

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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September 2, 2018

Twenty-Second 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

September 3 9:00 AM	<i>Saint Gregory the Great - Labor Day</i> For all Laborers - Church
September 4	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> NO MASS
September 5 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)</i> Stanley, Rose, and Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) - Church
September 6 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Special Intention - Church
September 7 8:00 AM 6:00 PM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Sam Pesto (Req. St. John's Schola) - Church First Friday Devotions - Church
September 8 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Kathryn Yatta (Req. Nevin and Karen Mincek) - Church
September 9 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Mike Knapp (Req. Devan Family) - Church For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

THE CHURCH WILL DIE - British writer K.V. Turley recently offered some thoughts about what many think will be the end of the current Church crisis - the death of the Catholic Church. Turley agrees with this thought, but is optimistic, for the Church is the "mystical body of Christ," the same Christ who died - and rose. His words follow - It will not survive; it will die. Today, looking at the debris of the Church's reputation all around, I can only but agree: The Church will not survive; it will "die" - and the sooner the better. For now is an apt time to revisit the final chapter of G. K. Chesterton's *The Everlasting Man* (1925) entitled: "The Five Deaths of the Faith." Chesterton explains in this chapter that Christendom has experienced a series of revolutions and in each one Christianity has died—died many times, in fact, and then risen again, for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave. Down the centuries at the end of countless wars and revolutions the same religion is to be found standing. It is not an old religion that persists, however, but, rather, a new faith that is resurgent, always attracting and converting anew the next generation in each age. On more than one occasion, in the history of Christendom, the soul, said Chesterton, seemed to have gone out of Christianity. The world looked on expecting to witness its end, seeing the Church as wedded to whatever political or

social system that was then imploding. As Chesterton states, if the Church was so wedded then it has been widowed many times, and yet, remains “a strangely immortal sort of widow.” Chesterton was adamant: “The Faith is not a survival.” The Faith has not “survived.” Instead, miraculously, it has died and returned afresh, again and again, whilst all around other institutions perpetually perish. To have grown up in the culture of the late 20th century is to know that then nearly everybody had come to the conclusion that religion was a thing that would slowly die out; the thought of its making a return would have been deemed as remarkable as dinosaurs returning. Marxist historians, so beloved of that era, loved to talk of the “flow of history,” but what they didn’t reckon on was that, in the words of Chesterton, “A dead thing goes with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it.” And to the horror of such Marxist academics there was, and still is today, something swimming against the current, as it always did, and always will. After the most savage persecutions, from the fury of the earliest Roman oppression right through to the rage of the French Revolution, from the more recent assaults of atheistic Marxism to the ongoing clash with today’s culture of death, the Church persists. All around kingdoms rise and fall, states are born then overthrown, yet somehow the Faith continues on her way. But it is not just that, it has an even stranger and more “weird tenacity”; it has survived not only war and persecutions, but also the perils of peace. Perhaps the more extraordinary observation that Chesterton makes, and a consoling one at that, is that the Faith has not only often been “killed” but that it has also died of old age. And, still, it rises. **It has not only died often, therefore, but also – as we can see all too clearly – degenerated and decayed as well, and, thereafter – and note this – “survived,” says Chesterton, “its own weakness... even its own surrender.”** Now, that really is remarkable. Surely remarkable enough to point to something, or Someone, in charge of the real flow of history. This leaves one to conclude that it is not so much the concept of “flow” with which we disagree with Marxist historians as that flow’s eventual destination. Chesterton wrote: It would seem that sooner or later even its enemies will learn from their incessant and interminable disappointments not to look for anything so simple as its [the Church’s] death. They may continue to war with it, but it will be as they war with nature; as they war with the landscape, as they war with the skies. They will watch for it to stumble; they will watch for it to err; they will no longer watch for it to end. Today, we watch as the Church “stumbles” once more. But be under no illusion, it is not the end. The Church has “died” many times. Yet, in spite of all those who cloud and compromise its message, even the shepherds who turn out to be wolves, the Church will always rise again, for it is the beloved Bride of a God no grave could ever hold.

