

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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September 25, 2016
**Twenty-Sixth 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

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| Sep 26 | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Church |
| Sep 27 | <i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Frank Mihelcic Jr. (Req. Bill and Pauline Pollock) - Church |
| Sep 28 | <i>St. Wenceslaus, Martyr</i> |
| 8:00 AM | David G. Bonus (Req. daughter Joni & Mike O'Ship) - Church |
| Sep 29 | <i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Margaret Hudak (Req. Family) - Church |
| Sep 30 | <i>Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Nina Lizik, 30 Day Rem. Month's Mind (Req. Margaret Hawrylak & family) – Church |
| Oct 01 | <i>Vigil, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 4:00 PM | Thomas J. Novak (Req. wife Jenny) – Church |
| Oct 2 | <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Donna Chipchosky (Req. Family) - Church |
| 10:30 AM | For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel |

GOING DUTCH WITH DEATH? – Bishop Arthur Seratelli of the Diocese of Patterson, New Jersey recently wrote an article about euthanasia, or “physician assisted suicide.” While this practice would’ve been considered unethical and abhorrent just a few years ago, in recent years it has grown more and more popular in the court of public opinion. The bishop offers some good food for thought on this matter, his article follows. – When the early Dutch settlers arrived in the American colonies, they brought with them a unique piece of architecture that immediately became popular. They introduced the typical Dutch farmhouse door. It was a door split horizontally with the bottom half remaining closed and the top half easily opened. The closed bottom half kept the children in the house and the animals out. The top half

allowed fresh air in. This clever way of fashioning a door gave birth to the common English expression “going Dutch.” When two people dine together and split the bill, each taking care of their own expenses, they are said to be “going Dutch.” Last year, *Newsweek* journalist Winston Ross headlined an article on euthanasia with the clever expression “dying Dutch.” How appropriate! It is from the Netherlands that many countries are now importing the practice of sanctioning euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide. Euthanasia, the intentional ending of someone’s life to relieve suffering, is legal today in Belgium, Ireland, Colombia and Luxembourg. Assisted suicide, that is, intentionally providing a person with the knowledge or means to commit suicide, is legal in Switzerland, Germany, Japan, Albania and Canada. Other countries such as France and England are not far behind. In the United States, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Vermont all have gone “Dutch with dying.” These states have legalized euthanasia. Ten other states — Alabama, Idaho, Massachusetts, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming — have no enactments that make it a criminal act to assist or counsel the suicide of someone wishing to end their life. In January 2016, New Jersey legislators voted against a bill legalizing assisted suicide. A month later, a new bill was reintroduced to allow the terminally ill to end their lives. The Dutch have been very liberal in removing any restriction on terminating human lives. Now, the vulnerable and the weak may have their lives ended. Newborn babies, teenagers with disabilities and individuals with depression or dementia may be euthanized. Even children ages 12 to 15 may be euthanized, if their parents agree. After 16, they can decide for themselves. When people are ill or disabled, it is precisely those moments of caring for them that bring out the best in others to be selfless and compassionate. It becomes a time for family members and friends to deny themselves in order to be with and comfort those who suffer or are terminally ill. Suffering can strengthen the bonds of love and prepare both those suffering and their caregivers to be more closely united with the God of all love. No Christian can look at the cross of Jesus without acknowledging that suffering can be redemptive. Those who try to justify euthanasia argue that suffering is meaningless and intolerable. Yet, today’s palliative care provides ways to ease pain without terminating the life of the individual. Legalizing the killing of any person to end their suffering introduces a dangerous view of life. It reduces life to a disposable commodity to be used and then discarded at will. But the human person is more than his or her suffering. The will of a society to care for the suffering will always be the mark of a civilized society. A recent Gallup poll reported that seven in 10 Americans now hold that physicians should be able to legally end a patient’s life. While it is sad to see the increase in those supporting euthanasia and physician-assisted suicides, it is not surprising. As more and more people reject belief in God or are living lives as if there were no God, the respect for life as the fundamental gift of a loving God is diminished. Where God is absent from people’s lives, they themselves forget that we are merely stewards of the gift of life. God is the God of life. He alone has absolute dominion over life. Such a basic truth becomes meaningless in a totally secularized and godless society. And, the results are disastrous. Any society that legalizes euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide effectively removes the protections needed for its most vulnerable members. The sick, the disabled and elderly begin to see themselves as a physical, emotional and financial burden on others. And so does the state. In 2008, Barbara Wagner sought treatment for lung cancer. Oregon denied her treatment because of cost. The state offered, however, as an alternative, to pay for her physician-assisted suicide. As the health care industry becomes more and more a profit-driven system with an emphasis on cutting costs, financial considerations soon replace ethical principles in dealing with the disabled, the elderly and the terminally ill. Legalizing euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide negates the inherent value of every human person. It opens the door to abuse, coercion and denial of health care because of costs. It ultimately splits society into those who have power to make life and death decisions for others and those who are subject to the will of the more powerful. The momentum to intentionally and deliberately end the life of someone who is suffering or terminally ill, if not stopped, will eventually unravel the fabric of the civilized world. When it comes to death, do we really want to “go Dutch?”

