

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent

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

November 28	<i>Advent Weekday – First Day of Buck Season</i>
8:00 AM	Dave G. Bonus (Req. Juleen, Jim & Brock Kephart) - Church
November 29	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Rose Pasierb, 30 Day Rem. Month's Mind (Req. Zurenda Family)
November 30	<i>Saint Andrew, Apostle</i>
8:00 AM	Carol Terry and Mary Tyree (Req. Carol-Jo Ferguson) – Church
December 1	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Margaret Hudak (Req. Family)
December 2	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Nina Lizik (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy) - Church
December 3	<i>Vigil, Second Sunday of Advent</i>
4:00 PM	Tillie and Ray Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) – Church
December 4	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
8:00 AM	Nina Lizik (Req. Nevin and Karen Mincek) - Church
10:30 AM	For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

WEEKLY OFFERING: November 19th and November 20th - Adult Envelopes - \$2,268.25. – Students \$27.25; Loose Change \$262.00 – Parish Expense \$145. – Building Fund - \$525. – Fuel - \$63.00 – Students Thanksgiving \$4.00; Thanksgiving – \$140. – Total \$3,434.50. Thank You!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday's Masses are the following: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, St. Matthew 3:1-12 (4)

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church for the donors and contributors of the Father Pilz Memorial Fund. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in appreciation of a prayer answered.

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, Howard Baldwin

HOG, BEEF, AND FREEZER RAFFLE – If you have any outstanding tickets for the Beef/Hog/Freezer Raffle they must be turned in this week (they go off December 8th). Please make sure they are returned as soon as possible. Thank you to all who helped with this raffle that benefits our CCD trip to New York City.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

December 3 Church 4:00 PM
December 4 Church 8:00 AM
December 4 Chapel 10:30 AM

HYMNAL UPDATE – This weekend, as we commence the Church’s new year, we will begin to use the new hymnals. Please note that if you purchased a hymnal in honor of deceased loved one the dedication pages are still at the printer and should be finished by the end of this week. Once the dedication pages arrive they will be placed in the hymnal and can then be placed in a pew of your choosing. If you follow the readings in the missalette please see the green readings supplement, also in the pew. The parish wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all who helped with this endeavor.

SOCIETY OF ANGELS CHRISTMAS PARTY – The Society of Angels will have their annual Christmas Party on December 14th at Rizzo’s Restaurant in Windber beginning at 6:00 PM. If you are a member and wish to attend please contact the rectory by December 7th.

PARISH COUNCIL – There will be meeting of the parish council NEXT MONDAY, December 5th at 6:30 PM. If you are a member please mark your calendar.

IS CHRISTMAS NEXT? - This past week it was announced that the city of Bloomington, Indiana has renamed Good Friday and Columbus Day as “Spring Holiday” and “Fall Holiday” to be more “inclusive”. Mayor John Hamilton said the move would “better reflect cultural sensitivity in the workplace.” Bloomington city employees receive paid time off for Columbus Day and Good Friday. Columbus Day became a federal holiday in the United States in 1937 and celebrates the arrival of explorer Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492. The holiday falls on the second Monday of October. However, it has drawn significant opposition in recent times from those who regard Columbus’s arrival as a prelude to centuries of oppression. – Diversity is a good thing, however it is a two way street, meaning that we respect people’s traditions, including Good Friday and Columbus Day.

SOMETHING TO PONDER – *A bird in hand is reason enough to wash your hands.*

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHRISTMAS CHOIR – The St. John the Baptist Schola will have practices for Christmas Masses beginning this Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the St. John site. The music will be for the Midnight Mass on Christmas and include some venerable hymns in English, Slovak, and Latin. All who enjoy singing are encouraged to attend.

WOMEN AND GIRLS CHOIR – The Women and Girls Choir will bring their practices for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart this Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Sacred Heart site. Included in the hymns are many Yuletide favorites, including some in Polish. All those interested in singing with the Women and Girls Choir are invited to attend.

