

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Rectory Office

738 Sunshine Avenue
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Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)
738 Sunshine Avenue

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

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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| March 28 | <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i> NO MASS |
| March 29 | <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i> NO MASS |
| March 30 8:00 AM | <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i> Irene Kupetz (Req. Panchock) - Church |
| March 31 8:00 AM | <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i> George Kalanish Jr. (Req. by your Church family) |
| April 1 8:00 AM | <i>Weekday in the Octave of Easter</i> Dennis Caola (Req Gigi Gromack) |
| April 2 4:00 PM | <i>Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter</i> Stanley Zelenski Jr. (Req. Vivian Ferko & family) - Church |
| April 3 8:00 AM 10:30 AM | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Mary A. Lohr by Joe & Cathy Smith – Church For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel |

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the be-all and the end-all of the Christian faith. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, all bishops, priests, and Christian ministers should go home and get honest jobs, and all the Christian faithful should leave their churches immediately. As Paul himself put it: "If Jesus is not raised from the dead, our preaching is in vain and we are the most pitiable of men." It's no good, of course, trying to explain the resurrection away or rationalize it as a myth, a symbol, or an inner subjective experience. None of that does justice to the novelty and sheer strangeness of the Biblical message. It comes down finally to this: if Jesus was not raised from death, Christianity is a fraud and a joke; if he did rise from death, then Christianity is the fullness of God's revelation, and Jesus must be the absolute center of our lives. There is no third option. I want to explore, very briefly, a handful of lessons that follow from the disquieting fact of the Resurrection. First, this world is not it. What I mean is that this world is not all that there is. We live our lives with the reasonable assumption that the natural world as we've come to know it through the sciences and discern it through common sense is the final framework of our lives and activities. Everything (quite literally, everything) takes place within the theater of our ordinary experience. And one of the most powerful and frightening features of the common-sense world is death. Every living thing dies and stays dead. Indeed, everything in the universe, scientists tell us, comes into being and then fades away permanently. But what if this is not in fact the case? What if the laws of nature are not as iron-clad as we thought? What if death and dissolution did not have the final say? What if, through God's power and according to his providence, a "new heavens and a new earth" were being born? The resurrection of Jesus from the dead shows as definitively as possible that God is up to something greater than we had imagined or thought possible. And therefore we don't have to live as though death were our master and as though nihilism were the only coherent point of view. After he had encountered the risen Christ, Paul could even taunt death: "Where is your sting?" In light of the resurrection, we can, in fact, begin to see this world as a place of gestation, growth and maturation toward something higher, more permanent, more splendid. Here's a second lesson derived from the resurrection: the tyrants know that their time is up. Remember that the cross was Rome's way of asserting its authority. Roman authorities declared that if you run afoul of our system, we will torture you to death in the most excruciating (*ex cruce*, from the cross) way possible and then we will leave your body to waste away be devoured by the beasts of the field. The threat of violence is how tyrants up and down the centuries have always asserted their authority. Might makes right. The crucified Jesus appeared to anyone who was witnessing the awful events on Calvary to be one more affirmation of this principle: Caesar always wins in the end. But when Jesus was raised from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit, the first Christians knew that Caesar's days were numbered. Jesus had taken the worst that the world could throw at him and he returned, alive and triumphant. They knew that the Lord of the world was no longer Caesar, but rather someone whom Caesar had killed but whom God had raised from death. This is why the risen Christ has been the inspiration for resistance movements up and down the centuries. In our own time we saw how deftly John Paul II wielded the power of the cross in Communist Poland. Though he had no nuclear weapons or tanks or mighty armies, John Paul had the power of the resurrection, and that proved strong enough to bring down one of the most imposing empires in the history of the world. Once again, the faculty lounge interpretation of resurrection as a subjective event or a mere symbol is exactly what the tyrants of the world want, for it poses no real threat to them. The third great lesson of the resurrection is that the path of salvation has been opened to everyone. Paul told us that "though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped. Rather he emptied himself and took the form of

slave...accepting even death, death on a cross.” In a word, Jesus went all the way down, journeying into pain, despair, alienation, even godforsakenness. He went as far as you can go away from the Father. Why? In order to reach all of those who had wandered from God. Then, in light of the resurrection, the first Christians came to know that, even as we run as fast as we can away from the Father, all the way to godforsakenness, we are running into the arms of the Son. The opening up of the divine life allows everyone free access to the divine mercy. And this is why the Lord himself could say, “When the Son of Man is lifted up, he will draw all people to himself,” and why Paul could assert in 1 Corinthians, “When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.” The resurrection shows that Christ can gather back to the Father everyone whom he has embraced through his suffering love. So on Easter Sunday, let us not domesticate the still stunning and disturbing message of resurrection. Rather, let us allow it to unnerve us, change us, set us on fire. – Bishop Robert Barron

