

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Rectory Office

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December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of
Advent

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)

738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John)

162 Wheeler Street

Confessions

Church (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

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

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00 AM

Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

Mass Intentions

December 11	<i>Advent Weekday</i> NO MASS
December 12	<i>Advent Weekday</i> NO MASS
December 13	<i>Saint Lucy</i> NO MASS
December 14	<i>Saint John of the Cross</i> 8:00 AM Rose (Vatavuk) Walkowski, 30 Day Rem. Month's Mind (Req. Family) - Chapel
December 15	<i>Advent Weekday</i> 8:00 AM Joseph Zibura (Req. Delores Berkhimer) - Chapel
December 16	<i>Vigil Third Sunday of Advent</i> 4:00 PM Ray and Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
December 17	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 AM Kristen Zubek, Birthday Remembrance (Req. Family) - Church 10:30 AM For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Chapel

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY –Our parish invites any and all to join us in ringing in 2018 at evening of horse racing, epic food, good drinks, dancing, and other games of chance (all at church and for a good cause). Dinner, consisting of chicken cordon bleu, roast beef au jus, red skin potatoes, and more will be served at 6:00 PM. Following dinner all guests will have an opportunity to place bets on the horses featured in our Night at the Races event. After several hours of betting on 12 races the evening will conclude with dancing from 10:30 PM until 12:30 AM. To insure good luck, an additional meal of pork and sauerkraut will be served at 10:30 PM. Beer, mint juleps, champagne, and soft drinks will be available at an open bar throughout the duration of the event. All proceeds benefit the CCD fund that helps our parish students enjoy quality activities. Tickets are now on sale - the cost is \$50.00 per COUPLE. Additionally all couples

will be able to name their own horse (owners and names will be published in the evening's race guide). A horse owner whose horse wins will receive a \$50 prize. The crazier the name the better (a track style announcer will be present to call the horse names during the races). In addition to winning real money during the races, the calling of the ridiculous horse names (chosen by their owners) is an unforgettable experience. Any individual who wishes to attend is welcome to do so - individual tickets are \$30.00 each (individual tickets do not include a "horse"). If you haven't been to a Night at the Races, it isn't something you want to miss. The event will be held the activity center - doors open at 5:30 PM. The event is semi-formal (however you define semi-formal). In addition to the drinks provided, patrons are welcome to bring their own refreshments. Over 21 years old only. If you wish to buy a ticket please phone the rectory.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

December 16	Church	4:00 PM	A. Mauger, T. & M. Mabon
December 17	Church	8:00 AM	D. Zelinski, K. Koleszarik, T. Tomlinson
December 17	Chapel	10:30 AM	J. Hammer, M. Moslak, C. & L. Galish

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, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglino, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, 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, 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, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka, Michael Bednar, Carla Ayres, Zoe Taylor, Rodney Shaffer

ADVENT CONFESSIONS - In lieu of a penance service, Fr. Aron will be having additional confession times as a way to be spiritually prepared for Christmas. Please note the following times for confession. In addition to these times confession can be arranged anytime by request. At Sacred Heart - December 16 3:00 PM-3:50 PM, December 20, 5:00 PM -6:30 PM, December 23 , 1:30 PM -3:45 PM - At St. John - December 24, 11 PM -11:45 PM

FATHER ARON AWAY - Please note that there will be no daily Mass at the parish from Monday until Wednesday of this week. Fr. Aron will be in Detroit and will return Wednesday evening.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

December 10 - CCD Confessions 9:00 - 10:10 AM - Sacred Heart
December 13 - Society of Angels Christmas Party - Rizzo's Restaurant - 6:30 PM
December 17 - All You Can Eat Breakfast - St. John's - 9:00 AM - Noon
December 21 - Christmas CCD Social - St. John's, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
December 21 - Pierogi Sale - St. John's - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
December 22 - Visits to Homebound Parishioners
December 22 - Decorating Sacred Heart Site - 6:00 PM
December 24 - NO CCD
December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass - Sacred Heart - 4:00 PM
December 25 - Christmas Midnight Mass - St. John's - Midnight
December 25 - Christmas Day Mass - Sacred Heart 10:30 AM
December 27 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - St. John's - 7:00 PM
December 31 - NO CCD
December 31 - New Year's Eve Party - Activity Center - 6:00 PM (Doors Open at 5:30) - 12:30 AM

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle, at the Sacred Heart site, burns in loving memory of the deceased Kotus Family members. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in honor of the Birthday of James Pollock by Theresa.

