

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

## Rectory Office

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November 18,  
2018

Thirty-Third 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

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## Mass Intentions

November 19	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Mary Tyree and Carol Terry, Birthday Remembrance (Req C-J Ferguson)-Church
November 20	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) -Church
November 21	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
November 22	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
November 23	<i>Saint Clement I</i>
8:00 AM	Evelyn Saylor (Req. Michael and Debbie Knapp)- Church
November 24	<i>Vigil Christ the King</i>
4:00 PM	Ed Ference (Req. Bob Gulakowski) - Church
November 25	<i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>
8:00 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church
10:30 AM	Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Light of Christ Council-Chapel

**CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS TO THANKSGIVING** - Here are some facts about Thanksgiving that you can discuss over your giblets and cranberry sauce shaped like a can.

1. The first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8 (feast of the birth of the Blessed Virgin) in 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered. This was 56 years before the Puritan pilgrims of Massachusetts. Don Pedro Menendez came ashore amid the sounding of trumpets, artillery salutes and the firing of cannons to claim the land for King Philip II and Spain. The ship chaplain Fr. Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales chanted the Te Deum and presented a crucifix that Menendez ceremoniously kissed. Then the 500 soldiers, 200 sailors and 100 families and artisans, along with the Timucuan Indians celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in gratitude to God.
2. The second American Thanksgiving happened on April 30, 1598, when Spanish explorer Don Juan de Oñate requested the friars to say a Mass of Thanksgiving, after which he formally proclaimed “La Toma”, claiming the land north of the Rio Grande for the King of Spain. The men feasted on duck, goose, and fish

from the river. The actors among them dressed and presented a play. All this took place twenty-three years before the Pilgrims set sail from England on the Mayflower.

3. The Puritan pilgrims were violently anti-Catholic. They left England because they thought that the already Protestant Church of England was *too Catholic*. These Puritans were strict Calvinists. The pilgrims also opposed celebrating Christmas, dancing, musical instruments in church, and even hymns as *papistical*.
4. Squanto, the beloved hero of Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock, was Catholic! Squanto had been enslaved by the English but he was freed by Spanish Franciscans. Squanto thus received baptism and became a Catholic. So it was a baptized Catholic Native American who orchestrated what became known as Thanksgiving.
5. So while Thanksgiving may celebrate the Calvinist Separatists who fled England, Catholics might remember the same unjust laws that granted the crown of martyrdom to Thomas More, John Fisher, Edmund Campion, et al. are the same injustices that led the Pilgrims to Plymouth.
6. And let everyone remember that "Thanksgiving" in Greek is Eucharistia. Thus, the Body and Blood of Christ is the true "Thanksgiving Meal".
7. And don't forget to raise your wine glass and recite the wonderful limerick of Hilaire Belloc: **"Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, there's always laughter and good red wine. At least I've always found it so. Benedicamus Domino!"**

**BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND** - The monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast is this weekend. With the snow and heavy precipitation it is important to remember that cabin fever isn't healthy. The breakfast is the perfect remedy - it aids psychological wellbeing and has tastier donuts than the office of your shrink. See you this weekend.

**UPDATES ON SERVICE PROJECTS** - As you recall our CCD students have been working on their service projects for the semester. Earlier this month the Boxes of Joy were distributed, filled, collected, and sent. All told the group collected around 120 boxes that will be given as Christmas presents to children who live in abject poverty. During Mass this weekend we will have students who are assisting the work of Mom's House make a presentation on their project. Mom's House is an excellent Pro-Life program founded to help moms in troubled pregnancies with child care and other assistance. The team will be collecting the items listed on the flyer in the bulletin next weekend and will deliver them to Mom's House later in the month. The team that will be going to Clelian Heights, a school for Special Needs children in Greensburg, will be selling O'Shea's candy bars after Mass this weekend to help with their project. Finally the team that is going to Garvey Manor in Hollidaysburg thanks everyone for their generous contributions toward their project. In the next few weeks they will be traveling to Garvey Manor to host a bingo game with the elderly residents who live at Garvey Manor. Thank you for your support and kindness with all of these projects.

