

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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October 30, 2016
**Thirty-First 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) 8:00AM
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

October 31	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> NO MASS
November 1 7:00 PM	<i>All Saints</i> For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Church
November 2 NOON	<i>All Souls</i> For the Poor Souls in Purgatory – Church
November 3	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> NO MASS
November 4	<i>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i> NO MASS
November 5 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> David G. Bonus (Req. by Deanna Will) – Church
November 6 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Calvin Coyle (Req. Beth & Darrell Humphrey) - Church For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

CCD MASS – Next Sunday the parish will celebrate a special “CCD Mass,” a Mass where our CCD students will serve as altar servers, choir members, ushers, lectors, greeters, and servers of refreshments following Mass. All families with students in the CCD program are asked to attend. Refreshments are for any who enjoy donuts.

CHOIR PRACTICE – The Women and Girls Choir will practice this Thursday (11/3) beginning at 6:30 PM. The choir will be preparing for the CCD Mass next weekend. If you would like to sing with them (and are a woman or a girl) please be at practice this Thursday evening.

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION – This week we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints day, a day that we remember all of the saints who stand before God in heaven (if your baba is in heaven, and is not formally canonized, this is her feast day). Since eternal beatitude is why we exist it is important that we take seriously our obligation to attend Mass on this day. Because Fr. Aron will be in Rome the Mass schedule has been somewhat modified. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday November 1st at 7:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site. If you cannot make this Mass

please be aware that Holy Family Church in Hooversville will have a Mass Monday evening (10/31) at 6:30 PM and another at 8:00 AM on Tuesday morning (11/1), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Windber will have a Mass Monday evening (10/31) at 4:00 PM, St. Anthony in Windber will have a Mass Monday evening at 4:00 PM (10/31) and a Noon Mass on Tuesday (11/1), St. Cyril and Methodius in Windber will have a Mass on Monday evening at 6:00 PM (10/31) and Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM (11/1).

ALL SOULS – There will be a Mass for All Souls, a day when we pray in a particular way for the Poor Souls in Purgatory at **Noon** on Wednesday November 2nd at the Sacred Heart site. Following Mass there will be a simple prayer service in the parish cemetery.

FATHER ARON AWAY – This weekend Fr. Tim Wehn, a retired priest of the Diocese of Las Vegas, Nevada, will be covering for Fr. Aron who will be leading a group of pilgrims to Rome. In the event of a death or an emergency please contact the rectory.

BAR-B-QUE CHICKEN DINNER – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a BBQ chicken dinner on November 5th from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM in the activity center. The meal includes a half chicken, baked potato, baked beans, and roll. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Please get your tickets after Mass, see a Knight, or call the rectory. The last day for tickets will be October 30th – please come support the K of C and your last opportunity to have BBQ chicken until spring!

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO HELP THE POOR – The St. Vincent DePaul Society is seeking donations to help with their annual “Turkeys for the Shade-Central City Food Pantry,” that runs until November 1st. The St. Vincent DePaul Society provides vouchers so the poor in our area can purchase turkeys. If you wish to contribute please write “Turkey Fund” on an envelope and place it in the collection basket this weekend. On behalf of the poor the Society wishes to offer sincere thanks to all who contribute to this annual drive.

CEMETERY DECORATIONS – As was noted in the revised cemetery directives all artificial decorations will be removed on or near November 1st. If you would like to save any artificial decorations please remove them this week – if they are not removed by October 30th they will be discarded. Please note that any decorations placed after November 1st will be removed in March.

WEEKLY OFFERING: October 22nd and October 23rd - Adult Envelopes - \$2,403.25. – Students \$28.25; Loose Change \$208. – Parish Expense \$150. – Building Fund - \$20. – All Souls Day - \$ 70.00. - Fuel - \$20.00. Total \$2,899.50. Thank You!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday’s Masses are the following: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, St. Luke 20:27-38 or 20-27, 34-38

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: The Thrift Store will be open the following dates from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM on November 12th.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candles at both worship sites burn for Our Lady’s Memorial Fund donors (in memory of deceased enrollees – Church * in honor of living contributors - chapel)

PRAYER LIST – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Kathryn Yatta, 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, Barbara Delasko, Roger Black, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Stanley Bialek, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, Carol Maciag, 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, John Sprock, Shirley Roman, Catherine Zelenski, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Michael Edward Knapp, Nick Wallace

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 – All Saints, Holyday of Obligation, Mass 7:00 PM Chapel
November 2 – All Souls Mass, NOON, Church with visit to Cemetery to follow
November 2 – St. Vincent DePaul Meeting, 7:00 PM
November 6 – CCD Mass 8:00 AM
November 13 – Sportsmen Raffle
November 14 – Society of Angels Meeting
November 16 – Joint Meeting of Parish and Finance Councils 6:30 PM

FANTASTIC PRIZES, FAME, AND FORTUNE AWAIT – In order to help cover the cost of the CCD trip to New York City the parish is selling a great raffle ticket entitled “Long Winter Raffle.” The ticket will give the winner ½ hog, ½ beef, and a 7 cu inch deep chest deep freezer. If you are interested in a ticket or are willing to help sell the tickets (based on the daily number), please contact the parish office. They go off on December 8th.

RADIATORS NEEDED –Several years ago the furnace broke at St. John’s Rectory and nearly all of the radiators froze and broke. Since the plan is to repair and keep the rectory, if you have a radiator or multiple cast iron radiators you are willing to part with please let the rectory know as soon as possible.

