

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Rectory Office

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Christ The King

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

November 26	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> NO MASS
November 27	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 AM Bob Ferguson, Anniversary Remembrance (Req wife C-J Ferguson) - Church
November 28	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 AM Dave Bonus (Req. Great-granddaughter Elin) - Church
November 29	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00 AM Ray McGreehan (Req. Paul & Sally Harris) - Church
November 30	<i>Saint Andrew</i> 8:00 AM Ann Bohach (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy)- Church
December 1	<i>Vigil First Sunday of Advent</i> 4:00 PM Andy Todd (Req. Darrell & Beth Humphrey) - Church
December 2	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 AM Lillian Koleszarik, 30 Day Remembrance, Month's Mind (Req. Family) - Church 10:30 AM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site loving memory of Richard Satkovich. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of the deceased of the John Kotus family by Estate of John Kotus

FLOWER MEMORIALS - The flowers placed on the Altar, this week, at the St. John's are for Health Blessings for the families, and a Happy Birthday to Mom by Elizabeth and Arthur McClucas. The flowers at the Sacred Heart site are in honor of the wedding anniversary of Bob and C-J Ferguson by wife C-J.

FLOWER MEMORIALS LAST WEEKEND - The memorials that were placed on the Altar last weekend (November 18) at the St. John's site were in honor of Helen and Toby Fleege by Bethanne. The flowers at the Sacred Heart site were in honor of Walter and Kay Wojcik by Janice and Joe Stahl.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IN BOSWELL - All Saints Parish in Boswell will be hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday December 1st from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at their hall on Center Street in Boswell. MANY crafters will be present including those selling country and primitive items, 31, Paparazzi, Tastefully Simple, LuLaRoe, Origami

Owl, handmade jewelry, soaps, baked goods, crochet and knitted items, American Girl clothes, Watkins Products, pressed flower art, Christmas arrangements, and much more. Patrons may also avail themselves of beef vegetable soup, sloppy joes, hotdogs, haluski, and deserts. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY - Fr. Aron will cover the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday at the Boswell parish. Fr. Alfred Patterson, OSB will cover the 10:30 AM Mass only. Please offer him a warm welcome.

GREAT WAY TO SPEND A DAY - St. John the Baptist Parish in New Baltimore will be hosting a Mountain Dulcimer Workshop and Advent reflection concert on Saturday December 22nd. The leader will be Jessica Comeau, a dulcimer musician and teacher. The day begins with an introduction to the dulcimer from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM and is followed by a luncheon. Following lunch a tour of the church will be offered and will conclude with a concert and Advent reflections from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM. For more information please contact the parish office at 733-2210.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast day of the United States (like St. Patrick is to Ireland, etc.). As such it is a **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**. We are blessed to enjoy opportunity, freedom, and material prosperity in the United States, yet we as a people we are often plagued by many problems. This holyday provides us with an opportunity to reflect, pray, and look in hope as we seek to be faithful Catholics and dutiful citizens. Please arrange your schedule to attend Mass (it is an obligation and we make lots of schedule modifications for far lesser things) on Friday December 7th at 7:00 PM or Saturday December 9th at 8:00 AM.

NEW DEAN - Our parish is in the Southern Deanery (our diocese is divided into five smaller regions called deaneries). With the death of Fr. Daniel O'Neil, pastor of St. Peter Parish in Somerset, a new dean has been appointed. Fr. Angelo Patti, formerly of St. Andrew Parish in Johnstown, has been appointed the dean of the southern deanery and the pastor of St. Peter's. It will be his responsibility to check parish records, check on priests, handle regional issues, and organize meetings within the deanery. Please keep him in your prayers.

