

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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) 8:00AM
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

Mass Intentions

March 14	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Ray Carmany, 100 th Birthday Remembrance (Req. Pat and Mary Ann Zubek) - Church
March 15	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Margaret Hudak (Req. family) - Church
March 16	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
	Frank Stanek (Req. Larry and Diane Milazzo - Church
March 17	<i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i>
	Gary Pongrac (Req. Bill and Barbara Marek) - Church
March 18	<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>
	Theresa Chulick (Req. Barry and Kathy Smay) - Church
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross -- Church
March 19	<i>Vigil of Palm Sunday</i>
4:00 PM	Tillie Pasierb (Req. family) – Church
March 20	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
8:00 AM	Henry and Josephine Meholc (Req. Carl and Rose Sprock) – Church

PRAYER LIST – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Frank Mihelcic, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Michael Chipchosky, Ann Guyer, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Kathryn Yatta, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Margaret Spinelli, Joe Zeigler, Andy Levchik, Fern Lasut, Christopher Criscuolo, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Barbara Delasko, Roger Black, Kay O 'Toole, Trish Rullo, Mary Jeschonek, Beverly Brett, Mike Stefanik, Connie Criscuolo, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Stanley Bialek, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, Carol Maciag, Helen Walinski, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr.

WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED? – As you may have noticed upon entering the church this weekend that the statues and images are veiled, or covered in violet cloth, and will remain covered until

Easter. Where does this practice come from and why do we observe this old custom? While the practice of the custom may vary to a degree from place to place, images are typically veiled from before the vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent until Easter. In some places images and statues are actually removed from the church and not simply veiled. Neither the Stations of the Cross nor stained glass windows are ever veiled. Noted liturgist Monsignor Peter Elliott has pointed out, "The custom of veiling crosses and images ... has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption." Although this is true, the historical origin of this practice lies elsewhere. It probably derives from a custom, noted in Germany from the ninth century, of extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent. Some authors say there was a practical reason for this practice insofar as the often-illiterate faithful needed a way to know it was Lent. For analogous motives, later on in the Middle Ages, the images of crosses and saints were also covered from the start of Lent.

OPERATION RICE BOWL – If you took one of the Rice Bowls in order to collect for the poor, please make sure your bowl is turned in by next Sunday.

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS – Gorzkie Zale or Bitter Lamentations, the time-honored Polish Lenten devotions, will conclude this weekend (Sunday March 13th). Lamentations, begin at 3:00 PM in the church (our Polish worship site). Please plan to attend this Sunday.

WEEKLY OFFERING March 5th and 6th – Adult Envelopes - \$2,558.; Initial - \$10; Solemnity of Mary - \$5.00 - Students \$26.50. – Fuel -\$30. – Loose Change - \$228. – Parish Expense - \$536. – Total \$3,393.50 Thank You!

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: The dates the Community Thrift Store will be on April 2nd from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday's Masses are the following: 37: Lk 19:28-40 9 38: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:5-11 Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49 (procession) Meditating on the readings in advance is an excellent way to advance in the spiritual life.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – The Boswell Knights of Columbus Council will sponsor an All-You-Can-Eat pancake and sausage breakfast from 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM on Sunday April 10th. The price is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children under 10.

SOCIETY OF ANGELS BASKET PARTY – The Society of Angels will be sponsoring a Basket Party on Sunday April 17th (doors open at Noon) in the parish activity center. In addition to the chance to win great prizes on the basket raffles the event will feature a light lunch and each ticket holder will be given 25 free tickets for the basket raffles. Currently the society is seeking donations for the baskets to be raffled (complete baskets, items for a basket, or monetary assistance). Boxes for donations will be available at both worship sites. Additionally the society is also in need of baked goods to be served at the raffle; please sign up after Mass on the sheet provided at the rear of the church. If you are interested in attending please phone the rectory or see one of the members for tickets.