MASS AT ST. JOHN'S – While it was promised that the 10:30 AM Mass would return to St. John's this weekend, it will be moved to Sacred Heart again this weekend due to the fact that the new boiler is not quite finished. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and some other concerns the new boiler isn't quite ready. Sorry for any inconvenience that has caused, barring any unforeseen issues the 10:30 AM Mass should return to St. John's next weekend.

MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE ON HIM! – This week Stanley "Piney" Bialek was buried from our parish. Please remember Stanley and his family in your prayers – May he rest in peace!

ADVENT THOUGHT – *"Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited."* – Thomas Merton

WORDS OF THE WISE – *The doctor told me I was overweight. I told him I wanted a second opinion. So he said "you're ugly too."*

NOW WAIT A MINUTE – Sometimes wives are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged. "You're being unreasonable, Eve" Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by Eve poking him in the chest. "What are you doing?" Adam demanded. "Counting your ribs," said Eve.

ON DOWNS SYNDROME – On November 10th, the [French 'State Counsel' rejected an appeal](#) made by people with Down syndrome, their families and allies to lift the ban on broadcasting the award winning "Dear Future Mom" video on French television. The ban was previously imposed by the French Broadcasting Counsel. The video features a number of young people with Down syndrome from around the globe speaking about their lives. Their stories reflect today's reality of living with Down syndrome and aims to reassure women who have received a prenatal diagnosis. Their message of hope takes away the fears and questions these women may have, often based on outdated stereotypes. The video was produced in 2014 to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. A day created by Down Syndrome International and officially recognized by the United Nations for the promotion of the human rights of people with Down syndrome. The State Counsel said that allowing people with Down syndrome to smile was "inappropriate" because people's expression of happiness was "likely to disturb the conscience of women who had lawfully made different personal life choices." While studies from the United States and [the Netherlands](#) have shown that children with Down syndrome are typically much happier than most people, this video is banned from public television because their happy faces make certain segments of the population feel uncomfortable. This helps to continue myth that society and medical professionals so often portray; that Down syndrome is a life of suffering, a burden to their family and society. Obviously, if the truth gets out that most people with Down syndrome are happy with their lives, society may start to question the systematic screening and deliberate mass elimination of babies prenatally diagnosed under the pretense of health-care and women's rights. 96% of pregnancies that are diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted in [France](#). Worldwide this number is estimated to be about 90%. To address this disturbing issue, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, offered some personal reflections that speak to the very heart of the matter. He writes, "I know that parents facing a prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome are frightened, and I can't take away the fear and concern. But I can share with you my own experience of my brother, George, who was born with Down syndrome. My engagement with my brother Georgie was not distant. When our mother died in 1989, I became his legal guardian, and at the age of 48, he came to live with me in the parish rectory in Pennsylvania and later moved with me when I was appointed Bishop of Knoxville, Tennessee. I remember well how George contributed to the life of the parish I was serving. He was a community builder par excellence. Two weeks had not gone by before he had given each person on the rectory staff a nickname. In the Old Testament, God gave Abram a new name to claim him as his own, and so Georgie quickly claimed us as part of his family. At the rectory, Georgie contributed in countless ways. Through a playful "boo," an occasional hug, and a pat on the back, Georgie brought to the rectory an ease that became infectious. He became a valued co-worker and was greatly missed whenever he would take a vacation. He was a friend in the evening, and I learned the television schedules for most evenings after 9:30

PM. His gentle presence forced me to take the time to stop, pause, and enjoy. I quickly learned how much he was giving to me and to all he encountered. He comforted me after a tough day, responded to my grief at the death of our mother, and helped me to keep things in perspective. Giving and receiving are intertwined, and we never do one exclusively. In the case of my relating to my brother, it is not a cliché to say I received much more than I ever gave. The gift of my brother overflowed with a cornucopia of concrete acts of love and because of him, I am a better person. – We would do well to watch the short video and pray for those who have a child (in the womb or otherwise) who has Downs syndrome.