

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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April 17, 2016
Fourth
Sunday of Easter

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

April 18 8:00 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Church
April 19 8:00 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Margaret Hudak (Req. family) - Church
April 20 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Martin I. Pope, Martyr</i> Mary Lou Miller (Req. Robert Farrell) - Church
April 21 8:00 AM	<i>Easter Weekday; Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i> Thomas Murin (Req. Aaron & Nicki Martinek) - Church
April 22 8:00 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Ann Arpino (Req. Marian & Keith Higgins) - Church
April 23 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Tillie Pasierb. (Req. Pysnik family) - Church
April 24 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Frank Chapman (Req. Ken & Jane Skone) – Church For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel

SO THE POPE CHANGED THE MARRIAGE RULES? – Media pundits have offered much commentary on the Pope’s recent apostolic exhortation entitled *Amoris Laetitia*. The document is complex and long. Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles offers the following thoughts on this document, they are worth a read. – On a spring day about five years ago, when I was rector of Mundelein Seminary, Francis Cardinal George spoke to the assembled student body. He congratulated those proudly orthodox seminarians for their devotion to the dogmatic and moral truths proposed by the Church, but he also offered some pointed pastoral advice. He said that it is insufficient simply to drop the truth on people and then smugly walk away. Rather, he insisted, you must accompany those you have instructed, committing yourself to helping them integrate the truth that you have shared. I thought of this intervention by the late Cardinal often as I was reading Pope Francis’s apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. If I might make bold to summarize a complex 264-page document, I would say that Pope Francis wants the truths regarding marriage, sexuality, and family to be unambiguously declared, but that he also wants the Church’s ministers to reach out in mercy and compassion to those who struggle to incarnate those truths in their lives. In regard to the moral objectivities of marriage, the Pope is bracingly clear. He unhesitatingly puts forward the Church’s understanding that authentic marriage is between a man and a woman, who have committed themselves to one another in permanent fidelity, expressing their mutual love and openness to children, and abiding as a sacrament of Christ’s love for his Church (52, 71). He bemoans any number of threats to this ideal, including moral relativism, a pervasive cultural narcissism, the ideology of self-invention, pornography, the “throwaway” society, etc. He explicitly calls to our attention the teaching of Pope Paul VI in *Humanae Vitae* regarding the essential connection between the unitive and the procreative dimensions of conjugal love (80). Moreover, he approvingly cites the consensus of the recent Synod on the Family that homosexual relationships cannot be considered even vaguely analogous to what the Church means by marriage (251). He is especially strong in his condemnation of ideologies that dictate that gender is merely a social construct and can be changed or manipulated according to our choice (56). Such moves are tantamount, he argues, to forgetting the right relationship between creature and Creator. Finally, any doubt regarding the Pope’s attitude toward the permanence of marriage is dispelled as clearly and directly as possible: “The indissolubility of marriage— ‘what God has joined together, let no man put asunder’ (Mt 19:6)—should not be viewed as a ‘yoke’ imposed on humanity, but as a ‘gift’ granted to those who are joined in marriage...” (62). In a particularly affecting section of the exhortation, Pope Francis interprets the famous hymn to love in Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians (90-119). Following the great missionary Apostle, he argues that love is not primarily a feeling (94), but rather a commitment of the will to do some pretty definite and challenging things: to be patient, to bear with one another, to put away envy and rivalry, ceaselessly to hope. In the tones of grandfatherly pastor, Francis instructs couples entering into marriage that love, in this dense and demanding sense of the term, must be at the heart of their relationship. I frankly think that this portion of *Amoris Laetitia* should be required reading for those in pre-Cana or other similar marriage preparation programs in the Catholic Church. Now Francis says much more regarding the beauty and integrity of marriage, but you get my point: there is no watering down or compromising of the ideal in this text. However, the Pope also honestly admits that many, many people fall short of the ideal, failing fully to integrate all of the dimensions of what the Church means by matrimony. What is the proper attitude to them? Like Cardinal George, the Pope has a visceral reaction against a strategy of simple condemnation, for the Church, he says, is a field hospital, designed to care precisely for the wounded (292). Accordingly, he recommends two fundamental moves. First, we can recognize, even in irregular or objectively imperfect unions, certain positive elements that participate, as it were, in the fullness of married love. Thus for example, a couple living together without benefit of marriage might be marked by mutual fidelity, deep love, the presence of children, etc. Appealing to these positive marks, the Church might, according to a “law of gradualness,” move that couple toward authentic and fully-integrated matrimony (295). This is not to say that living together is permitted or in accord with the will of God; it is to say that the Church can perhaps find a more winsome way to move people in such a situation to conversion. The second move—and here we come to what will undoubtedly be the most controverted part of the exhortation—is to employ the Church’s classical distinction between the objective quality of a moral act and the subjective responsibility that the moral agent bears for committing that act (302). The Pope observes that many people in civil marriages following upon a divorce find themselves in a nearly impossible bind. If their second marriage has proven faithful, life-giving, and fruitful, how can they simply walk out on it without in fact incurring more sin and producing more sadness? This is, of course, not to insinuate that their second marriage is not objectively disordered, but it is to say that the pressures, difficulties,

