

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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August 20, 2017
Twentieth 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

August 21	<i>Saint Pius X, Pope</i> NO MASS
August 22 8:00 AM	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Frank P. Mihelcic (Req. Wife Patricia and family) - Church
August 23 8:00 AM	<i>St. Rose of Lima</i> John Delasko Sr., 3 rd Anniversary of Death (Req. Family) - Church
August 24 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Bartholomew</i> John Kotus Family (Req. Estate of John Kotus) - Church
August 25 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Louis</i> Stephen Domen (Req. Bernie Brown and Nanette) - Church
August 26 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ray and Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
August 27 8:00 AM	<i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Church
10:30 AM	Mary Yestrepky, Birthday Remembrance (Req. daughter Marianne & family) -Chapel

NOTE THE MASS CHANGE – There will be no daily Mass on Monday of this week, however due to schedule issues there will be Mass on Tuesday at 8:00 AM.

PARISH FESTIVAL – The parishioners of Saints Phillip and James Parish in in Meyersdale will be hosting their Labor Day Festival on the church grounds (247 High Street, Meyersdale) on Monday September 4th. The festival will feature a ham and turkey buffet dinner that will be served from 11:30 until 3:30 PM (take-out meals available). Dinner tickets at the door will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, and free for children under 5 years old. Activities include games, basket raffles, music, and a bounce house. In addition to the dinner funnel cakes and other refreshments will be available.

HEALTH SCREENING SPONSORED BY RESURRECTION PARISH - Resurrection Parish in Johnstown, in conjunction with the Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center in Windber, will be hosting a community lab blood screening. The cost is \$30.00 per person and will be held in the parish hall (324 Chestnut Street, Cambria City/Johnstown) on Saturday September 23rd from 7:00 AM until 9:00 AM (a 12-14 hour fast is recommended prior to giving blood). All people who are concerned about their health are welcome to participate, walk-ins welcome, no physician order is needed for this blood screening. To schedule an appointment call 814-467-3961.

WEEKLY OFFERING August 12th and August 13th - Adult Envelopes - \$2,364; Loose - \$655; Fuel - \$60; Student Offering - \$18.50; Assumption - \$40; Misc. Donations - \$50; Total - \$3,187.50 - Thank You!

FLOWER MEMORIALS - This weekend the flowers at the Sacred Heart site are dedicated in honor of the 57th Wedding Anniversary of Carl and Rose Sprock by their family.

YOUR WISH WILL COME TRUE NEXT WEEKEND - Next weekend Fr. Aron will be taking the Masses parish in New Baltimore. Monks from St. Vincent Archabbey will cover weekend Masses in here next weekend.

I NEVER NOTICED UNTIL NOW - When walking into a Catholic church in the United States (and other places in the world), it is very common to see a statue of the Virgin Mary on the left side of the altar and a statue of St. Joseph on the right. You may have never noticed it before, but now that it's been pointed out to you, you'll see it everywhere. Well, the placement isn't coincidence. It's true that there are no specific norms or rules regarding the placement of statues — the General Instruction of the Roman Missal only notes how, "care should be taken that their number not be increased indiscriminately, and that they be arranged in proper order so as not to distract the faithful's attention from the celebration itself. There should usually be only one image of any given Saint" (GIRM 318). In the past there was a custom of placing the statue of the parish's patron saint in the center of the church, above the tabernacle, but that tradition has decreased recently in favor of a crucifix in the center. In regards to the placement of Mary, she is typically on the left in light of the fact that placed there, she is on Jesus' right hand from "his point of view" — from the point of view of someone looking out from the sanctuary. This is in accordance with the Jewish tradition of having the Queen Mother sit at the right hand of the King. It is narrated in 1 Kings 2:19. Pope Pius X confirms this tradition in *Ad Diem Illum Laetissimum* by declaring "Mary sitteth at the right hand of her Son." Another explanation is due to the fact that the left side of the church was known as the "Gospel Side" of the church and Mary is seen biblically as the "New Eve," with her pivotal role in Salvation History. In Eastern churches an icon of the Mother of God is also placed on the left side of the iconostasis that separates the sanctuary from the nave of the church. One commentary explains how, "The Mother of God holds the infant Christ, and represents the beginning of our Salvation." St. Joseph's presence on the right side is then seen in light of Mary's privileged role. (It is also often the case that another saint is placed there instead of St. Joseph.) However, if an image of the Sacred Heart is placed on "Mary's side" then the statue of Mary is placed on "Joseph's side," as she takes a less prominent position than her Son. At one time in the Church there was also the tradition of segregating the sexes, placing women and children on one side and men on the other side of the church. This may be why some churches have all female saints on one side and all male saints on the other. Sorrow there is no hard and fast rule, the left-right traditional placement was developed over time based on biblical texts and various cultural traditions.