GUN BASH TICKETS – The parish will sponsor our annual Gun Raffle on Sunday April 24th beginning at 1:00 PM (doors will open at 12:15 PM). While all of the remaining Numbered Gun Tickets were sold this past week, Guest Tickets are still available. A Guest Ticket entitles the bearer to be admitted to the gun raffle and includes food, drink, and the opportunity to win the walk around guns and other games of chance. A guest ticket does NOT include an opportunity to win the guns listed on the Numbered Gun Ticket. Guest Tickets are \$15.00 each. Please call the rectory if you are interested in purchasing a Guest Ticket. Thank you in advance for your support – we sold our Numbered Gun Tickets in record time.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

March	19	Church	4:00 PM -	D. Zelinski, Mangers, T. Tomlinson,
March	20	Church	8:00 AM -	Lucy, Lane, & Liam Mincek, Rylee Pongrac
March	20	Chapel	10:30 AM -	Emma & Elaina Spinelli, C. Coleman, A. Knapp

PHOTO BOOK REFUND – Several years ago it was decided that the parish would produce a family photo directory. This project never came to fruition. Fr. Aron has decided if the parish decides at some point to reexamine this project it would be with a company that provides the service at no cost (many parish photo directory providers make their money by selling family photos to the families who wish to have a copy of their picture). With that in mind if you donated to the photo directory project a few years ago you are entitled to a refund since this project is being suspended. If you donated please phone the rectory by April 1st if you wish to have your funds returned. All unclaimed money from this project (\$1,040 total at present) will be transferred to the general operating account of the parish on April 2nd.

UP COMING EVENTS – Please mark your calendar with regard to the following events. March 14th – Society of Angels meeting 7:00 PM; March 15th – Finance Council meeting 7:00 PM; March 28th – Parish Council meeting 7:00 PM; April 1 – First Friday Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Church) – 6:00 PM; April 5 – SHA Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Activities Center; April 6 – St. Vincent De Paul Meeting at 7:00 in the Activities Center; April 11 – Society of Angels Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Activities Center, April 17 – Society of Angels Basket Party in the Activities Center (Doors Open at Noon); April 19 – Finance Council Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Activities Center, April 24 – Annual Gun Raffle (doors open Noon) April 25 – Parish Pastoral Meeting in the Activities at 7:00 PM.; April 27 – Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Activities at 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during the Lenten Season at 7:00 PM. This week Stations will be held at the St. John the Baptist worship site.

RANDOM HISTORICAL NOTES ABOUT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – The emperor Constantine permitted Christians to legally worship in the Roman Empire in 313 after 250 years of persecution. In 335, he erected the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at the site where Jesus' tomb was believed to have been. Processions of pilgrims to the church, especially during Holy Week, began soon after its completion. Pilgrimages eventually took a fixed route from the ruins of the Fortress Antonia, where Pilate had his judgment hall, to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. That route through Jerusalem's Old City gained acceptance as the way Jesus went to his death and remains unchanged today. It is known as the *Via Dolorosa*, Latin for the "Sorrowful Way." The pilgrims visited the holy sites they brought back oil from the lamps that burned around Jesus' tomb and relics from the holy places, and sometimes tried to recreate in Europe what they had seen in the Holy Land. The Moslem conquest of Palestine in the seventh century made such shrines more significant, since it made travel to the Holy Land dangerous. Devotions to the Way of the Cross began in earnest after 1342, when the Franciscan friars were given custody of the holy sites in the Holy Land. The Franciscans have been closely identified with the devotion ever since; for years, Church regulations required a set of the stations to be blessed by a Franciscan when possible. The number of stations varied widely, with some manuals of devotion listing as many as 37. The term "stations" in describing the Way of the Cross was first used in the narrative of an English pilgrim, William Wey, who visited the Holy Land twice in the 15th century. Depictions of the events described in the Stations did not start becoming common in churches until Pope Innocent XI permitted the Franciscans in 1686 to erect such displays in all their churches. Pope Clement XII allowed all churches to have stations and fixed the number at 14, where it has been ever since. In recent years, many churches have included the Resurrection as a 15th station. Benedict XIV specifically urged every church in 1742 to enrich its sanctuary with stations. St. Alphonsus Ligouri in 1787 wrote the version of the Stations that most Americans recognize because it was used in most churches in the United States throughout the 19th and 20th centuries.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church for the deceased members of the Dydo Family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of Donald Dabbs (Anniversary of death) by family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE – If you wish the sanctuary candle to be lit in honor of a deceased loved one, for an anniversary, as a sign of thanksgiving, or as a symbol of prayer for health and

healing please complete the form below and return it to the rectory. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Name of Intention and Preferential Date _____

Name of Person making Request _____