SOMETHING TO PONDER - As many began their Christmas shopping this past week, Mark L. Movsesian, co-director of the [Tradition Project](#) at the St. John's [Center for Law and Religion](#), offers these timely thoughts about a Super Bowl ad from earlier this year. With less and less people going to Church or even understanding religious thought, in time a culture that has been formed by Christian ideas (we are far different than the Romans and that's thanks to the Church) will also fade and be replaced by something else. Professor Movseian gives us an interesting commentary that allows us to meditate on where we are as a consumerist society and where we are headed. Perhaps his thoughts provide good meditation material as we prepare for Christmas and what that means. His words follow. - In his brilliant critique of late-twentieth-century American culture, *Technopoly*, the late Neil Postman described what he called "the great symbol drain." A technological culture such as ours, he wrote, devoted to efficiency and consumption, has little regard for tradition and its symbols—symbols that represent ancestral values and commitments, including sacred values and commitments. In a technological culture, people feel free to use symbols any way they like, which has the effect of emptying the symbols of their meaning. It's not an act of sacrilege; sacrilege suggests that people recognize the symbols and mean to insult them. It's an act of trivialization. In a technological society, nothing is sacred, so everything can be exploited. And so, Postman wryly observed, it probably wouldn't be too long before some clever advertising executive figured out a way to use Jesus Christ in a TV ad for a California Chardonnay: "When I transformed water into wine at Cana, *this* is what I had in mind. Try it today. You'll become a believer." I thought of Postman's book last month when I saw the now-infamous Super Bowl ad for Dodge Ram trucks. The ad features a recording of Martin Luther King, Jr. giving one of his last sermons, "The Drum Major Instinct," a powerful meditation on the Christian understanding of greatness. Images of Americans helping one another are interspersed with shots of a Ram pickup truck. As the images go by, we hear Dr. King speak these words: If you want to be important—wonderful. If you want to be recognized—wonderful. If you want to be great—wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love. The spot ends with a shot of the Dodge Ram logo, along with the words "Built to Serve." The ad sparked media outrage for its commercial use of Dr. King. Using the civil rights leader to sell trucks was a cynical misappropriation, critics charged. This criticism is absolutely correct. Dodge's use of "The Drum Major Instinct" was deeply inappropriate, another example of corporate America's cynical rush to jump on the social-justice bandwagon in order to gain market share. Clumsy, too: If you're going to signal your virtue, you can't do it in a way that is so obviously self-serving. Besides, as the critics pointed out, "The Drum Major Instinct" actually condemns consumerism and, particularly, spending money on a car you can't afford. The ad was also inappropriate for another reason, one

that, as far as I can tell, entirely escaped our media. Dr. King was quoting Jesus. “He who is greatest among you shall be your servant”—that’s from Matthew’s Gospel, the passage in which Jesus condemns the arrogance of religious leaders (especially teachers!). It’s not Dr. King who gives us a new definition of greatness, it’s Christ. The reference would have been more obvious if the ad’s creators had included the sentence right before the excerpt they quoted: “And so Jesus gave us a new norm of greatness.” What’s objectionable about the ad, from a Christian standpoint, is not that it uses Dr. King to sell trucks. It’s that it uses Christ to sell trucks. I’m sure Dr. King, a Christian pastor, would have seen it that way. And yet, as I say, no one in the media seems to have noticed. As Postman predicted, in our technological, consumerist culture, Christian references have become so trivialized that we no longer recognize when mass market advertisers misuse them. In one sense, it could be said, the Dodge ad shows the continuing power of Christianity in our culture. The reason “The Drum Major Instinct,” and the ad that cribs it, are so powerful is that they draw on the Christian message of humility and service, which is familiar to us even when we don’t recognize the source. We understand the message of the sermon and the ad instinctively, because our culture is so suffused with Christian idioms. This doesn’t prove Christianity is superior to other religions or that one must be Christian to be American. But Christianity has shaped our culture, and the culture of the West, for many centuries. It’s no surprise that Christian messages and images continue to resonate with us. I wonder, though, how long this will last, if Christianity really does fall into eclipse in the West. How long will the Christian message of humility, love, and service—“a heart full of grace”—survive apart from its origins? What will take the place of Christianity in American culture? A universal, non-sectarian commitment to human dignity? It seems unlikely. As people forget Christianity, they will likely forget its message, too. Or come to see it as merely another cool way for marketers to move the merchandise. But you never know. Perhaps a backlash will occur against the trivialization of Christian imagery in advertising. As one advertising executive, stunned by the controversy over the Dodge ad, observed to the *New York Times*: “You get so crucified, so fast.”

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 Oglie, 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, Lavonne Ross

WEEKLY OFFERING - November 17th & November 18th Adults - \$2,659.50; Loose - \$210; Student -\$26.50; Fuel - \$60; All Souls Day - \$40; Miscellaneous - \$752.66; All Saints - \$30; Thanksgiving - \$155; - Total - \$3,933.66 Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE -

December 1 - 4:00 PM J. Bihun, T. & M. Mabon
 December 2 - 8:00 AM R. & C. Pongrac, A. Deneen
 December 2 - 10:30 AM A. Mauger, J. Hammer, M. Moslak

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