PROFOUNDLY DISTURBING - In the lead up to their evening report this past Sunday, CBS tweeted "Iceland is on pace to virtually eliminate Down syndrome through abortion. #CBSNOA learns more, tonight at 10pm ET/PT." As decent human beings this information should cause us to be outraged, disgusted, and sickened. If we are too distracted to care about what this story is reporting what does it say about us as a people? In the report CBS News cheerfully announced that with the rise of prenatal screening tests across Europe and the United States, the number of babies born with Down syndrome has significantly decreased. Among them few countries have come as close to eradicating Down syndrome births as Iceland. Other countries aren't lagging too far behind in aborting children with Down syndrome. According to the most recent data available, the United States has an estimated termination rate for Down syndrome of 67 percent (1995-2011); in France it's 77 percent (2015); and Denmark, 98 percent (2015). The story featured no voices of disapproval or criticism. No word from medical ethicists. No criticism from clergy. No moral qualms. As one writer aptly put it, "this is appallingly unbalanced, agenda-driven crap." One critical voice that did emerge in light of the story was that of actress Patricia Heaton. The seven-time Emmy Award winner succinctly stated on Twitter, "Iceland isn't actually eliminating Down Syndrome. They're just killing everybody that has it. Big difference." When the majority of moms-to-be in the Nordic country, or "close to 100 percent" as the report stated,

opt to “terminate their pregnancy” when they receive a positive test for Down syndrome that is not something to be proud of. As Karen Gaffney, who has Down syndrome herself and has spent her life championing for the full inclusion of those with Down syndrome or other disabilities, reminds us: “I believe that Down Syndrome is a life worth saying ‘yes’ to.” Perhaps as a result of her comments on Twitter, Ms. Heaton’s words can hopefully encourage others to air their thoughts about this tragic phenomenon. Ms. Heaton did receive some very positive responses, including these words from one Twitter user, “Frightening & disturbing. I work w/children w/Down’s. Most rewarding thing I’ve ever done!” Additionally one mom shared, “My son has down syndrome.. he is a teenager who bowls, swims, dances, sings and LOVES Everyone!” One time writer for the CBS evening news, Deacon Greg Kandra, (who spoke to our parish this past spring about the work of the Church in the Middle East) has this to say about the piece, “Over 35 years ago, when I first joined CBS News as a young kid just out of college, I had the privilege of working with people who had known and worked alongside the likes of Edward R. Murrow and Charles Collingwood. They had a sense of mission, history and purpose. Beyond that, there was a sense of journalistic responsibility; there were fairly stringent standards that had to be followed. Differing views were not optional; they were mandatory. Back then, someone would have skimmed this script and made the connection. “You know,” he’d say, “I know guys who followed the troops as they liberated the camps at the end of World War II, and they saw what this kind of thinking created. This is just like that. It’s eugenics. You need someone to address that. Otherwise, it sounds like we’re supporting it. We can’t have that.” And the reporter or producer would be sent back to get other voices to give context and balance. **(Or, if they really wanted a story to grab people by the throat, they might have taken a different approach, posing the question: “Is eugenics taking hold in Iceland?”)** Where are people to do that kind of reporting today? Or don’t they care?” Question for each of us, why aren’t we deeply disturbed by the degradation of human life? Are we able to grasp what this means not only for the weak but for the rest of humanity? Are we concerned about anything other than our own comfort?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Many thanks to the K of C for cleaning the activity center in preparation for CCD classes this fall. Your hard work is appreciated.

SOMETHING TO PONDER – I have long wondered if anyone actually reads the bulletin. If you took the time to read this, please mention it to Fr. Aron when you see him.

BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND – The All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast sponsored by the parish each 3rd Sunday of the month will be held THIS weekend at the St. John site from 9:0 AM until Noon. All proceeds benefit the CCD activities, including the trip to Rome.

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 Oglie, 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

INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE CHURCH – Any person who has an interest in entering the Catholic Church, be it through baptism or from another religious background, is encouraged to speak to Fr. Aron; he is very happy to reflect and support anyone who is discerning this matter. If this is something you have been prayerfully considering please give Fr. Aron a call or email him at maganudo@yahoo.com. If you are a Catholic who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion you are invited to contact Father as well – he is very happy to meet with those who have a faith that seeks greater understanding.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of Catherine Zelenski for her birthday of August 18, (which she lovingly shared with her granddaughter Trina), by Darlene and Bob. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel for the donors and contributors of the Father Pilz Memorial Fund.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS –

August 20 - All You Can Eat Breakfast at the St. John's site from 9:00 AM until Noon.

August 28 - Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 PM - Activity Center

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

August 26 Church 4:00 PM T. & M. Mabon, A. Mauger

August 27 Church 8:00 AM L., L., & L. Mincek

August 27 Chapel 10:30 AM A. Knapp, E. Spinelli. C. Coleman

CCD REGISTRATION - If you have a child who is entering Kindergarten through Eleventh Grade this upcoming school year it is asked that you please complete the CCD registration form below and return it no later than August 27th (you may place it in the collection basket).

Name (s) and grade levels of Child/Children _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Relevant Health or other Concerns _____

Signature _____ Date _____
