

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

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) 8:00 AM
Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

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

March 12	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> NO MASS
March 13	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> NO MASS
March 14	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> NO MASS
March 15 8:00 AM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Frances Lewandowski, 30 Day, Rem. Months Mind (Req. Ken & Jane Skone)-Chapel
March 16 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> David & Stella Kotus (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy) - Chapel Stations of the Cross - Church
March 17 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
March 18 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> Willie Will (Req. Deanna) - Church For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Chapel

DYNGUS DAY TICKETS - Tickets are now available for Dyngus Day celebration. Rooted in Polish culture, Dyngus Day is the day of merriment after Easter. While typically on Easter Monday, our celebration has been moved to the Saturday after Easter for greater accessibility. Tickets are \$25.00 each and include a buffet dinner of pierogi, halupki, haluski, kolbasi and sauerkraut, desert, roll, and drinks (beer included). Polka music will be provided by Lil'John Nalevanko and the ATM Band. Throughout the evening there will be many games of chance. Tickets are \$25.00 each and are now on sale. Last year the crowd talked about the event for months afterward, make sure to get your ticket early. **BASKETS ARE NEEDED FOR THE BASKET RAFFLE PORTION OF THE EVENING - PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A THEME BASKET!** If you wish to purchase tickets or donate a basket please phone the rectory or see Fr. Aron.

GOD IS IN THE DETAILS - What follows are some small details that can make a big difference when it comes to attending Mass.

- Do not be late. Remember God is waiting for you to fill you with love, to speak to your ear, to tell you what you need to hear, to forgive you. He gave you a special place at his table. Do not keep him waiting.
- Do not wear inappropriate clothing. Do it for you, and for others.
- Do not enter the church without greeting the Lord. When you arrive, make the Sign of the Cross. God is there, happy to see you. Thank him for the invitation.
- Do not be lazy when it comes to bowing or genuflecting. If you walk in front of the altar, which represents Christ, bow. If you pass before the Tabernacle, where Christ is, genuflect.
- **Do not chew gum**, eat, or drink during Mass. Only water is allowed if necessary for health reasons. Juicy Fruit is not medicine; one has 167 other hours a week to chew gum.
- Do not sprawl or slump in the pew. Your body should express your devotion.
- For readers, there is no need to add "extra sentences" to the Readings and the Psalm. That is, do not read the red letters or say "First Reading" or "Responsorial Psalm."
- Do not make the Sign of the Cross before the proclamation of the Gospel. Make three small crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and the last over your heart, asking the Word of God to be in your mind, on your lips and in your heart.
- Do not sit during the Consecration. If you cannot kneel, try to leave sitting for times of illness or caring for a child, or if you are sincerely unable to kneel. Your posture during the consecration should reflect your great respect and reverence for the Real Presence of Christ on the altar.
- Do not go to the bathroom during the consecration and while you children may make multiple trips to the restroom during Mass, please remind them of the profound reality of the consecration and wait until a more opportune time to use the facilities. If you are returning from the restroom during the consecration please kneel on the floor by the door and return to your pew after the consecration.
- There is no need to pray out loud during the Consecration. There are people who, during the Consecration, say the Apostle Thomas' prayer out loud: "My Lord, My God." But this can distract those who are making a personal prayer in silence.
- Do not repeat "Through him, and with him, and in him ..." (that is, the *Doxology* that concludes the Eucharistic Prayer). The only person who should say this is the priest who presides over the Mass.
- Do not leave your place to go and give peace. You should only greet those who are close to you in the pew. Neither should you use this moment to go congratulate someone or give condolences.
- If your soul is not prepared with the one hour fast and in the state of grace, do not take Communion.
- **After receiving Communion, do not talk to others.** Go back to your place and talk to the Lord. If you have not received the Eucharist, make a spiritual communion and talk to Him. Once Communion has been distributed take a moment of sacred silence, in which each person simply dialogues with God.
- Turn off the phone. Do not message or talk on the cell phone during Mass, as it distracts you and others. Turn your attention to the Lord, who is dedicating His attention to you.
- Keep your kids in sight, next to you. Teach them to enjoy their time in God's house.
- Do not leave until the Mass is over. You don't want to miss the final blessing, through which the priest sends you into the world to bear witness in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Come out of the church with a new purpose, inspired by the Lord, to build his Kingdom of love.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST - Our monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast will be served next Sunday (March 18th) from 9:00 AM until Noon. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the best breakfast this side of Dark Shade Creek.

