

WELCOME FATHER WEHN – Many thanks to Fr. Tim Wehn for covering for Fr. Aron who is away baptizing the child of one of his childhood friends who lives in New Jersey. Please offer Fr. Wehn a warm welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 13 – Society of Angels Meeting – 6:30 PM – Activity Center

March 27 – Parish Council – 6:30 PM – St. John

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of Robert Fillo (20th Anniversary of death) by wife Elizabeth. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel for the health of Jeff Naugle by Mom and Dad.

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 4th and March 5th - Adult Envelopes - \$3,345; Loose Change \$122; - Fuel - \$212; Student Offering - \$29.50; Miscellaneous Donations – \$240; Total - \$3,948. 50 – Thank You!

PRAYER LIST – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, 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, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Roger Black, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, 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, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Shelly Delasko, Lionel Berkebile

LAETARE SUNDAY POLKA CLASS – A Catholic parish is not only a place where Divine worship takes place, but also a place where faith and culture should intersect. Our parish should rightly be proud of our ethnic heritage and as such will be sponsoring a Polka dancing class on Sunday March 26th. March 26th is Laetare Sunday, a day that means Joy, a Sunday that we remember that there is great joy in Lent. Since some in our parish may have forgotten the fine points of polka dancing Fr. Aron asked his friends Zach and Ruth Foreman to come and teach a class on this quintessential ethnic dance. All experience levels are welcome – after one class you may be good enough to qualify for Dancing with the Stars (well, maybe a slight exaggeration). If you are interested please phone the rectory and reserve your spot by Friday of this week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during the Lenten Season at 7:00 PM. The schedule will alternate between worship sites each week. Additionally, Fr. Aron will hear Confessions before Stations after Stations until 8:15 PM. Note – Stations this Friday will be held at the Sacred Heart site.

SOCIETY OF ANGELS MEETING – The Society of Angels will meet this Monday (March 13) at the Activity Center.

PARISH COUNCIL – The parish council will meet on Monday March 27th at 6:30 PM at the St. John site.

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi - Pastor

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March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

Worship Sites
Church (Sacred Heart)
738 Sunshine Avenue
Chapel (St. John)
162 Wheeler Street
Chapel (St. John)
Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Anytime upon Request

Holy Masses:

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

Mass Intentions

March 13
8:00 AM *Lenten Weekday*
Raymond Matejczyk (Req. Vicki Stanek)

March 14
Lenten Weekday
NO MASS

March 15
8:00 AM *Lenten Weekday*
Margaret Hudak (Req. Family) - Chapel

March 16
8:00 AM *Lenten Weekday*
Rose Pasierb (Req. Joe and Diane Pysnik) – Chapel

March 17
8:00 AM *St. Patrick – Patron Saint of the Irish*
7:00 PM Craig Tretnik (Req. brother Charlie and Cidy) – Chapel
Stations of the Cross - Church

March 18
4:00 PM *Vigil Third Sunday of Lent*
Kathryn Yatta (Req. daughter Alice and Ed Zelenski and Family) – Church

March 19
8:00 AM *Third Sunday of Lent*
10:30 AM George Nopora (Req. the Devan Family) - Church
For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel

SPEAKER NEXT WEEK – Next weekend Deacon Greg Kandra will be the homilist at all the weekend Masses. Deacon Greg, a permanent deacon from the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, will speak on the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). CNEWA is a Vatican agency that supports the Eastern Churches where they are an extreme minority (particularly in the Middle East). As people of belief it is vital that we understand their lived experience of Catholicism and stand in solidarity with them. In addition to his homilies Deacon Greg will also give a presentation to the CCD students and teachers during CCD next weekend as well as a talk at 12:15 PM at the St. John site on the Church in the Middle East. Please make sure that you mark your calendar and come for his presentation. Awareness is part of standing in solidarity with them.

A LITTLE ABOUT THE SPEAKER – Deacon Greg Kandra is a Catholic deacon serving the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. In February 2011, he was named the Executive Editor of ONE, the acclaimed magazine published by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). In 2012, ONE received an unprecedented 21 awards from the Catholic Press Association, including First Place for General Excellence. Prior to his work with CNEWA, Deacon Greg enjoyed a long career in broadcast journalism. He spent nearly three decades as a writer and producer for CBS News, where he contributed to “The CBS Evening News with Katie Couric,” “60 Minutes II,” “48 Hours,” (Emmy Award, Writers Guild of America Award) and “Sunday Morning.” He was co-writer for the acclaimed documentary “9/11,” hosted by Robert DeNiro. (Emmy Award, Christopher Award, Peabody Award, Writers Guild of America Award.) His radio essays were featured in the bestselling book “Deadlines and Datelines” by Dan Rather. He’s also a two-time winner of the Catholic Press Association Award. Deacon Greg grew up in Maryland but he and his wife today live in the borough of Queens, New York.

BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK – The parish will sponsor a breakfast, open to all people, with the proceeds benefitting the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. The **ALL YOU CAN EAT** breakfast buffet will be served at the St. John site from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 8 to 4, children under 4 are free. Please mark your calendar.

PIEROGI SALE – The parish is proud to be selling **HOMEMADE** pierogi lovingly made by the hands of our own parishioners on **FRIDAY MARCH 24th** from Noon until 6:00 PM. The pierogi come in potato/cheese, sauerkraut, and prune, and will be available both frozen (uncooked) and cooked with butter and onions. Frozen potato/cheese pierogi are \$8.00 per dozen, frozen sauerkraut pierogi and prune pierogi are \$9.00 per dozen. Cooked potato/cheese with butter and onions are \$9.00 per dozen, cooked sauerkraut and prune pierogi with butter and onions are \$10.00 per dozen. If you cannot wait until the sale frozen pierogi are available at the rectory anytime upon request. Thank you for your help with this endeavor.

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE – This past week the Sportsmen Raffle committee decided that the typical raffle held in the spring will be moved to the summer with a slightly new twist (it will be outside). Please mark your calendars for Saturday July 15th. More details to come in the months ahead!

FANTASTIC PRIZES – The Shade-Central City Historical Society is having a Longaberger Basket/Vera Bradley bingo on March 26th. The event includes a light lunch, door prizes, tip offs, and extra prizes. The bingo will be held at the Polish Hall, doors open at Noon, the event starts at 1:00 PM, tickets are \$20.00. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Sandy Wojick at 754-5675 or Maryann Zubek at 754-5711.

BLESSED BE HIS HOLY NAME – The Holy Name Society will have their monthly Corporate Communion today (Sunday at the 8:00 AM Mass) with a meeting to follow.

SERVER SCHEDULE –

March 18 Church	4:00 PM	J., A. & C. Mauger
March 19 Church	8:00 AM	J. Bihun, D. Zelinski, K. Kolezarik
March 19 Chapel	10:30 AM	E. Spinelli, C. Coleman, A. Knapp

ON ESPN AND ASH WEDNESDAY – I (Fr. Aron) recently read an article in the *Washington Post* by ESPN’s Tony Reali where he discusses his custom of wearing ashes on Ash Wednesday during his television broadcasts. If you are familiar with Tony (and have noticed his ashes) you may find his reflections interesting (and for that matter, heartening). Part of his article follows – I guess I’m giving up silence for Lent this year. That’s an odd thing to say when you make a living yapping about sports on ESPN. And odder when the show I host, “Around the Horn,” makes a game out of **LOUD NOISES**. (That is to say, loud, perspicacious noises from the most insightful sportswriters in America!) I press a mute button to shut them down if (when!) our sports debate careens out of bounds (Fake News!). Silence is how I penalize. Silence works. But is silence good? I’ve been on national television for 16 years and for all 16 I wore an ash on Ash Wednesday. I am grateful to ESPN and fortunate to work in an environment that allows me to be myself. But it’s shocking to me that I’m one of the few faces you see on TV wearing an ash. I did an interview where the reporter told me if you put “The Guy Who Wears Ashes on TV” into Google, I’m the first name that comes up. That’s surprising. (Also true: I’m the first name that comes up for “The Guy Who Proposed In Between The Men’s and Women’s Bathroom at LaGuardia Airport.” Not as surprising.) Among ESPN viewers, it’s well known I’ll be wearing the ash and there’s an expectation. I’m not sure how I feel about that. Sports websites have kept a running tally of my ash through the years. ‘How Heavy Thumbed Will Fr. Mario Be This Season?’ I see the humor in that; I was tattooed in ‘06, crop dusted in ‘09, this year: “clean, minimal, very on trend for 2017,” according to one tweeter. While I get questions like: “dad n em wana kno wats on ur coconut man,” the overwhelming energy has always been support and praise. I struggle with the publicness of the ash. I was rolling in the pew laughing (RIPL!) when this year’s Gospel started with “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them.” Isn’t that what I’m doing when I get the ash in the afternoon and go on TV a few hours later? Could I not go to Mass after work? I’m still not sure I have answers to those questions. I want viewers to see an authentic version of me, and on this one day that includes the ash. Which brings me back to silence. A thought at this moment: I do it publicly one day, think about those who are questioned about their faith every day. Those who are demanded to answer for their faith every day. Those who are threatened because of their faith every day. Or more to the point, think of those whose beliefs and life are prejudged and silenced every day because their ash is a hijab or turban or yarmulke or a passport that has a foreign birth country.

WOMEN AND GIRLS CHOIR – The Women and Girls Choir will be practicing every Thursday beginning at 6:30 P at the Sacred Heart site. All women and girls are welcome.

CHURCH HISTORY CLASS – All are welcome to attend Fr. Aron’s class on the history of the Catholic Church in the United States each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at the St. John site.


