

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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August 12, 2018
**Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

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

August 13 8:00 AM	<i>Saints Pontian and Hippolytus</i> John Delasko Sr. (Req. Michael Strongosky) - Church
August 14	<i>St. Maximillian Kolbe</i> NO MASS
August 15 NOON 7:00 PM	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holyday of Obligation</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory (Req. John Eger Family) - Church Thomas Delasko (Req. Theresa Pollock) - Chapel
August 16 8:00 AM	<i>St. Stephen of Hungary, Patron Saint of Magyar People</i> Evelyn Saylor (Req. Karen Caola) - Church
August 17 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Ray McGreehan (Req. John Eger Family) - Church
August 18 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> John & Marianne Topka (Req. Blessings for 50 th Wedding Anniversary) - Church
August 19 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ray McGreehan (Req. Paul and Sally Harris) - Church For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

HERITAGE DAYS - Many thanks to all who helped with the parish booth at the Heritage Days celebration here in town - preparing and cooking ethnic foods takes more time than one might expect. If you are planning on visiting the park during the festival please make sure to stop by and visit the parish booth for some halushki, pierogi, halupki, and kolbasi.

SPEAKING OF HERITAGE - Our parish is a merger between two parishes with venerable ethnic roots, one Slovak and one Polish (yes, I know that there are other groups historically in the mix at our parish as well, sorry Magyars, Slovenes, Lebanese, Italian, and one Irish family). In honor of Heritage Days this weekend, here are some interesting facts about one of those groups - Polish Americans (N.B. Polish American sounds better than the term Polack; Polack is a mangling of the Polish word Polak, which means a Polish male person).

1. **The Polish got to the party early, and brought a lot of friends.** – In 1608, the first Polish immigrants arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, and were quickly recruited by the colony as craftsmen in the colony's glassmaking and woodworking industries. (They also dug the colony's first well.) After a decade in Jamestown, the Poles still did not have the right to vote in the elections of the colonial government, and in 1619, they held the first labor strike in America. By walking off the job, they affected the local industry enough that voting rights were granted to them. Just before America began to fight to gain its independence, Poland lost its own. In 1772, 1793 and 1795, the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth was partitioned by Prussia, Russia and Austria. The first of three major waves of Polish immigration occurred after the partition when Polish nobles, political dissidents and other Poles fled their occupied nation. A second wave took place between 1860 and World War I. Although the reconstitution of Poland was part of Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points, and Poland regained its independence as the Second Polish Republic, a few million Poles had already left for America because industrialization had driven them from their farms. The third and largest wave lasted from the end of World War I to the end of the Cold War, again mostly made up of political refugees. After the collapse of the Soviet Union and emergence of the Third Polish Republic, a fourth wave of immigrants, who generally come to earn money and eventually return to Poland, began. Today, there are an estimated 10 million Americans of Polish descent.

2. **Polish-Americans are mostly found in clusters in the Northeast** – Polish immigrants were considered well-suited for manual labor, and were often recruited for work in coal mines and the steel industry. Because of that, the largest Polish American populations can still be found in states that were industrial centers in the 20th century, like Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. The largest Polish American population can be found in Chicago, which with 185,000 Polish speakers calls itself the largest Polish city outside of Poland.

3. **There are Polish Muslims** – While Polish people are overwhelmingly Catholic and Polish culture is defined by Catholicism (Protestantism made very little inroads among the fiercely Catholic Poles), there are oddly enough, Polish Muslims. Poland's Muslim population originated in the 14th century when Tatar tribes began settling in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (while not raised as a Muslim, the actor Charles Bronson was of Lithuanian Lipka Tatar descent). A group of Polish Muslims who emigrated to the U.S. co-founded the first Muslim organization in Brooklyn in 1907 and, in 1926, built a mosque that's still in use today.

4. **There are Polish Americans you never knew were Polish American** – Polish Americans you might be familiar with include Kristen Bell, Maria Bello, Scarlett Johansson, John Krasinski, Mike Krzyzewski, Jerry Orbach, John Ratzenberger, Gore Verbinski, the Wachowski brothers, the Warner brothers, Pat Benatar, Dick Dale, Liberace, Richie Sambora, Jack White, Pat Sajak, Martha Stewart, Steve Wozniak, Richard Feynman, Gene Krupa and Mike Ditka. While they may not be household names, other Polish Americans have done some pretty important things. Stephanie Kwolek developed Kevlar. Albert Abraham Michelson was the first American to receive the Nobel Prize in the sciences for his work on measuring the speed of light. Curtis Sliwa founded the Guardian Angels. Ruth Handler co-founded the Mattel toy company and created the Barbie doll. Leo Gerstenzang invented the Q-tip. Of course, there are those Polish Americans that we're not so proud of, like Leon Czolgosz, who assassinated President William McKinley, and Ted Kaczynski, the Unabomber.

5. **George Washington loved Polish people** – Among the Polish immigrants to America after the partitions was Casimir Pulaski, a Polish noble and soldier, who was recruited by Benjamin Franklin to help lead the American army. Pulaski was made a general and had a large role in training the Continental Army. He later created Pulaski's Legion, one of America's first cavalry regiments, and is regarded as "the father of American cavalry." In 1929, Congress passed a resolution designating October 11th as General Pulaski Memorial Day in observance of his death at the Siege of Savannah in 1779. Numerous states and cities also recognize separate holidays commemorating Pulaski's birth and/or death.

