

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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March 25, 2018
Palm 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

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 26 8:00 AM	<i>Monday of Holy Week</i> Sophia Sankovitch, 30 Day Remembrance, Months Mind (Req. Family) - Chapel
March 27	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> NO MASS
March 28 8:00 AM	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)</i> John Kotus (Req. The Estate of John Kotus) - Chapel
March 29 6:30 PM	<i>Holy Thursday</i> For the Priesthood of Jesus Christ - Chapel
March 30 NOON 1:00 PM	<i>Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Living Stations of the Cross - Church
March 31 8:30 PM	EASTER VIGIL For those newly initiated into the Catholic Faith - St. John's, New Baltimore
April 1 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	EASTER SUNDAY For Founders and Deceased Members of Our Parish - Church For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Chapel

WELCOME FR. STEPHEN, O.S.B. – This Sunday Fr. Stephen Concordia, O.S.B. will be covering for Fr. Aron while he is in New Baltimore. Fr. Stephen is a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey and assistant professor of music at Saint Vincent College, where he is director of programs in sacred music, teaches music theory and directs the Saint Vincent Camerata and Camerata Scholars, two choirs which specialize in the performance of sacred music. Fr. Stephen also directs the Schola Cantorum of Holy Family which sings at regular diocesan celebrations of the Latin Mass in Gregorian chant. He holds degrees in piano and theoretical studies from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and diplomas in

organ and Gregorian chant from the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, Rome. Please offer him a warm welcome.

KOLBASI SALE - After many, many positive reviews last year about the homemade kolbasi served at Dyngus Day the parish will once again making kolbasi and offering it before the Dyngus Day festivities. Smoked and delicious, with just the right amount of garlic, the kolbasi will be available next Monday for \$5.00 per pound. Just in time for Easter, orders can be picked up beginning Monday and are available through Wednesday. First come, first served. Please phone the rectory with your order.

MOVE OVER MICHAELANGELO - This past week the letters in the apse of the church at the Sacred Heart site were repainted with donated gold leaf paint. The former letters were made of a cloth-like material and were in need of repair, or in some cases had fallen off. Please take note of the repair, and more importantly the message.

EASTER EGG HUNT - The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday of this week (March 30) in the rectory yard at the St. John site. The eggs hunt is open to any child. Festivities begin at 12:30 PM (there will be a (\$50.00 prize in one egg).

BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS - In accord with Polish, Slovak, Ukrainian and Carpatho-Ruysn custom the parish will observe the blessing of Easter foods on Holy Saturday. All parishioners who keep this valuable custom are asked to please bring their basket to the St. John site at Noon.

EXTENDED CONFESSIONS - This week confessions will be heard **TODAY** (Sunday) from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM for all who need to make their Easter Duty. If you haven't been to confession in a long time, now is the time to come back - you don't have to keep carrying those sins around that weigh so heavily on your heart.

THE VERY LAST OF THE DYNGUS DAY TICKETS - Seven tickets are still available for our parish Dyngus Day celebration - there is no more time to procrastinate if you plan on going. Additionally if you have tickets set aside, please pay for them this week. 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. **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.

PUSSY WILLOWS NEEDED - Pussy willows are needed for the Dyngus Day party. If you are unable to cut them and bring them to the parish office, please phone the office and someone can come and pick them up (and cut them if needed).

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.

MARCH/EASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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.

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 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, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, Cathy Lasut Weaver

EASTER VIGIL - Please note that the Easter Vigil will be held in conjunction with St. John's in New Baltimore and as such will be celebrated in New Baltimore. There will be no Easter Vigil celebrated in Central City itself, though all are encouraged to attend the Vigil in New Baltimore.

WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED? - It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year we cover everything that is beautiful in our churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday? While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice. The rubrics can guide us. In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." This is the current practice of the Church, but veiling from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onward is miniscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout all of Lent. Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils? But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven? First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready. Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene. Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images. And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

WEEKLY OFFERING March 17th March 18th Adult Envelopes - \$2,832.50; Loose - \$130; Fuel - \$40; Student Offering - \$42; Miscellaneous - \$105; Easter - \$50; Total - \$3,199.50 - Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

April 1 - 8:00 AM - D. Zelinski, T. Tomlinson, K. Koleszarik, L. Mincek

April 1 - 10:30 AM - L. Galish, M. Moslak, P. Shivas

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!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle, at the Sacred Heart site, burns for the donors and contributors of Our Lady's Memorial Fund. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of Robert & Rita Betz and William Betz by Kathy & Mike Mauger