TEACH US HOW TO PRAY - Perhaps a religious awakening has taken place deep within your conscience. You desire the consolation that comes from prayer but don’t know what to say or do. Here is a simple outline for prayer before going to your rest. Consider ending your day this way each day. - Begin by making a brief examination of conscience - walk through your day and hold yourself accountable for sins. Two or three minutes will suffice. Place yourself in the presence of God, recognizing His strength and your weakness. Tell Him: “Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.” Ask your guardian angel for light to acknowledge your defects and virtues: What have I done wrong? What have I done right? What could I have done better? Sincerely ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you ask - Did I often consider that God is my Father? Did I offer Him my work? Did I make good use of my time? Did I pray slowly and with attention? Did I try to make life pleasant for other people? Did I criticize anyone? Was I forgiving? Did I pray and offer some sacrifices for the Church and for those around me? Did I allow myself to be carried away by sensate things (food, drink, sex, material things) or by pride or anger? Follow this by making a good act of contrition - O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen. Finally make a specific resolution for tomorrow: To stay away from certain temptations, to avoid some specific faults.

MORE TO IT THAN YOU THINK - On August 22nd we celebrated the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From earliest times, the Christians of both East and West have acclaimed Mary as their Queen. Over the centuries, Christian artists have tried faithfully to interpret and express this aspect of devotion to the Virgin. Indeed, since the Council of Ephesus (431), Mary has been portrayed as Queen and Empress. She rules not only over nature, but also - and today it is good to be reminded of this - over Satan. With devotion to the Queenship of Our Lady having such a long historical pedigree, it comes as a surprise to learn that the feast itself is of recent origin. The encyclical that instituted the feast, *Ad Caeli Reginam*, was given by Pope Pius XII at Rome on 11 October 1954. The encyclical came at a crucial time. The Cold War continued apace, with the errors of Communism gaining year by year as the iron grip of Moscow tightened on the once Christian lands of Europe. The Supreme Pontiff did not forget the Christian peoples then imprisoned in a political system that persecuted those who remained faithful to their Lord and Queen: In some countries of the world there are people who are unjustly persecuted for professing their Christian faith and who are deprived of their divine and human rights to freedom; up till now reasonable demands and repeated protests have availed nothing to remove these evils’. Yet, Pope Pius XII went on to say this, “May the powerful Queen of creation, whose radiant glance banishes storms and tempests and brings back cloudless skies, look upon these her innocent and tormented children with eyes of mercy; may the Virgin, who is able to subdue violence beneath her foot, grant to them that they may soon enjoy the rightful freedom to practice their religion openly, so that, while serving the cause of the Gospel, they may also contribute to the strength and progress of nations by their harmonious cooperation, by the practice of extraordinary virtues which are a glowing example in the midst of bitter trials.” In the face of one of the most relentless and merciless persecutions of Christians ever known, the Supreme Pontiff cried out to the Queen of Heaven

to act. It was a Royal power that was being invoked by the Pope, and, as this prayer ascended, a Heavenly Army stirred...

