

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

March 19 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Sam Pesto (Req. St. John's Schola) - Chapel
March 20	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> NO MASS
March 21 8:00 AM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> John Kotus (Req. The Estate of John Kotus) - Chapel
March 22 8:00 AM	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Margaret Matey (Req. The Estate of Margaret Matey) - Chapel
March 23 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	<i>St. Turibius</i> Cecelia Civic (Req. Margaret Hudak) - Chapel Stations of the Cross - Church
March 24 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Enock & Veronica Severn (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
March 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Church Michael E. Knapp (Req. Galish Family) - Chapel

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TRIP - Our parish Second Graders will be taking a pilgrimage to Loretto this weekend (Sunday), all parents are asked to have their children at the St. John site at Noon (come hungry).

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 (there are a few left). 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.

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.

CATHOLICS AND FREEMASONS - Bishop Dominique Marie Jean Rey, the bishop of Fréjus-Toulon, France, and author of the book "Can We Be a Christian and Freemason?" recently responded to some questions about Freemasonry and Catholicism. He comments follow.

Question: There are many stumbling blocks between Freemasonry and the Catholic Church ...

Bishop Rey: Yes, between Freemasonry and the teaching of the Catholic Church, there are many points of dissonance! The first is esotericism. With Freemasons, doctrine is transmitted only to a small circle of initiates. Already in the 2nd century, St. Irenaeus condemned the heresy of Gnosticism, a doctrine according to which salvation passes through a knowledge of God acquired through initiation into esoteric practices. In Freemasonry, the initiate is bound to absolute secrecy. In the Catholic Church, there is no such secret teaching. The Bible, the catechism, the Vatican Council texts, and the teaching of popes and bishops are accessible to all. The Gospel is intended for each and every man and woman, without restriction and without distinction of caste or rank. The Church, too, is a visible institution open to all, "a sign and instrument of salvation (Vatican II)." Ritualism is also a central point of friction. Freemasonry uses a symbolism with codes and rites of its own (clothing symbols, during the assemblies and for particular initiations). What possible link could there be between the ritual of Freemasonry and that promoted by the Church, for whom initiation is ordained to the sacramental life and the economy of grace?

And relativism? Philosophical and moral relativism is also included. For Freemasonry, no truth is definitive, intangible, or absolute. Indeed, from its point of view, the truth always escapes us or is called to be constructed by man and for man; dogma is in principle opposed to human freedom. Faith, on the contrary, teaches us that truth has the face of Christ who has identified himself with it: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14: 6). This truth is accessible to human reason and is proclaimed in the Church by the Creed, which includes the main dogmas, that is to say, the certainties that our faith confesses about the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Resurrection, the Divine Motherhood of the Virgin Mary ... Dogmas constitute so many "windows" that Revelation opens onto the mystery of God. The Church also challenges the religious relativism professed by Freemasonry, in the name of tolerance and the autonomy of Reason, by placing all religious convictions on an equal footing. Conversely, respecting everyone's freedom of conscience, the Church sees in Christ the key to the ultimate understanding of the mystery of man and his destiny: "There is no salvation in any other" but Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).

What about secularism?

The Church advocates open secularism because of the autonomy of terrestrial realities governed by their own laws. Yet, she also emphasizes that these cannot be separated from God at any price. The word "lay" appears in the Christian tradition from the very beginning. Some speeches by those responsible for Freemasonry, however, appear to promote a secularism that denies the public expression of faith and relegates it to the private sphere. In a way, they are trying to make secularism a state religion.

Freemasonry asks its members to believe in a "Great Architect of the Universe." It gives the appearance of leaving them the freedom of their religion. For a Christian, would not this great Architect of the universe be simply God?

There exists within Freemasonry a multiplicity of beliefs about the relationship to the religious, from declared atheism to so-called "Christian Freemasonry" lodges. Some, like the Grand National Lodge of France, indeed speak of the "Great Architect of the Universe." This recognition of a divine dimension, inaccessible to man, cannot be equated to man's encounter with a personal God, manifested in Christ, who comes to meet us to reveal the fullness of his love (Col 1:26-28). Our faith is not limited to belief in the existence of God, but reveals to us the salvation that He works through the redemption of Christ, whose grace makes us partake of the divine nature (2 Pet 1:4).

The Roman declaration of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith signed by Cardinal Ratzinger in 1983 states that "the negative judgment of the Church on Masonic associations remains unchanged in the new Code of Canon Law, because their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church, and joining these associations remains forbidden by the Church." Is this a turnaround to avoid any confusion?