and dilemmas might mitigate their culpability. Here is how Pope Francis applies the distinction: “Hence it is can no longer simply be said that all those in any ‘irregular’ situation are living in a state of mortal sin and are deprived of sanctifying grace” (301). Could the Church’s minister, therefore, not help such people, in the privacy of the rectory parlor or the confessional, to discern their degree of moral responsibility? Once again, this is not to embrace a breezy “anything-goes” mentality, nor to deny that a civil marriage after a divorce is objectively irregular; it is to find, perhaps, for someone in great pain, a way forward.

BASKET RAFFLE – This weekend the Society of Angles will hold their annual basket raffle. Many thanks to all who donated and have helped with this fundraiser. Tickets are available at the door for purchase.

SPECIAL SCHOLA – Fr. Aron is assembling a special schola, or choir, to sing on occasion at the 10:30 AM Mass at Old St. John’s for solemn occasions. Liturgy and worship must be our main focus as a parish. The first event for the schola is Corpus Christi Mass on May 29th. If interested please see Fr. Aron.

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM – Not long ago I (Fr. Aron) was asked if there was a list of people who have keys to parish buildings. I inquired about this and was told that there was no definitive list. From an insurance perspective this is not a good situation. In light of this it was decided that all of the parish buildings would be rekeyed and an accurate list of key holders be maintained. If you need regular access to one of the parish buildings please submit the form found below to the office. Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Keys Requested _____

Do You Currently Have A Key To These Buildings? _____

Reason Why Keys Are Needed For A Particular Building _____

Date of Request _____

Signature _____

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

April	16	Church	4:00 PM	L. & L. Mincek, R. Pongrac
April	17	Church	8:00 AM	A. J., & C. Mauger
April	17	Church	10:30 AM	E. & E. Spinelli
April	23	Church	4:00 PM	T.C. & M. Mabon
April	24	Church	8:00 AM	L. & L. Mincek, R. Pongrac
April	24	Chapel	10:30 AM	C. Coleman, M. Topka

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 Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Vivian Monko

WEEKLY OFFERING April 9th and April 10th – Adult Envelopes - \$1,974 – Easter \$245 - Students \$21.50. – Fuel -\$43. – Loose Change - \$284.63 – Parish Expense - \$351. – Total \$. Thank You!

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: The Thrift Store will be open April 23 and May 7 from 8:00 AM to Noon.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday’s Masses are the following: 54: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

UP COMING EVENTS – Please mark your calendar with regard to the following events. April 17 – Society of Angels Basket Party in the Activities Center (Doors Open at Noon), April 19 – Finance Council Meeting at 7 PM; April 24 – Annual Gun Raffle (doors open Noon); May 3 – SHA Meeting at 7 PM; May 4 –St.; Vincent de Paul Meeting at 7 PM; May 6 – Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Church) – 6:00 PM; May 9 – Society of Angels Meeting, 7 PM; May 17 Finance Council Meeting at 7 PM; May 23 – Parish Pastoral Meeting at 7 PM, May 25 – Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7 PM. (Note: All meetings are in the Activities Center.)

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church for the deceased members of the Dydo Family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel for the deceased enrollees of the Father Pilz 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 _____