- In October 1917, in an orgy of violence and bloodletting, the Bolsheviks seized power in Moscow, and Holy Russia was no more. **At the same time**, in a remote part of Portugal, three peasant children were being told of a very different revolution that, in the end, would triumph.
- Decades later, in 1980, on the **eve of the feast of the Assumption**, in Poland's Gdańsk Shipyard, a number of workers went on strike on account of the sacking of a worker who had tried to start a trade union. This led to the founding of the independent trade union, Solidarity. It also led to attempts by the Polish Communist State to destroy that union and liquidate all those involved; there were increasingly ominous threats of a Soviet invasion if this did not happen. Against the odds, Solidarity stood firm, and, ultimately, prevailed; thereafter, as the Communist control of Poland weakened, some glimpsed another, very different, and much more powerful force at work. Few in the West had noticed that when the shipyard had been occupied by the striking workers, encircled by the increasingly menacing forces of the Communist state, those besieged inside had placed at the yard's gates a symbol of faith, one asking for protection: it was an image of Our Lady of Częstochowa - Queen and Protector of Poland.
- In 1990, **on the day after the feast of the Immaculate Conception**, Lech Walesa was duly elected President of a newly liberated Poland - upon his lapel was pinned the image of the Madonna of Częstochowa.
- On August 22, 1991, **the feast of the Queenship of Mary**, a military coup against the reforms inside the Soviet Union was crushed. Thereafter, with all attempts at a Communist restoration foiled, the fate of the Soviet Communist Party was sealed.
- On December 8, 1991, **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**, it was announced that the Community of Independent States would replace the political entity known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).
- On December 12, **the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the Supreme Soviet of Russia formally ratified the Belavezha Accords and renounced the Union Treaty that had brought the USSR into existence in 1922.
- On January 1, 1992, **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, the principal Marian feast of the liturgical calendar, Russia emerged as an independent state, once more open to religious freedom.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENETIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of Kathryn Rendar by daughters Mary Ann and Caroline and family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of Frank and Elizabeth Letosky by daughter Becky and family.

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, 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., 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 25th & August 26th - Adult - \$3,091.50; Loose - \$345; Student - \$42.50; Fuel - \$50; Assumption - \$783; Miscellaneous - \$150; Student Assumption - \$32 - Total - \$4,494- Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

September 8 - 4:00 PM - T. & M. Mabon, J. Bihun
September 9 - 8:00 AM - L., L., & L. Mincek
September 9- 10:30 AM - J. Eger, C. & L. Galish

BASKET RAFFLE - Holy Family Church in Hooversville will be hosting a basket party on September 30th. Doors open at 10:00 AM and the drawing begins at 1:00 PM. Admission is \$8.00 and includes 25 tickets and lunch. For tickets please phone 798-2933.

COUNTRY STYLE FEAST - St. Gregory Parish in McDonalddton (Berlin) will be hosting their annual ham and turkey dinner **TODAY** (Sunday September 2nd) from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The meal includes ham, turkey, stuffing, and homemade noodles. All are welcome to this annual event held in their parish hall in McDonalddton.

FESTIVAL - Saints Phillip and James Parish in Meyersdale will be hosting their annual Labor Day Festival **TOMORROW** (Monday September 3rd). They will offer a ham and turkey dinner from 11:30 until 3:30 with takeout meals available. Dinners are \$8.00 for adults, children 5 to 10 are \$5.00, children under 5 eat for free. The event will also feature games, basket raffles, music, funnel cakes and other refreshments.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

Sunday September 9 - Holy Name Society Meeting & Corporate Communion - 8:00 AM - Sacred Heart

Sunday September 9 - First Day of CCD Classes - 9:00 AM - Activity Center
Monday September 10 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activity Center
Sunday September 16 - Monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast - 9:00 AM - Noon - St. John
Sunday September 23 - Sportsmen Raffle - 1:00 PM - Activity Center
Wednesday September 26 - Knight of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John

WELCOME FR. ALFRED, O.S.B. - This weekend the 10:30 AM Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Alfred Patterson, O.S.B., a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey. Fr. Aron will be covering the 10:30 AM Mass at All Saints Parish in Boswell this weekend. Please offer him a warm welcome.

CCD CLASSES - CCD classes begin next weekend. Please make sure to turn in your registration forms if your child will be attending religious education classes this year.

WORKERS NEEDED - Workers are needed to help sell tickets at the Sportsmen Raffle on September 23rd. Please consider helping with this important fundraiser.

NOTE THE CHANGE - Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Monday due to the Labor Day holiday.

SPAGHETTI DINNER - The New Baltimore K of C will sponsor and **ALL YOU CAN EAT** spaghetti and meatball dinner next Sunday (Sept. 9) from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for 3-11.