The Magisterium of the Church has not changed on its doctrine since the first condemnation by Clement XII in 1738, but her pastoral attitude has evolved. It is part of a logic promoted by the Second Vatican Council, during which the Church embarked on the path of dialogue with "all men of good will," whatever their opinions or beliefs. As Pope Francis recalls, firmness of principles can go hand in hand with benevolence towards those who do not share them.

If the Church recognized the possibility of being Freemason and Christian, would it not be a new "land of evangelization"? As Christians, we have a real mission of evangelization to accomplish. The attraction to Freemasonry highlights some pastoral shortcomings within the Church: insufficiencies in the doctrinal and moral formation of Christians, lack of interiority and prayer life, lack of brotherhood and places of reflection or sharing, insufficient quality in its liturgical life and in the expression of its ritual which is yet so rich, the need for the evangelization of the elites ... So many areas to explore and invest in to bring relevant ecclesial answers. But it is in the Church and from the Church that evangelization is conceived and expressed through the poor instruments that we are. We can testify of our faith only by constantly drawing on the source of the divine grace which Christ makes spring forth continuously in his

Church. It is a converted life that converts others. It is the exemplarity of a life taken by Christ that comes to meet their deepest expectations.

MARCH/EASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 18 - Special Second Collection for West Virginia Work Crew - All Masses
March 18 - All You Can Eat Breakfast - 9:00 AM - Noon - St. John
March 18 - 2nd Grade Trip to Loretto - Depart Noon - St. John
March 19 - Polish Class (Easter Customs) - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Activity Center
March 19 - New Baltimore Penance Service - 7:00 PM - Multiple Priests Available for Confession
March 23 - Pierogi Sale - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - St. John
March 23 - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM - St. John
March 23 - Extended Confessions - 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM - St. John
March 24 - First Confessions for 2nd Graders - 2:45 PM - Sacred Heart
March 25 - Fr. Aron in New Baltimore, Benedictine Priests Cover Sunday Masses Only
March 25 - Gorzkie Zale - Fr. Eli Bremmer Homilist - 3:00 PM - Sacred Heart
March 25 - Extended Confessions - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Sacred Heart
March 26 - Practice for Holy Thursday Altar Servers - St. John's 6:00 PM
March 28 - Practice for Easter Vigil (Servers 6:00 PM. Candidates 7:00 PM) - New Baltimore
March 28 - K of C Meeting - St. John
March 29 - Holy Thursday Mass - 6:30 PM - St. John
March 30 - Practice for Good Friday - 10:45 AM - Sacred Heart
March 30 - Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - Noon - Sacred Heart
March 30 - Living Stations of the Cross - 1:00 PM - Sacred Heart
March 31 - Blessing of Easter Foods - Noon - St. John
March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt - 12:30 PM - St. John Rectory Yard
March 31 - Easter Vigil - 8:30 PM - New Baltimore
April 7 - Mass with Polish Hymns - 4:00 PM - Sacred Heart
April 7 - Parish Celebration of Dyngus Day - 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM - Activity Center
April 8 - Confirmation for Parish Students - 4:00 PM - St. Peter Church - Somerset

BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND - The parish will be sponsoring its monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast TODAY (Sunday) from 9:00 AM until Noon at the St. John site. All are welcome.

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 - This Friday (March 23) the parish will be having its last Lenten pierogi sale 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 - This Friday the parish in New Baltimore will sponsor their last Fish Fry for the year. New Baltimore's fish fry is 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 would be hard pressed to find a better meal for a better price.

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,

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 ndolina, 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, Dale Berkey Jr.,

Allen S. Berkey, Cathy Lasut Weaver

WEEKLY OFFERING March 10th March 11th Adult Envelopes - \$2,939.50; Loose - \$253; Fuel - \$135; Student Offering - \$33.00; Miscellaneous - \$180; Total - \$3,540.50 - Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

March 24 - 4:00 PM - T. & M. Mabon, J. Bihun, D. Zelenski
March 25 - 8:00 AM - A. Deneen, R. & C. Pongrac

March 25 - 10:30 AM - C. Coleman, A. Knapp, E. Spinelli

POLISH CLASS - The last 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 Easter customs. In addition to the lecture the class will cover palm weaving. 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!**

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH GNOCCHI SALE - St. Anthony Parish in Windber will sponsor a Take-Out Only on Saturday April 14 from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM, and on Sunday April 15 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The price is \$7.00 per person and includes pasta and meatballs. Salad and cake are available at an additional charge. All are welcome. Better living through carbs!

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).

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle, at the Sacred Heart site, burns in loving memory of Ann Krishak in honor of her Birthday by Family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of the John Kotus family, by the Estate of John Kotus.