

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Thirtieth 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

October 29	<i>Weekday</i> NO MASS
October 30	<i>Weekday</i> NO MASS
October 31	<i>Weekday</i> NO MASS
November 1	<i>ALL SAINTS</i> NOON Tom Delasko (Req. Jenny Novak) - Church 7:00 PM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel
November 2	<i>ALL SOULS</i> 8:00 AM For all the Deceased of our Parish - Church
November 3	<i>Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 4:00 PM Fr. Dan Kubala (Req. Friends and Classmates) - Church
November 4	<i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 AM Deceased of Kovak and Fusina Families (Req. Family) - Church 10:30 AM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - Thursday of this week is All Saints Day, a holyday of obligation. All Saints is the feast that commemorates the feast day of all the saints, including those who are not formally canonized who stand before God in his beatific vision. Translation - if your grandmother is in heaven and isn't canonized this is her feast day. Since union with God is the reason you exist, making sure that you celebrate this day is vitally important. Masses are at Noon at the Sacred Heart site and at 7:00 PM at the St. John site. While not a holyday of obligation, Friday is All Souls Day, a day we pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Since your loved ones may need your prayers, it is a laudable to attend Mass on that day as well (or at least visit the cemetery). Following Mass on All Souls Day there will be a visit to the cemetery and a brief prayer service.

ST. VINCENT ARCHABBEY MISSIONS - This weekend Fr. Wulfstan is here to make an appeal for the missions of St. Vincent Archabbey. The monks have maintained missions in Taiwan and Brazil for many year, and are able to help train priests at their seminary in Latrobe for service abroad. Please be generous in your support. Attached to this bulletin is a yellow envelope. Please place it in the collection basket this weekend, next weekend, or the weekend of November 10-11. Thank you for your support.

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD - This week we celebrate All Souls Day, a day where pray for the dead in a particular way. Father Joe Scott explains why Catholics pray for the faithful departed (Protestant Christians, while having many differences, typically do not pray for the dead). The earliest Scriptural reference to prayers for the dead comes in the second book of Maccabees. The books of Maccabees were among the latest written books found in the Old Testament. They recount the struggle of the Jewish people for freedom against the Seleucid Empire, around 100-200 years before the birth of Christ. They are written from an Orthodox Jewish point of view. The second book of Maccabees tells how Judas Maccabee, the Jewish leader, led his troops into battle in 163 B.C. When the battle ended he directed that the bodies of those Jews who had died be buried. As soldiers prepared their slain comrades for burial, they discovered that each was wearing an amulet taken as booty from a pagan Temple. This violated the law of Deuteronomy and so Judas and his soldiers prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed (II Maccabees 12:39-45). This is the first indication in the Bible of a belief that prayers offered by the living can help free the dead from any sin that would separate them from God in the life to come. It is echoed in the New Testament when Paul offers a prayer for a man named Onesiphorus who had died: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day" (II Timothy 1:18). The cave-like tombs under the city of Rome, which we call catacombs, bear evidence that members of the Roman Christian community gathered there to pray for their fellow followers of Christ who lay buried there. By the fourth century prayers for the dead are mentioned in Christian literature as though they were already a longstanding custom. The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings and foreshadowed by his disciple's experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death. Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the communion of saints. Members of this community who are living often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs. The prayers express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery for us—a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hopeful imagination in the presence of death, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ's love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God.

PRIESTS ON THE TITANIC - This past week Fr. Aron is on a cruise, his first ever, and has spent some time thinking about what he is going to do if it hits an iceberg (it is a cruise in the Mediterranean so he thinks he is safe). As he stated, "I'm too fat to swim to land, and will probably be late getting out to the lifeboat." This past April marked the 106th Anniversary of the sinking of the famed RMS *Titanic*. A little known fact is that there were three priests on the *Titanic* when it sunk on after striking an iceberg on April 14, 1912. Father Thomas Byles was journeying to New York City aboard the *Titanic* to say the Mass at his brother William's wedding. After graduating from Oxford in 1894 he served as a parish priest in England, working in a small, very poor parish. While on the *Titanic* he said Masses for the second and third class passengers. When the ship hit the iceberg he was on the upper deck praying his breviary and immediately sprang into action. He assisted many third class passengers up onto the boat deck and into life boats. He heard confessions and prayed the rosary as the ship sank. He twice refused to go aboard the lifeboats himself. The other priests on the *Titanic* were Father Juozas Montvila, a 27 year old priest from Lithuania fleeing Tsarist oppression, and Father Joseph Benedikt Peruschitz O.S.B., a 41 year old Catholic priest from Germany who was on his way to join the faculty at Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. Both Frs. Montvila and Peruschitz also refused to board lifeboats and instead went among the passengers, Catholic and non-Catholic alike and prayed with them as they prepared for their deaths. All three priests died aboard the *Titanic*. May they rest in peace.