6. **There ain't no Christmas like a Polish Christmas** – Wigilia, the traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner, begins when the first evening star appears. Twelve meatless courses (one for each of the apostles) are served after a white wafer called the opłatek, is broken and shared among the diners while they exchange good wishes (a separate pink wafer is shared with the animals). For the dinner, there should be an even number of people at the table to ensure good health, with one empty chair reserved anyone who happens to stop by. Tasting all twelve courses ensures good luck in the new year. After supper, Christmas carols are sung in Polish, and the celebration culminates with family and friends going to Pasterka, the Midnight Mass.

7. **They didn't invent the polka, but they love it** – While often attributed to the Polish, the polka actually originated in Bohemia. The name comes from the Czech word pólka ("little half," in reference to the half-steps in the polka dance), but the spelling is the same as the Czech polka, which means "Polish woman."²

8. **Enough with the Polish jokes** - This ought to interest the six people in the world who still find "dumb Polack" jokes funny. It turns out Poles are smarter than all the other Europeans, save the Germans and the Dutch. A British professor [recently surveyed](#) all the nations on the Continent and found that those three nations had the highest average IQs (107 for Germany and the Netherlands, 106 for Poland - if you want to know who came in last place ask Fr. Aron).

9. **There is more to Polish food than you think** - While Polish food is common in Central City, it should be noted that one common Polish dining custom didn't catch on around here - putting ketchup on pizza. If that sounds disgusting, note that the Polish wash it down with a lot of beer. Polish people rank 6th worldwide on beer consumption, the average person drinking 26.15 gallons per year.

10. **Don't mess with the Polish** - Poland was invaded or fought for freedom 43 times between 1600 and 1945. If that still does not convince you, Poland has more winners of the "World's Strongest Man," competition than any other country.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST - The monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast will be held NEXT Sunday, August 19th from 9:00 AM until Noon. All are invited to this monthly epicurean bonanza at the St. John site.

CCD REGISTRATION - If you have a child who is entering kindergarten through the 11th grade who is not enrolled in a Catholic school please complete the form below and return it to the parish (in person, via mail, or in the collection basket) by August 26th.

Name and Grade Level for Child/Children _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Relevant Health Concerns _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA - The Polish Falcons Heritage Foundation and the Polish-American community of Western Pennsylvania will sponsor a Mass at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa and the 100th Anniversary of Polish Independence after World War I on Monday August 27th at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend and celebrate the faith of the Polish people.

ROME MEETING - If you are attending the trip to Rome there will be an important informational session on August 15th following the holyday Mass. Please make sure to mark your calendar. This will be the final scheduled meeting about the trip to Rome.

FLOWER MEMORIALS - The flowers at the St. John site are in honor Jim Pollock by Theresa and Marie.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - Bishop Bartchak cordially invites all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55 and 60+ Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy on September 16th in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. The Mass begins at 2PM.

Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations, which must be made through the parish office, are to be made by Thursday August 23rd.

PRAYER LIST - Jennie Sielczak, 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, 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, Casey Duffield, Mike Stefanik, Georgianne Matava, Rose Maga, Michelle Moore, William Sunderhaus, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, Amanda Berkey, Savannah Tranovich, Danielle Christopher, Jessica

Stockdill, Catherine Haggerty, Nancy McClellan, Tony Beltz, Mary Dooley, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn

WEEKLY OFFERING - August 4th and August 5th - Adult Envelopes - \$2,972.50; Loose - \$676; Student Offering - \$26.50; Fuel - \$207; Assumption - \$15; Miscellaneous - \$55.00 - Total - \$3,952 - Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

August 18 - 4:00 PM - E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger
August 19 - 8:00 AM - K. Koleszarik, L. & L. Mincek
August 19 - 10:30 AM - J. Hammer, J. Eger, M. Moslak

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

August 11 - 12 - Heritage Days Festival
August 12 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8:00 AM - Sacred Heart Site
August 15 - Assumption of the B.V.M. - Holyday of Obligation - Masses S.H.- Noon, St. John - 7:00 PM
August 15 - Rome Meeting (Last Meeting Before Trip) - Follows Holyday Mass at St. John site
August 19 - Mass with Polish Hymns - 8:00 AM - Sacred Heart Site
August 19 - All You Can Eat Breakfast - 9:00 AM - Noon - St. John Site
August 22 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John Site
September 9 - First Day of CCD Classes
September 23 - Sportsmen Raffle

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE - Tickets go on sale this week (Monday) for the annual Sportsmen Raffle that will be held on Sunday September 23rd beginning at 1:00 PM. This year there will be 400 tickets (numbers 000 through 799 - two numbers per ticket) with more prizes added to each ticket. There will be no guest tickets sold. A ticket will entitle the bearer to food, drink, and opportunities to participate in raffles and other games of chance. Since the tickets sell very quickly the parish is offering a two day window (Monday and Tuesday of this week) where parishioners can purchase tickets before they are offered to the general public. If you wish to purchase tickets please contact the parish office as soon as possible. The tickets are \$25.00 each and with all proceeds benefitting the general operating expenses of the parish.