CCD HIKE AND OUTDOOR MASS – Next Sunday there will be a hike to Mt. Davis, the highest point in Pennsylvania, for all of our CCD students and their families. In addition to the hike we will celebrate

Holy Mass outdoors and have a cookout afterward (Mass fulfills one's Sunday obligation). If your child is enrolled in CCD, please turn in the form your child received in their CCD folder THIS WEEKEND. We will depart from St. John's parking lot at 11:30 AM next Sunday.

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE – The parish will host a fall Sportsmen Raffle on Sunday November 13th with the doors opening at 12:15 PM. Many who have seen the list of prizes have been very impressed with the quality of the prizes. The food should be exceptional and, like this spring, will feature two roast pigs. All proceeds gained from this event will be used to help defray the costs of extraordinary repairs needed to our parish buildings. Numbered tickets are available for \$25.00 each and \$15.00 each for guest tickets. Please phone the parish office if you wish to purchase tickets.

NEW YORK TRIP – If you and your child are planning on attending the CCD trip to New York City in February please make sure that your form is turned in NO LATER than next weekend. Because space is limited it is important to get an accurate headcount, once an accurate headcount is established additional family members will be invited. If your form is not turned in by noon next Sunday it will be assumed that your family will not be attending the event.

UP COMING EVENTS – Please note the following...

September 27 – Cemetery Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM

September 28 – Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 PM

October 2 – St. John the Baptist Schola Sings at 10:30 AM Mass

October 2 – CCD Hike and Outdoor Mass departure at 11:30 AM from St. John's

October 9 – Holy Name Corporate Communion at 8:00 AM Mass, Meeting to follow

October 9 – No CCD Classes

October 10 – Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

October 11 – Finance Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

October 16 – CCD Mass 8:00 AM

WOMEN AND GIRLS CHOIR – The Women and Girls Choir will begin their practices THIS Thursday (September 29th) for the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday October 16th. If you are interested in joining the choir please come to the practice on Thursday (9/29) at 6:30 PM.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOLA – The St. John the Baptist Schola will be singing at the 10:30 AM Mass NEXT SUNDAY. The choir will have prepared some beautiful sacred music including William Byrd's Non Nobis Domine.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING – Members of the Cemetery Committee will be meeting this Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. If you are a member of the Cemetery Committee, please be present.

SPAGHETTI DINNER – St. Anthony Parish in Windber will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Sunday October 16th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Dinners are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Eat-ins or take-outs are available. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Oct 1 Church 4:00 PM L., L., & L. Mincek

Oct 2 Church 8:00 AM A., J., & C. Mauger

Oct 3 Chapel 10:30 AM M. Moslak, J. Hammer, C. Galish

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 Ogline, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Mary Jeschonek,

Patty Barnes, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Pat Timulak, Caroline Amato, Richard Birely, Joseph Shelko, John Sprock, Shirley Roman, Catherine Zelenski, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus

WEEKLY OFFERING: September 17th and September 18th – Adult Envelopes - \$2,747.25 – Students \$27.75 – Loose Change \$154 – Parish Expense \$255 – Building Fund \$565. – Total \$3,749. Thank You!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday’s Masses are the following: Hebrews 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-10

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: The Thrift Store will be open on the following dates from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM: Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, & Jan. 14

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church as a Birthday Remembrance for Ann Knapp by son Bill, Judy, and family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel as a Birthday Remembrance for Ann Knapp by Theresa & Marie.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - If you wish the sanctuary candle to be lit in honor of a deceased loved one, for an anniversary, 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 _____