SOME GOOD HOLY REMINDERS - Keeping your faith alive at work is not always an easy task. In fact, sometimes work can distract us from recognizing the presence of God and pull us away from our relationship with God. However, it doesn't have to be that way. One set of tools that the Church has instituted to help us sanctify our workplace are sacramentals. These are usually religious objects blessed by a priest to call down a particular grace from God. They have been instituted by the Church to draw us into a deeper relationship with Christ and are focused on sanctifying every part of our lives. Sacramentals are extensions of the seven sacraments and bring the grace of God into everything that we do. While sacramentals won't necessarily cure all of your problems at work, they can help you be better disposed to receive God's divine assistance wherever you are. Here are three such sacramentals that, if used properly, can provide a spiritual boost in the workplace and help us be a shining light for all to see.

Crucifix

One of the simplest sacramentals to have in the office is a crucifix. Depending on your situation at work, a small desk-top crucifix can be a powerful reminder of what the Christian life is all about. A crucifix reminds us of the great love that God has for us, and is a visible sign to our coworkers of our Christian faith. It is helpful to have a crucifix in close to your computer so that you can frequently meditate on Jesus' great sacrifice of love as well as have an image to remind you what you need to focus on during times of temptation. When tempted to lie, cheat or make a shady deal, the crucifix stands there staring at us and calling us back to the truth.

Here is one of the prayers of blessing a crucifix in the *Roman Ritual* that sums up all the reasons we need them in our offices.

Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, be pleased to bless + this cross, that it may be a saving help to mankind. Let it be the support of faith, an encouragement to good works, the redemption of souls; and let it be consolation, protection, and a shield against the cruel darts of the enemy; through Christ our Lord.

Miraculous Medal

One of the most popular sacramentals of the Catholic Church is the Miraculous Medal of St. Catherine Labouré. Catherine received the medal in a vision of the Blessed Mother where she saw a medal that said a simple prayer, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee." The Blessed Mother said that, "All those who wear it, when it is blessed, will receive great graces especially if they wear it round the neck. Those who repeat this prayer with devotion will be in a special manner under the protection of the Mother of God. Graces will be abundantly bestowed upon those who have confidence." St. Maximillian Kolbe trusted so much in the power of this medal that he called them "silver bullets" and passed them out to whomever he met. St. Teresa of Calcutta had a similar practice, calling it a "medal of charity." At the office a small miraculous medal can be worn, put in the pocket, or set on the desk next to a keyboard. The Miraculous Medal is a simple way to remind yourself of Mary's love for you and can be a point of evangelization, giving them away to curious coworkers.

Holy card

In many offices it is allowed to post pictures of one's family members. Why not post a holy card with a picture of a saint? We are all part of the Body of Christ and our heavenly brothers and sisters are constant reminders to us of our duties as Christians. Another idea is to purchase a small triptych, a folding icon that contains three panels of saints, the Blessed Mother, or Jesus Christ. Often a triptych is collapsible and easy to store. It is a beautiful way to sanctify any space where you were working and keep God at the center of all that you say and do.

SOCIETY OF ANGELS - The Society of Angels will meet on March 13th at 6:30 PM at the St. John site.

NOTE THE CHANGES - The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday has been moved to 6:30 PM, the server practices have changed as well from the dates originally published in the bulletin on February 11.

COOKIES NEEDED - We are in need of 150 dozen cookies for Dyngus Day, if you care enough to help you parish please call the rectory this week and let the office know how many dozen you are able to make for the event on Saturday April 7 (cookies need to be dropped off before 4:00 PM Mass on April 7).