Blessed and Happy Easter

Wesołego Alleluja! – Polish Vesela veľká noc! – Slovak

Father Aron

Easter changes everything for Christians today, too. We know that life is stronger than death. Love is stronger than hatred. Hope is stronger than despair. We know that Christ is risen, and is with us. We know how much God loves us. We know what it means to “die to oneself” and to experience new life—even in small ways in our daily lives. We know that the promise of eternal life is real, because we know of those who have seen the real fulfillment of that promise. – Fr. James Martin, S.J.

PRAYER LIST – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Frank Mihelcic, 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, Margaret Spinelli, Joe Zeigler, Andy Levchik, Fern Lasut, Christopher Criscuolo, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Barbara Delasko, Roger Black, Kay O’Toole, Trish Rullo, 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 Oglone, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito.

WEEKLY OFFERING March 19th and March 20th – Adult Envelopes - \$2,732.25 - Students \$23.25. – Fuel -\$21. – Loose Change - \$150. – Parish Expense - \$225.00. – Total \$3,690. Thank You!

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: 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: Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12, 13-17, 18-20, 21-26, 27-31, 32-35, 36-40, 41-46, 47-50, 51-55, 56-60, 61-65, 66-70, 71-75, 76-80, 81-85, 86-90, 91-95, 96-100, 101-105, 106-110, 111-115, 116-120, 121-125, 126-130, 131-135, 136-140, 141-145, 146-150, 151-155, 156-160, 161-165, 166-170, 171-175, 176-180, 181-185, 186-190, 191-195, 196-200, 201-205, 206-210, 211-215, 216-220, 221-225, 226-230, 231-235, 236-240, 241-245, 246-250, 251-255, 256-260, 261-265, 266-270, 271-275, 276-280, 281-285, 286-290, 291-295, 296-300, 301-305, 306-310, 311-315, 316-320, 321-325, 326-330, 331-335, 336-340, 341-345, 346-350, 351-355, 356-360, 361-365, 366-370, 371-375, 376-380, 381-385, 386-390, 391-395, 396-400, 401-405, 406-410, 411-415, 416-420, 421-425, 426-430, 431-435, 436-440, 441-445, 446-450, 451-455, 456-460, 461-465, 466-470, 471-475, 476-480, 481-485, 486-490, 491-495, 496-500, 501-505, 506-510, 511-515, 516-520, 521-525, 526-530, 531-535, 536-540, 541-545, 546-550, 551-555, 556-560, 561-565, 566-570, 571-575, 576-580, 581-585, 586-590, 591-595, 596-600, 601-605, 606-610, 611-615, 616-620, 621-625, 626-630, 631-635, 636-640, 641-645, 646-650, 651-655, 656-660, 661-665, 666-670, 671-675, 676-680, 681-685, 686-690, 691-695, 696-700, 701-705, 706-710, 711-715, 716-720, 721-725, 726-730, 731-735, 736-740, 741-745, 746-750, 751-755, 756-760, 761-765, 766-770, 771-775, 776-780, 781-785, 786-790, 791-795, 796-800, 801-805, 806-810, 811-815, 816-820, 821-825, 826-830, 831-835, 836-840, 841-845, 846-850, 851-855, 856-860, 861-865, 866-870, 871-875, 876-880, 881-885, 886-890, 891-895, 896-900, 901-905, 906-910, 911-915, 916-920, 921-925, 926-930, 931-935, 936-940, 941-945, 946-950, 951-955, 956-960, 961-965, 966-970, 971-975, 976-980, 981-985, 986-990, 991-995, 996-1000.

UP COMING EVENTS – Please mark your calendar with regard to the following events. 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 Council Meeting in the Activities at 7:00 PM – April 27 – Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Activities at 7:00 PM

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

April 02 Church 4:00 PM C., A., & J. Mauger
April 03 Church 8:00 AM T. Tomlinson, K. Koleszarik, D. Zelenski
April 03 Chapel 10:30 AM A. Knapp, A. Dabbs, M. Topka

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church for the deceased enrollees of the Father Pilz Memorial Fund. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of Kevin Farley Jr. by Gram Mildred and Aunts.

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 _____
