

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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January 8, 2017  
**Epiphany**

**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 9 8:00 AM	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> David G. Bonus (Req. Bill, Judy, and Billy Knapp) - Church
January 10 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> David Kotus (Req. John Harchick Jr.) - Church
January 11 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Robert Ferguson (Req. C. J. Ferguson) - Church
January 12 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Anne Orban, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death (Req. daughter Kathy and family) - Church
January 13 8:00 AM	<i>St. Hilary</i> Dorothy Rairigh (Req. John Harchick Jr.) - Church
January 14 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
January 15 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Tommy Schall (Req. Uncle Toffy & Aunt Julie) - Church For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel

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**A STORY OF HOPE FOR THOSE IN A BAD MARRIAGE** – On paper, Richard Paul Evans seemed like he should be one of the happiest men on earth. A father of five, the wildly successful fiction writer, whose name is often atop the *New York Times* bestseller list, seemed to have it all. Yet despite the impressively loyal readers, the lovely kids, and the nice house in Utah, Evans was miserable, and it stemmed from unhappiness in his marriage – something he recently [shared](#) on his official website. “My oldest daughter, Jenna, recently said to me, ‘My greatest fear as a child was that you and mom would get divorced. Then, when I was twelve, I decided that you fought so much that maybe it would be better if you did.’ Then she added with a smile. ‘I’m glad you guys figured things out.’” It wasn’t easy. Evans and his wife, Keri, had seemed mismatched from their earliest days, and doomed to struggle almost from the start of their marriage. “For years my wife Keri and I struggled. Looking

back, I'm not exactly sure what initially drew us together, but our personalities didn't quite match up. And the longer we were married the more extreme the differences seemed. Encountering 'fame and fortune' didn't make our marriage any easier. In fact, it exacerbated our problems." The couple was fighting so much that Evans began to look forward to traveling book tours that would take him away from home, but the fights continued over the phone, and the couple's moods became "perpetually defensive." During one particularly passionate long-distance fight, Keri slammed down the phone on Evans in mid-yell. It was like an exclamation point that signaled an abrupt end. "That's when I turned to God. Or turned *on* God," writes Evans on his website. "I don't know if you could call it prayer-maybe shouting at God isn't prayer, maybe it is-but whatever I was engaged in I'll never forget it. I was standing in the shower of the Buckhead Atlanta Ritz-Carlton yelling at God... Deep down I knew that Keri was a good person. And I was a good person. So why couldn't we get along? Why had I married someone so different than me? Why wouldn't *she* change?" *Finally, hoarse and broken, I sat down in the shower and began to cry. In the depths of my despair powerful inspiration came to me. You can't change her, Rick. You can only change yourself. At that moment I began to pray. If I can't change her, God, then change me. I prayed late into the night. I prayed the next day on the flight home. I prayed as I walked in the door to a cold wife who barely even acknowledged me. That night, as we lay in our bed, inches from each other yet miles apart, the inspiration came. I knew what I had to do.* The next morning I rolled over in bed next to Keri and asked, "How can I make your day better?" Keri looked at me angrily. "What?" "How can I make your day better?" "You can't," she said. "Why are you asking that?" "Because I mean it," I said. "I just want to know what I can do to make your day better." She looked at me cynically. "You want to do something? Go clean the kitchen." The next day, Evans greeted Keri with the same phrase, at which she narrowed her eyes, and sent him to cleaning the garage. It went on like that. Each morning, Evans would ask his wife, "What can I do to make your day better?" Each morning, Keri would say in exasperation, "You can't," often followed by "Please stop saying that." "I can't," Evans said. I made a commitment to myself. What can I do to make your day better?" "Why are you doing this?" "Because I care about you," I said. "And our marriage." After two weeks of gently harassing his wife into letting him do things to make her happy, Keri broke down, sobbing. "Please stop asking me that. You're not the problem. I am. I'm hard to live with. I don't know why you stay with me." I gently lifted her chin until she was looking in my eyes. "It's because I love you," I said. "What can I do to make your day better?" "I should be asking you that." "You should," I said. "But not now. Right now, I need to be the change. You need to know how much you mean to me." It was a moment of recognition and connection, full of the real intimacy that comes when apologies are made and accepted, though words, and actions, and simple presence. When Evans then asked Keri what he could do to make her day better, she said, "Can we spend time together, maybe?" "I would love to," he replied. It was the needed breakthrough. Evans and Keri had moved from wanting to be away from each other, to desiring each other's company and companionship. Evans kept asking his ritual question for more than a month. The fights stopped, and soon Keri began asking, "What do you need from me?" "The walls opening us up to others. "Real love is not to desire a person, but to truly desire their happiness-sometimes, even, at the expense of our own happiness...I am incredibly grateful for the inspiration that came to me that day so long ago." The insight given to Evans - that real love desires the happiness of the other, even at one's own expense - came as the answer to the prayer, and in the end it pointed precisely to Christ, as yet another means of explaining to a man, and to all of us, that love, in the end, always has a connection to the Cross.

**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.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 8 - Holy Name Corporate Communion (8:00 AM Mass) Meeting to follow - Activity Center

January 8 - Social Committee Meeting - St. John Hall - 1:00 PM

January 9 - Society of Angels Meeting

January 10 - Finance Council Meeting - St. John Hall - 6:00 PM

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

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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.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** - Because the hall is not yet 100% finished, the coffee and doughnut social scheduled for this weekend after the 10:30 AM Mass has been moved to next week. See you then!

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of Shirley Sanzo by brother Joe and family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in honor of the 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Genevieve Berezonsky by the Haggerty Family.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> - Adult Envelopes - \$1,326. - Adult Initial Offering - \$211. Students \$14.50. Loose Change \$192. - Parish Expense - \$115. - Solemnity of Mary - \$617. - Fuel - \$126. Student Initial - \$2.50.; Student Solemnity of Mary - 9.50. Christmas - \$295. Total \$2,908.50.

**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 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 Stanzone, 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, Michael Edward Knapp, Nick Wallace, Howard Baldwin, Steve Fedorko, Larry Krestar, Harriet Konitsky

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -**

January 14 Church	4:00 PM	A., J., & C. Mauger
January 15 Church	8:00 AM	L., L., & L. Mincek
January 15 Chapel	10:30 AM	M. Topka, E. Dabbs, E. Spinelli

**SLOVAK CLASSES** - The parish will be sponsoring a seven week class on Slovak culture and language every Tuesday night beginning 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 are interested, please call Fr. Aron no later than Tuesday of 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>.

**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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**FLOWER MEMORIAL** - This weekend the flowers at the Sacred Heart site were donated by Janka Berezonsky and Kusha Haggerty in honor of Fr. Aron's birthday.

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

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