SO ARE MORMONS CHRISTIANS? - Fr. Leo Walsh answers this question that comes up from time to time as we encounter members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) - While the members of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" consider themselves "Christians" very few Christians would recognize the Jesus that is taught by the LDS. While they use "Christian," the same words that other Christians use, the meanings they attribute to those words are actually quite different. For example, they Mormons do have the same belief in the nature of God as Christians do. According to the Articles of Faith on their own materials, God is rather malleable is simply "exalted man." "We believe in a God who is Himself progressive, whose majesty is intelligence; whose perfection consists in eternal advancement — a Being who has attained His exalted state by a path which now His children are permitted to follow, whose glory it is their heritage to share. In spite of the opposition of the sects, in the face of direct charges of blasphemy, the Church proclaims the eternal truth: 'As man is, God once was; as God is, man may be.'" (LDS Apostle James E. Talmage, Articles of Faith, Ch.24, p.430 - p.431, LDS Collectors Library '97 CD-

ROM) This is very a different and much diminished appreciation of God when compared to the Christian notion of the transcendent God who is the uncreated author of all life, the very source of Being itself, who very nature it is to exist. It can be very confusing talking with an LDS member because they use the same terms that we do, but attribute very different meanings to them. Because of this very different theology of God, among other reasons, the Catholic Church does not consider Mormon baptism to be a valid Christian baptism. This does not mean that we can't work with the LDS organization in matters that pertain to religious freedom, the sanctity of marriage, and family life. But one should hold no illusions that they share the same essential beliefs that we do even if they use similar words.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY - In the event of an emergency where you need a priest please contact Fr. Karl at Holy Family Rectory in Hooversville (798-2933) the rectory at St. Anthony's in Windber (467-7292), or the Capuchin Friary in New Baltimore (733-2210). In the event of a funeral please know that Fr. Brian Warchola has kindly agreed to cover all funerals at our parish. You can reach him at 495-9640.

ALL SAINTS PARISH ANNUAL ELECTION DAY, Spaghetti Lunch/Dinner, Tuesday, November 6. Lunch - 11 am - 1 pm; dinner 4-7 pm. Take-outs available. \$8 for adults & \$4 for children (10 & under). All Saints Parish Hall - Center St., Boswell. Also included - raffles for chances to win: 50/50, Filled Baskets, Silent Auction.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of Tom Delasko by Family.

YOUR DREAMS CAME TRUE - Fr. Aron will be away for several weeks in Europe visiting a number of different locations. You are more than welcome to friend him on Facebook in the event that you are bored and want to keep up on his travels. If you wish to contact him please email him at maganudo@yahoo.com or phone the Rectory and leave your number.

A SPECIAL WEEKEND AHEAD - Next weekend we gain an extra hour due Daylight Savings Time (Saturday night into Sunday), please turn your clocks back and enjoy this priceless gift!

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 Oglinc, Charles Field Sr., Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, 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, Danielle Christopher, Jessica Stockill, Catherine Haggerty, Nancy McClellan, Tony Beltz, Mary Dooley, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn, Rose Sprock, Gene Yelovich, Helen Elko, Vince Skimski, Jennifer Jarvis, Betty Lou Miller, Catherine Kosnosky

WELCOME FATHER WULFSTAN, O.S.B. - Many thanks are extended Fr. Wulfstan Clough, O.S.B. from St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe covering for Fr. Aron this weekend. Please offer Father a warm welcome this weekend as he makes an appeal for the St. Vincent Missions.

WEEKLY OFFERING - October 20th & October 21st Adults - \$2,570.50; Loose - \$291.95; Student -\$24; Fuel - \$45; All Souls Day - \$120; Miscellaneous - \$280 - Total -\$3,331.45 - Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

November 3 - 4:00 PM - T. & M. Mabon

November 4 - 8:00 AM - L. L. & L. Mincek

November 4- 10:30 AM - A. Mauger, J. Hammer, M. Moslak

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED - There will be a free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings at the Central City borough building on November 22nd from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Sign up at the borough office or call 754-8290. If you wish to donate for this community event please make your check payable to Amy Yock AND Bobbie Lafferty and send it to 314 Central Avenue, Suite 201, Central City. Mark your envelope Thanksgiving Dinner.

REAL SPAGHETTI DINNER SERVED BY REAL ITALIANS - St. Anthony Church in Windber will host a spaghetti dinner on Sunday October 21st from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM in their parish hall. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for children. Take-outs available. St. Anthony's is an Italian ethnic parish, they know their stuff - time to tie on the feedbag.

UPCOMING EVENTS -

November 7 - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 7:00 PM - Activity Center

DAILY MASS - There will be Masses this week on Thursday and Friday, for All Saints and All Souls. Please note the schedule.

BASKET BONANZA - The Ladies Auxiliary of Resurrection Parish in Johnstown will be sponsoring a basket party on Sunday November 11th at Christ the Savior Hall (307 Garfield Street - West End Johnstown) with the doors opening at 12:30 PM. The cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch and 25 chances. For tickets please call the parish office at 539-5788, ext 3 and ask for Joann.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY VOUCHERS - Our parish St. Vincent DePaul conference is in need of funds to help with Thanksgiving turkey vouchers for the needed in our community. Funds from their monthly second collection will be used for their annual turkey voucher distribution - please be generous.

BOXES OF JOY - Remember, your box needs to be returned next Sunday, November 4 from 9am - Noon at the Activity Center. Your check for \$9 needs to be made out to Cross Catholic Outreach and included in the top of your box. Thank You for your generosity!