PALMS NEEDED - This year the parish used its supply of ashes for Ash Wednesday. The ashes for Ash Wednesday come from palms from Palm Sunday (we burn our hypocrisy and have the ashes put upon our head in penitence). Prior to Palm Sunday if you have any old palms please drop them in the baskets provided at the entrances of both churches. They will be burned and made into ashes for Ash Wednesday next year.

PIEROGI SALE - Every Friday during Lent, our parish will be making and selling pierogi at the St. John site. Homemade potato/cheese, sauerkraut, and prune are available hot with butter and onions and ready to eat or frozen. They are \$8.00 per dozen for Potato/Cheese, and \$9.00 per dozen Sauerkraut and Prune. For hot with butter and onions add one dollar per dozen. Orders can be placed by calling the rectory or by completing the form in the bulletin and dropping it off at the rectory by Friday morning.

FISH FRY - As the priest with a weight problem, I (Fr. Aron) feel that I can speak with some authority on Lenten fish fries. Why would one forego a buffet for a mere fish dinner? This is America, a land of liberty and prosperity. With the lofty concepts of choosing your own fish entrees and with the ability to eat as many as you wish (without succumbing to gluttony) I am officially endorsing the All You Can Eat Fish Buffet at St. John the Baptist Church in New Baltimore and am declaring it the best value going on a Friday during Lent (it doesn't hurt that I am their priest as well). Beginning on Friday, February 16th, and continuing every Friday of Lent (February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd) an all you can eat bonanza of baked & fried fish, fried shrimp, fried clams, soup, baked potato, vegetables, salad & dessert bar and beverage is available in the parish hall from 3:30 PM until 6:30 PM. At \$14.00 for adults, \$4.00 for ages 5-11, and free for under \$5.00, you will feel like you are on a schooner in the Atlantic, the brisk wind and cool saltwater blowing against your skin (actually that sounds rather awful). In short, it's a good deal and a great way to help our neighbor parish pay their bills - see you there.

PRAYER LIST - Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Trish Rullo, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Joseph Shelko, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Larry Krestar, Andrew Muha, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Shelly Delasko, Lionel Berkebile, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, Mary Ann Naret, Barry Stuft, John Harchick Jr., Vincent Bestvina, Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Rhonda Bittner, Kara Palumbo, Dave Andolina, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka, Carla Ayres, Zoe Taylor, Rodney Shaffer, Adrian Popig, Casey Duffield, Mike Stefanik, Georgianne Matava, Rose Maga, Michelle Moore, William Sunderhaus

WEEKLY OFFERING February 24th and February 25th Adult Envelopes - \$3,157.50; Loose - \$107; Fuel - \$20; Initial Payment - \$10; Christmas - \$25; Student Offering - \$35.50; Miscellaneous - \$160; Total - 3,515. - Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 17 - 4:00 PM - E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger
March 18 - 8:00 AM - D. Zelenski, K. Koleszarik, T. Tomlinson
March 18 - 10:30 AM - A. Dabbs, M. Topka, E. Spinelli

POLISH CLASS - Polish class will be held this week at the activity center from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. This week's class will focus on making Polish Style Easter Eggs (each student is asked to please bring a dozen eggs). As always this class is free, the expenses being underwritten by the parish because we feel awareness of our culture is important. **All are welcome!**

OLD FASHIONED COUNTRY BREAKFAST - Our neighbors in New Baltimore are having the last of their annual buckwheat pancake breakfasts the next this weekend (March 11th). The menu is ALL YOU CAN EAT and includes buckwheat pancakes, whole hog sausage, pure maple syrup (made by a parishioner), apple sauce, and beverage. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, 12 and under \$4.00, and under 4 free. The neighbors from New Baltimore have been VERY good about supporting our breakfast each month (they put theirs during weeks we don't have ours out of respect), please support their breakfast, served from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM TODAY.

MANY THANKS - Many thanks for Fr. Emmanuel Afunugo for covering Masses this and last weekends. We hope and pray your stay was filled with hospitality and welcome.