**BOWLING FORMS DUE THIS WEEKEND** - If your child will be attending the CCD bowling outing on December 2 the forms are due this weekend. Thank you.

**CCD MASS NEXT WEEKEND** - The CCD students will be serving as ushers, readers, servers, and greeters at the 8:00 AM Mass next weekend. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Following Mass there will be a social in the Activity Center featuring donuts.

**K OF C MASS NEXT WEEKEND** - The parish Knights of Columbus meeting will have their annual memorial Mass next Sunday at 10:30 AM. All members, widows of members, and friends of the Knights of Columbus are encouraged to attend. Donuts will be served following the Mass.

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES** - Because he cannot bi-locate, Fr. Aron will be celebrating Mass on Thanksgiving Day at the Boswell Parish. Please note there will be no Mass on Thursday of this week. Moreover please note that there will be Mass on Tuesday morning, but not on Wednesday morning of this week.

**CHILDREN CAN LEAD PARENTS TO A DEEPER FAITH** - Dr. Paul Thigpen is an award winning journalist, bestselling author of 49 books, and is husband, father, and grandfather. He offers some words that remind us that children (and grandchildren) help to keep our relationships fresh and can lead to a far deeper relationship with God. His words are interesting food for thought. - Our children often push us to our limits, and we may react in uncharitable ways. When that happens, we might be tempted to think of them as obstacles to Christian growth. Wouldn't it be easier to be saintly if we didn't have to deal with temper tantrums, sibling spats, and broken curfews? Yet consider what the Second Vatican Council fathers had to say: "Children contribute in their own way to making their parents holy" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 48). What a startling notion! We can strive for holiness, not *despite* the trials of parenthood, but *through* them. Our children can teach us to be more holy. Some of the best opportunities to grow spiritually emerge precisely at those places where we encounter the most difficult challenges of family life. Here are six practical ways to cooperate with God's grace so that can happen.

1. **Let your children's needs and shortcomings drive you to pray.** If the parenting road were always smooth, you'd be tempted to forget all about God while you busy yourself with dirty dishes and soccer games. This is one way He gets your attention. Get alone with God first thing every morning and ambush the little bandits with prayer before they get out of bed.

**2. Let parenting challenges drive you to learn from Scripture and saints' lives.** Meditate, for example, on St. Paul's beautiful admonition to families about how to live together (Eph 5:21-6:4). Apply his famous "hymn to love" (1 Cor 13:4-13) to your family life. Learn also from parents in the Bible: Mary and Joseph are our model. Others teach us by their mistakes, such as King David's struggles with his rebel son (2 Sam 13:1-18:33); Rebekah's family trickery (Gen 27-33); and Eli's failures in childrearing (1 Sam 2:12-17, 22-25; 4:12-18).

Study as well the lives of saints who grew spiritually through their role as parents. Read about St. Monica's struggles with her wayward son, St. Augustine, or the daunting family challenges of St. Rita.

**3. Let children's questions about spiritual and moral issues drive you to learn more about God and His will.** In your struggle to respond to their questions, you'll gain a greater understanding of the great truths of our faith.

**4. Let parenting battles drive you to seek fellowship with other Catholic parents for mutual support and advice.** Don't be embarrassed to talk and pray over your parenting problems with others who struggle. Think of other parents as comrades in arms.

**5. Let parenting struggles drive you to the sacraments for grace and strength.** The grace we receive in the Eucharist fortifies us for the task of parenting as it does for every other duty of life. And parenthood is one of God's secret strategies for getting us into the confessional.

**6. Let your kids teach you some basics about the spiritual life.** Jesus said: "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). What can you learn from your children's holy example of simplicity, honesty, trust, zeal, faith? What surprising gems of wisdom may come out of their mouths?

When all is said and done, perhaps the most important way we can let our kids help us grow in holiness is to view the hassles of parenting as scouring pads: they can either scrape us raw or scrub us clean.

