

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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December 25, 2016
The Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)

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

December 26 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Stephen, Proto-Martyr</i> Verna Farkas, 30 Day Remembrance, Month's Mind (Req. Zurenda Family) - Church
December 27 8:00 AM	<i>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> George W. Ferko (Req. wife Vivian and Family) - Church
December 28 8:00 AM	<i>Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> Mike Chipchosky (Req. Bob and Donna Mulcahy) - Church
December 29 8:00 AM	<i>Fifth Day with the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i> Patsy Magnone, 20 th Anniversary of Death (Req. wife Sue, children & grandchildren) - Church
December 30 8:00 AM	<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> Andrew Medva (Req. Dorothy Glosky) - Church
December 31 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil Mass – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> George Napora (Req. Joni and Michael Napora) - Church
January 1 8:00 AM	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i> Private Intention - Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER - Our parish family extends deepest sympathies to the family of Kathryn Yatta, a member of our parish for over 97 years. Please remember her daughters Alice and Patricia, son Tom, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, and family in your prayers. May she rest in peace!

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM - After each Mass this weekend the ushers will be distributing a copy of the book *Rediscover Catholicism*, an easy to read and motivational book about the faith. Please take one home with you to read - when you finish the book please pass it along.

CHURCH ENVELOPES - The offertory envelopes for 2017 can be found in the vestibule of either worship site. If you do not notice your name it may be at the other church - if the office made a mistake

and missed your name please call and the situation will be happily rectified. Please note that the envelope inventory has been greatly simplified for 2017, thank you for your continued generosity.

CALENDARS - The church calendars for 2017 can be found in the rear vestibule of either worship site. There are a few calendars in the Polish language available at the Sacred Heart site. Please take a calendar home with you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6 - First Friday Adoration and Devotions - Sacred Heart - 6:00 PM

January 8 - Holy Name Corporate Communion (8:00 AM Mass) Meeting to follow - Activity Center

January 8 - Social Committee Meeting - St. John Hall - 1:00 PM

January 9 - Society of Angels Meeting

January 10 - Finance Council Meeting - St. John Hall - 6:00 PM

January 15 - CCD Classes Resume

January 17 - Slovak Class - St. John Hall - 6:30 PM (Classes every Tuesday for 7 weeks)

January 25 - Knights of Columbus Meeting

January 29 - Painting Party - Activity Center - 2:00 PM

January 30 - Parish Council Meeting - St. John Hall - 6:30 PM

February 18-20 - CCD Trip to New York City

February 25 - Mardi Gras Party

March 1 - Ash Wednesday - Masses - Sacred Heart 8:00 AM, St. John 7:00 PM

NEW SOUND SYSTEM - Thanks to a benefactor who, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, underwrote the cost of a new sound system for St. John's Church. The system was installed this week and is working very well. Many thanks for your generosity.

HOUSE BLESSING - In keeping with the venerable Eastern European custom, Father Aron is happy to come and bless homes around the Feast of the Epiphany. Last year 54 households had their homes blessed (that leaves 204 parish households that didn't!). Even if you had your home blessed last year, Father Aron is still happy to come and bless it this year. Don't worry about cleaning your house, remember this is particular way of asking for Divine assistance, and is not about *Better Homes and Gardens*. If you wish to have your home blessed please phone the rectory to schedule a time.

FLOWER PROJECT - Beginning this upcoming year the parish will begin a new project that will help to beautify our churches and at the same honor our deceased loved ones. Near the entrance at both churches there is a "Flower Chart" with Sunday dates listed from throughout the year (with the exception of Sundays that fall during penitential seasons and certain feasts). If you sign up for a particular date flowers will be delivered to the church where you signed the sheet for the specified weekend Masses and placed near the altar in honor of your designated loved ones. Once the weekend Mass/Masses are celebrated they can be removed and taken home (or left at the altar). The name of the loved one(s) will be listed in the bulletin. If you wish to sign up for flowers at the Sacred Heart site you will need to sign the sheet found at the entrance of the church (please note that flowers at Sacred Heart will be near the altar for both the 4:00 PM and the 8:00 AM Masses and can be taken home after the 8:00 AM Mass). If you wish to sign up for flowers for the St. John site you will need to sign the sheet at the entrance of St. John's (please note that flowers at St. John's will be near the altar for during the 10:30 AM Mass and can be taken home after right after Mass). The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two arrangements and need to be paid for two weeks in advance. If you have any questions please contact the parish office.