DECEASED KNIGHTS MASS – The K of C will be having a “Deceased Knights Mass” at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday November 20th. If your husband, father, or grandfather was a Knight of Columbus you are invited to attend the Mass and reception afterward. Please contact the rectory if you wish to attend.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

November 5	Church	4:00 PM	C., T., & M. Mabon
November 6	Church	8:00 AM	D. Zelinski, A. Mauger, C. Mauger
November 6	Chapel	10:30 AM	E. Rapsky, E. Rapsky

PURGATORY THOUGHTS – Since All Souls Day is this week, we are afforded with a great opportunity to not only pray for the Poor Souls, but to examine why we pray for the dead. Here are some random thoughts about Purgatory. Rather than a place (like Heaven and Hell), Purgatory is an action, a state, a transition. Purgatory is "like a refiner's fire" (Mal 3:2). It refines and purifies those who at the moment of death are neither good enough for an immediate heaven nor bad enough for hell. "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030). "The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031). *Continued to the back page of the bulletin.*

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- **What good are prayers for the dead? If a person is in heaven, he doesn’t need prayers, and if he is damned, then no amount of prayers will help him.**
 - o Catholics and Protestants can agree on two things regarding the afterlife: Souls in hell will not grow close to God, and those in heaven cannot draw any nearer to him. If purgatory does not exist, prayers for the dead are useless.
 - o If sin still clings to Christians (Hebrews 12:1), but there is no sin in heaven (Revelation 21:27), there must be a purification that takes place after one's death and before one enters heaven. Even if it were "in the blink of an eye," this final stage of sanctification must take place, so those who die in God's favor may be cleansed if any affection for sin remains in them.
 - **The only reason the Catholic Church invented this unbiblical idea of purgatory is to make money off the faithful who think that they can save their unrepentant deceased relatives by paying for Masses.**
 - o Does the Church amass wealth off of the doctrine of purgatory? The average Mass stipend (which is optional) is around ten dollars. Say a parish had two daily Masses offered for the dead, it would amount to 70 dollars a week. It is apparent how silly this objection about "wealth" is.
 - o Can Masses said after a person's death save his soul? No. Purgatory is only for those who have repented and have died in God's grace but still have some attachment to sin. While the Church cannot judge souls, we can be certain that if a person dies in a state of mortal sin without asking God's forgiveness, purgatory does not await him as if it were a second chance.
 - **Weren't prayers for the dead an invention of the medieval Church?**
 - o Prayers for the dead are not only older than the Middle Ages, they predate Christianity. In the Old Testament, Judah Maccabee and his companions pray for the souls of departed soldiers: "It was a holy and pious thought. Therefore, he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Macc. 12:45).
 - While Protestants **do not** accept this as an inspired book, it is worthwhile to point out that even today Jews have a prayer called the Mourner's Kaddish that is offered for the purification of the deceased.
 - o This practice of praying for the dead is also recorded throughout ancient Christian documents, such as the *Acts of Paul and Thecla*, and in the writings of Perpetua, Tertullian, Cyril of Jerusalem,

Epiphanius of Salamis, John Chrysostom, and Augustine. Since all of these men wrote between A.D. 160 and 421, prayers for the souls in purgatory can hardly be considered a medieval invention. On the contrary, refusing to pray for the dead is a novel idea in light of historic Judaism and Christianity.

- **While some may say the idea of souls needing prayers in purgatory seems so contrary to the gospel that no Bible-believing Christian could believe it please consider the following:** since roughly 50 percent of all Christians are Catholics and 25 percent are Orthodox, about three-quarters of all Christians believe in praying for the dead. Certain Protestants, such as C.S. Lewis, have also held to the truth of the doctrine.

- **A Catholic "Invention"?**

- Most professional anti-Catholics seem to place the blame on Pope Gregory the Great, who reigned from A.D. 590–604.
- But that hardly accounts for the request of Monica, mother of Augustine, who asked her son, in the fourth century, to remember her soul in his Masses. This would make no sense if she thought her soul would not benefit from prayers, as would be the case if she were in hell or in the full glory of heaven.
- Nor does ascribing the doctrine to Gregory explain the graffiti in the catacombs, where Christians during the persecutions of the first three centuries recorded prayers for the dead.

- **IF YOU WANT TO HELP WITH THE HYMNAL PROJECT?** – If you would like to donate a hymnal in honor of a deceased friend or family member please complete the form below. The name of the honoree and the name of the benefactor will be inscribed on the inside front cover of the hymnal. If you so desire, the hymnal you purchased can be placed in your pew. What a great way to memorialize someone and to be reminded each time we open the hymnal of our need to pray for the dead. Each hymnal costs the parish \$14.40 each. Since there is a shipping cost, the cost of a hymnal for those who wish to purchase one (or more than one) is \$15.00 per hymnal. If you are able to help with this special endeavor please complete the form found below and return it with payment to the parish office by November 6th. Thank you for your help with this matter. *Note – If you decide to dedicate a hymnal to a deceased loved one please remember that you are donating this hymnal to the church in their honor – these are not personal hymnals that can be taken home.

- **Please Print Neatly or Type**

- Name _____

- Name of Person/Persons/Family You Wish to Memorialize _____

- Number of Hymnals You Wish to Purchase _____

- Worship Site Where You Wish to Have Hymnal Placed _____

- Phone Number _____