

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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February 28, 2016
Third 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

February 29	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Michael Novella (Req. family) - Church
March 1	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Margaret Hudak (Req. family) - Church
March 2	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Laura Elizabeth Brown (Req. Laura Lenz) - Church
March 3	<i>Lenten Weekday Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i>
8:00 AM	Frank Chapman (Req. Sue and Randy Rodman) - Church
March 4	<i>Lenten Weekday Saint Casimir</i>
8:00 AM	Rita Rietscha. (Req. Beth Ann Knapik family) – Church
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross – Church
March 5	<i>Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
4:00 PM	Anne Orban (Req. Deanna Will) – Church
March 6	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>
8:00 AM	Matthew and Mary Seben (Req. Ted and Dolores Morris) – Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel

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 Stanziona, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Stanley Bialek, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, Carol Maciag, Helen Walinski, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

February 27	Church	4:00 PM -	Mabons
February 28	Church	8:00 AM -	Jordan Kachur, Amy Hammer, Anna Deneen
February 28	Chapel	10:30 AM -	Spinellis
March 5	Church	4:00 PM -	Cassandra Coleman, Makenna Topka
March 6	Church	8:00 AM -	Tyler Tomlinson, Kaden Koleszarik, David Zelenski
March 6	Chapel	10:30 AM -	Michael Moslak, Emily & Madalyn Rapsky

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS RETURN TO CENTRAL CITY – This past week the parish revived the tradition of Gorzkie Zale, or Bitter Lamentations. Attendance was very good, thank you to all who participated in the devotional exercises. Lamentations are a devotion containing many hymns that developed in Poland in the 1700s. The devotion is primarily a sung reflection and meditation on the Passion of Christ and the sorrows of His Blessed Mother. The devotion consists of a three-part cycle, subdivided into five unique parts. The devotion originated in Holy Cross Church in Warsaw and from there it spread to whole of Poland. Since the devotion consists of a three-part cycle it will be held on three Sundays of Lent, two of which are remaining, February 28th, and March 13th. The devotions begin at 3:00 PM in the church (our Polish worship site). While the devotion is a time honored Polish Lenten custom it will be prayed in English. Please plan to attend these beautiful prayer services.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ENTER THE CHURCH – This week Fr. Aron will begin instructions for anyone who wishes to become Catholic, or for Catholics who have never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation. If you are interested please call Fr. Aron – no matter where you are in life all people have a place in God's Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETING – If you are a current CCD instructor please make every effort to be at a meeting TODAY (February 28th) at 1:00 PM in the activity center. This meeting is important as we will be discussing various issues involving our CCD program.

WEEKLY OFFERING for February 20th and 21th – Adult Envelopes - \$2,639.25, - Students \$30. – Fuel - \$56. – Initial Payment - \$10.00 – Loose Change - \$132. – Parish Expense - \$160. – Total \$3,027.25 Thank You!

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: The dates the Community Thrift Store will be open are as follows: March 5th, 12th, and April 2nd. The hours are 8:00 AM to 12 Noon.

THE ARCHBISHOP REFLECTS – Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia recently penned a thought provoking article on time management – it would be time well spent to take a few moments and ponder his thoughts. – In Muslim countries like Pakistan, many of the young men begin studying the Koran as soon as they can read. In fact, many of them learn to read using the Koran. They read and discuss the Koran every day, for hours each day, every day of the week until they know it by heart. Many of them can recite whole sections of the Koran without thinking. Little by little, like water dripping on a stone, it shapes their whole view of the world—what's right and what's wrong; what's important and what's not. **Here in America, we have a similar kind of training. It's called television.** The typical American spends between three and seven hours a day watching TV and sees well over 2 million commercials in the course of a lifetime. That's a form of education. And most of what we see on TV teaches us that buying a lot of products makes us happy; that young is good and old is bad; that we should eat whatever we want but that we also need to be thin; that suffering doesn't have any meaning; that relationships never last; that most families are dysfunctional; that authority is dangerous; and that religious people are hypocritical. None of us lives forever. Or rather, all of us live forever, but only for a very short time in this world. If we lose our money, we can often earn it back. But if we misuse

our time, we can never get it back. Where we put our time shows the world what we really value and believe. What we really believe shapes our choices. And our choices shape our eternity. Muslims didn't develop their admirable piety in a vacuum. They borrowed their reverence from Jews and early Christians, who had a profound love for the written Word of God in the Old and New Testaments. The lesson for us today is simple. American Catholics have the one true Word of God in the Bible. If we took just one hour of the time we waste on television every day and used it to study and pray over the Gospels, we'd be fundamentally different people, and our country and our world would be transformed. We were made for better things than silver and gold. We're more than what we own or think we want. We're children of God bought back from slavery by the blood of God's son. Somebody infinitely good, willingly died to make us free. That's how precious we are in the eyes of God. God loves us infinitely. That's the source of our faith and hope. God's love is not something anyone can buy. It's a free gift. But it comes with consequences. If we really believe that God raised his son from the dead in order to raise us along with him, then we need to act like it. We need to submit our time and our actions to what we claim to believe. A meaningful life is a life conformed to imperishable things. And a futile life is a life that puts its time in the wrong places—into things that perish; things that lead us away from conforming our lives to Jesus Christ. Those are the two options. We get to choose.

NOTED CATHOLIC SPEAKER IN BEDFORD – Dr. John Bergsma, a noted scholar and former Protestant minister, will speak in the school hall of St. Thomas Parish in Bedford (129 West Penn Street) on Saturday March 5th from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. In addition to authoring several books, Dr. Bergsma's articles have appeared in multiple journals and publications. Additionally he has appeared on EWTN, and has been twice voted as Faculty Member of the Year at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio where he teaches. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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.

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.

SS. CYRIL AND METHIDIUS COLLECTION – A special second collection will be taken up on the weekend of March 12th & 13th to benefit the 2016 SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal (note, this will take the place of the SHA collection scheduled for that weekend). Money from this collection will be used to support the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, the residence for priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome for their advanced degrees. A portion of the collection is also given to religious congregations in Slovakia. This collection is a way of showing support for the Church in the homeland of many of our ancestors. Your support is appreciated – Dakujem!

UP COMING EVENTS – Please mark your calendar with regard to the following events. March 1st Slavic Heritage Association meeting 7:00 PM: March 2nd – St. Vincent de Paul meeting 7:00 PM: March 4th – First Friday Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Church) – 6:00 PM: 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during the Lenten Season at 7:00 PM. The schedule will alternate between worship sites each week (Chapel of St. John – March 11th -

Church of the Sacred Heart, March 4th, March 18th). Additionally, Fr. Aron will hear Confessions before Stations from 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday’s Masses are the following: 33: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Meditating on the readings in advance is an excellent way to advance in the spiritual life.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY – The Irish of Resurrection Parish in Johnstown will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with a party on March 19th in the parish hall. Music provided by TREE from 7:00 until 10:00 PM. For questions or to make a reservation please call the parish office at 539-5788, Ext. 3.

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 for the deceased enrollees of the Our Lady’s Memorial Fund.

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 _____