SLOVAK CLASSES - The parish will be sponsoring a seven week class on Slovak culture and language every Tuesday night beginning January 17. The classes are free and open to anyone who is interested in all things Slovak (and is serious about sticking with the class until finished). Topics include basic language, history, culture, food (including a class on making real potato haluski/kapustove - as opposed to the noodles which aren't actually haluski), and Slovak emigration/American Slovaks. The classes will be taught by

Dennis Ragan, an expert on Slovak culture. If you are a Slovak, or are sincerely interested in Slovak culture, please call Fr. Aron to sign up by January 5th.

PAINT AND SIP - The social committee will be hosting a "Paint and Sip" event for anyone who is interested on Sunday January 29th. Artist Natalie Cheek will assist those present paint a picture while all present enjoy wine and conversation. No experience needed! The cost is \$30 per person and includes materials, paint, wine, and food. The event begins at 2:00 PM and is a great way to spend an afternoon in the midst of the winter doldrums.

WELCOME DEACON PETER CROWE - Transitional Deacon Peter Crowe will be joining us for Masses this weekend. Deacon Peter, 30, is a native of State College and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a degree in Political Science and German. After graduating from college he worked two years for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, after which time he entered St. Vincent Seminary. Deacon Peter will complete his studies at St. Vincent this May after which time he will be ordained to the priesthood. Please offer him a warm welcome.

MARDI GRAS PARTY - The parish will sponsor a Mardi Gras party on Saturday February 25th. While Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is a celebration with Catholic roots, our celebration is way to say "THANK YOU" to the dedicated parishioners of our parish. The evening will include festive food, drink, and dancing. Music will be provided by Krazy Kat Daddies, an oldies band that plays music from the 50s through the 80s. The event is free and open to parishioners and their guests. It is asked that all in attendance bring a covered dish. Childcare will be available downstairs. The meal begins at 6:00 PM with dancing from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. If you would like to attend please call the rectory.

SINCERE THANKS - Many thanks to all of the good souls who helped decorate both worship sites, our dedicated choirs, hall decorators, and all who helped prepare for Christmas. The parish is truly grateful to all who helped and humbled by their incredible dedication!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - On Friday December 30th the Eger family will perform a concert of well-loved carols (and some lesser - known carols) on the violin, viola, cello, organ, piano, voice, fiddle, wooden flute, guitar, bod hran, and cajon at St. Benedict Church in Johnstown beginning at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - Our parish offers a warm welcome to any visitors who are joining us this weekend - it is good to see you - you are always welcome to come and pray with us.

WEEKLY OFFERING: December 17th and December 18th - Adult Envelopes - \$7,372. - Students \$36.30; Loose Change \$156.00 - Parish Expense \$500. - Building Fund - \$66. - Fuel - \$261. Immaculate Conception - \$63. Total \$8,309.30. Thank You!

PRAYER LIST - Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Lydia Wechtenhiser, 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, Roger Black, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, 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, Steve Fedorko, Larry Krestar

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE - Among the asses (stubborn I as they), I see my Savior where I looked for hay; so may my beast like folly, learn at least the patience of a beast. - C.S. Lewis

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

December 31 Church	4:00 PM	A., J., & C. Mauger
January 1 Chapel	8:00 AM	A. Deneen, R. Pongrac, L. Mincek
January 1 Church	10:00 AM	C. Coleman, E. Spinelli, M. Topka

Merry and Blessed Christmas

Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia - Polish Veselé Vianoce - Slovak

Fr. Aron