WEEKLY OFFERING December 2nd and December 3rd - Adult Envelopes - \$3,162.25; Loose - \$478; Fuel - \$317; Student Offering - \$43.25; All Saints - \$20; All Souls - \$20; Immaculate Conception - \$105; Christmas - \$120; Thanksgiving - \$30; Student Immaculate Conception - \$5; ; Misc. - \$10; Total - 4,300.50- Thank You!

SUPPORT OUR SISTER CHURCH - Holy Assumption Orthodox Church (St. Mary's) is sponsoring a "Holliday Raffle" ticket. To the winner goes \$700 and seven meats - bacon, ham, turkey, chicken, pork, steak, and shrimp (not technically meat). The drawing will be on Old Calendar Christmas, January 7th (based on the PA Daily number). For tickets please see Father Aron or Maryann Zubek.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS - This week the parish will be mailing a newsletter to all of our parishioners, all friends of the parish, and a number of those who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith. If you know anyone who may benefit from receiving a newsletter please drop off their name and address at the parish by Tuesday of this week.

PIEROGI SALE - The parish will once again be offering homemade pierogi in time for Christmas. Made by parishioners they are available in potato/cheese (\$8.00 per dozen), sauerkraut (\$9.00 per dozen), and prune (\$9.00 per dozen). They are available only through preorder - use the form in the bulletin and place it in the rectory mail slot or in the collection basket next weekend or phone the rectory to place your order.

Orders must be received by December 18th. All orders are uncooked and frozen and can be picked up on Thursday December 21st from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Proceeds benefit the CCD program.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

I would like the following (indicated number of dozen next to each type)

Potato Cheese _____ Sauerkraut _____ Prune _____ Total Money Enclosed _____

CATHOLICS AND THANKSGIVING - IN the event that you are still pondering Thanksgiving thoughts as you pick through Thanksgiving leftovers, here is something to chew on as you do. Speaking of chewing on things, if you are still eating your Thanksgiving turkey it is probably time you threw it out. - The first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8 (feast of the birth of the Blessed Virgin) in 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered. This was 56 years before the Puritan pilgrims of Massachusetts. Don Pedro Menendez came ashore amid the sounding of trumpets, artillery salutes and the firing of cannons to claim the land for King Philip II and Spain. The ship chaplain Fr. Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales chanted the Te Deum and presented a crucifix that Menendez ceremoniously kissed. Then the 500 soldiers, 200 sailors and 100 families and artisans, along with the Timucuan Indians celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in gratitude to God. The second American Thanksgiving happened on April 30, 1598, when Spanish explorer Don Juan de Oñate requested the friars to say a Mass of Thanksgiving, after which he formally proclaimed "La Toma", claiming the land north of the Rio Grande for the King of Spain. The men feasted on duck, goose, and fish from the river. The actors among them dressed and presented a play. All this took place twenty-three years before the Pilgrims set sail from England on the Mayflower. The Puritan pilgrims were violently anti-Catholic. They left England because they thought that the Protestant Church of England was too Catholic. These Puritans were strict Calvinists. The pilgrims also opposed celebrating Christmas, dancing, musical instruments in church, and even hymns as papistical (derrogatroy term used to describe anything that related to the Pope). Squanto, the beloved hero of Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock, was Catholic! Squanto had been enslaved by the English but he was freed by Spanish Franciscans. Squanto thus received

baptism and became a Catholic. So it was a baptized Catholic Native American who orchestrated what became known as Thanksgiving. So while Thanksgiving may celebrate the Calvinist Separatists who fled England, Catholics might remember the same unjust laws that granted the crown of martyrdom to Thomas More, John Fisher, Edmund Campion, et al. are the same injustices that led the Pilgrims to Plymouth. And let everyone remember that "Thanksgiving" in Greek is Eucharistia. Thus, the Body and Blood of Christ is the true "Thanksgiving Meal." At Thanksgiving don't forget to raise your wine glass and recite the wonderful limerick of Hilaire Belloc: "Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, There's always laughter and good red wine. At least I've always found it so. Benedicamus Domino!"