18.50.; Loose Change \$184; - Parish Expense - \$868.33; - Solemnity of Mary - \$71; - Fuel - \$146; Student Initial - \$2.00; Christmas - \$110; Building Fund - \$35. Total \$3,629.33

**PRAYER LIST** - Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Alice in Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Joe Zeigler, Fern Lasut, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Roger Black, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Mary Jeschonek, Patty Barnes, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Richard Birely, Joseph Shelko, Shirley Roman, Catherine Zelenski, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Nick Wallace, Howard Baldwin, Steve Fedorko, Larry Krestar, Harriet Konitsky, Andrew Muha

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -**

January	21 Church	4:00 PM	C., T., & M. Mabon
January	22 Church	8:00 AM	A. Deneen, R. Pongrac, T. Tomlinson
January	22 Chapel	10:30 AM	J. Hammer, M. Moslak, C. Galish

**SLOVAK CLASSES** - The parish will be sponsoring a seven week class on Slovak culture and language every Tuesday night beginning **THIS TUESDAY**, January 17. The classes are free and open to anyone who is interested in all things Slovak. Topics include basic language, history, culture, food (including a class on making real potato haluski/kapustove, and Slovak emigration/American Slovaks. The classes will be taught by Dennis Ragan, an expert on Slovak culture. If you registered for the class we will see you this week.

**PAINT AND SIP** - The social committee will be hosting a "Paint and Sip" event for anyone who is interested on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>. Artist Natalie Cheek will assist those present paint a picture while all present enjoy wine and conversation. No experience needed! The cost is \$30 per person and includes materials, paint, wine, and food. The event begins at 2:00 PM and is a great way to spend an afternoon in the midst of the winter doldrums.

If you wish to attend please phone the rectory by January 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, please make payment at the Rectory by January 25.

**FLOWER PROJECT** - Near the entrance at both churches there is a "Flower Chart" with Sunday dates listed from throughout the year. If you sign up for a particular date flowers will be delivered to the church where you signed the sheet for the specified weekend Masses and placed near the altar in honor of your designated loved ones. Once the weekend Mass/Masses are celebrated they can be removed and taken home (or left at the altar). The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two arrangements and need to be paid for two weeks in advance. If you have any questions please contact the parish office.

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