If we resent our children's needs, demands, and shortcomings, they'll forever be rubbing us the wrong way. But if instead we embrace the frustration and heartache as part of God's plan to polish us into saints, in time we'll find ourselves shining in ways we never have before.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site loving memory of Helen and Toby Fleegle by Bethanne. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of Mary Tyree and Carol Terry, as a birthday remembrance, by C-J. Ferguson

**PRAYER LIST** - Jennie Sielczak, Constance Gruca, Marie Metsker, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Andrew Straka, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Quincy Ogline, Charles Field Sr., Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Larry Krestar, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Lionel Berkebile, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, John Harchick Jr., Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Rhonda Bittner, Lauren Barnes, Dave Andolina, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka, Carla Ayres, Zoe Taylor, Rodney Shaffer, Casey Duffield, Mike Stefanik, Georgianne Matava, Michelle Moore, William Sunderhaus, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, Amanda Berkey, Danielle Christopher, Jessica Stockdill, Catherine Haggerty, Nancy McClellan, Tony Beltz, Mary Dooley, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn, Helen Elko, Vince Skimski, Jennifer Jarvis, Betty Lou Miller, Catherine Kosnosky, Anthony Criscuolo, Deborah Knapp, Laverne Ross, Charles Noon

**WEEKLY OFFERING** - November 10<sup>th</sup> & November 11<sup>th</sup> Adults - \$4,357; Loose - \$259; Student -\$23.50; Fuel - \$57; All Souls Day - \$120; Miscellaneous - \$120; All Saints - \$65; ; Thanksgiving - \$10; - Total - \$4,891.50 Thank You!

#### **SERVER SCHEDULE -**

November 24 - 4:00 PM E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger

November 25 - 8:00 AM A. Deneen, R. & C. Pongrac

November 25 - 10:30 AM P. Shivas, M. Moslak, C. & L. Galish

**SOCIETY OF ANGELS CHRISTMAS PARTY** The Angel's annual Christmas Party will be at Rizzo's Restaurant in Windber on December 5 at 6:00 PM. Members interested in going **MUST** call the Rectory by November 26.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

November 25 - CCD Mass - 8:00 AM Sacred Heart - Donuts to follow in the Activity Center

November 25 - Meeting of **CCD Parents** - 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM - Activity Center - **PARENTS PLEASE BE PRESENT**

November 25 - K of C Mass - 10:30 AM St. John

December 2 - Fr. Aron away for 10:30 AM Mass only. Fr. Alfred Patterson, O.S.B. covers

December 2 - CCD Bowling Outing - Terrace Lanes - Somerset 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

December 2 - Liturgical Planning Meeting - 6:00 PM - Rectory

December 3 - Christmas Letter Meeting - 6:00 PM - Rectory

December 4 - Maintenance Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John

December 5 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John

December 5 - Society of Angels Christmas Party - 6:00 PM - Rizzo's Restaurant, Windber

December 7 - Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception - Holyday of Obligation - 7:00 PM - St. John

December 8 - Mass for Immaculate Conception - Holyday of Obligation - 8:00 AM - Sacred Heart

December 9 - Holy Name Meeting and Corporate Communion - 8:00 AM - Sacred Heart  
December 11 - Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John  
December 16 - Parish Council Meeting - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - St. John  
December 16 - All You Can Eat Breakfast 9:00 AM - St. John  
December 16 - Lessons & Carols - 6:00 PM - Sacred Heart - Presentations about CCD Projects Follows  
December 21 - Altar Server Practice for Christmas Eve Mass - 5:00 PM - Sacred Heart  
December 21 - Altar Server Practice for Midnight Mass - 6:00 PM - St. John  
December 22 - Church Decorating (St. John's Only) - 9:00 AM - St. John  
December 23 - No CCD Classes  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass - 4:00 PM - Sacred Heart  
December 25 - Midnight Mass - 12:00 AM - St. John  
December 25 - Christmas Day Mass - 8:00 AM - Sacred Heart  
January 1 - Mass for Mary, Mother of God - Holyday of Obligation - Noon - Sacred Heart, 7:00 PM - St. John