

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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## Rectory Office

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December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

## 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

December 3 *St. Francis Xavier*

8:00 AM Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Chapel

December 4 *Advent Weekday*

**NO MASS**

December 5 *Advent Weekday*

8:00 AM Stanley, Rose, and Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) - Chapel

December 6 *Advent Weekday*

8:00 AM Elizabeth Fillo (Req. Becky, Joe, Joey & Dawn) - Chapel

December 7 *Vigil of Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation*

7:00 PM Marike van den Heuvel (Req. Shivas & van den Heuvel Families) - Chapel

December 8 *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00 AM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church

December 8 *Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM Ed Ference (Req. Bern and Dorene Gulakowski) - Church

December 9 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Mike Knapp (Req. Jim Yelovich) - Church

10:30 AM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER** – Our parish offers deepest sympathies to the family of our parishioner Josephine Taylor who died and was buried from our parish this past week. Please remember Josephine, her son John, and her loved ones in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

**EXTENDED CONFESSIONS** – Amid all of the house cleaning and decorating that goes into this time of year, please do not neglect to clean your spiritual house for Christmas. If you really want to be prepared to

celebrate the Birth of Christ and welcome him this Christmas (that is what it is about after all), please get to Confession before December 25<sup>th</sup>. During Advent Confession will be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 PM until 3:50 PM and on Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM until there are no longer any penitents waiting. An additional priest will be here to help on December 18<sup>th</sup>. As always, Fr. Aron is happy to hear your confession anytime, just ask.

**NO FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** - In light of the Mass for the Immaculate Conception on December 7<sup>th</sup> there will be no First Friday devotions this month.

**MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM** - This week Tom Burella will be buried from our parish (Friday at 1:00 PM). Please remember Tom and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

**PIEROGI SALE** - The parish will be selling homemade pierogi during the Advent season. Only potato and cheese are available - we are only selling what we have, so get your order in early. Pierogi are available during normal business hours at the rectory or at the breakfast on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>. All the pierogi are handmade by our parishioners and are \$8.00 per dozen (this sale is frozen only).

**VISITORS NEXT WEEKEND** - Next weekend we will host a group from the Boaz Field Shop in Bethlehem (near the Shepherd's Field). These Christians from the Holy Land live in very difficult circumstances. Fr. Aron had the pleasure of visiting their store when he was in the Holy Land in March and was happy to invite them here before Christmas as they make a tour of the United States. The store is a cooperative owned by Micahel Bannoura and supports 48 Christian families (Catholic and Orthodox) who live in Bethlehem and is their main source of income. They will have various olive wood items from the Holy Land for sale after all Masses next weekend. Please come and have a look - supporting them goes a long way to support our faithful brothers and sisters who remain in the Holy Land against many serious obstacles.

**DAILY MASS** - Daily Mass will be celebrated at the St. John site beginning this week. Daily Mass will be celebrated at the St. John site until the week after Easter when it will return to Sacred Heart. Please note the change.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES** - Offertory envelopes are available for families registered at the parish and can be found on the back tables at each site. If you cannot find your envelope box or did not receive one please phone the rectory so that this situation can be rectified.

**WELCOME FATHER ALFRED** - Fr. Alfred Patterson, OSB will be the celebrant of the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend while Fr. Aron covers the Mass at Boswell (where he is parish administrator). Please offer Fr. Alfred a warm welcome.

**ADVENT THOUGHTS** - Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed - or cursed - with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations. But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery. Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old

Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world. - Mark Searle, *The Spirit of Advent*.

**ADDRESSES NEEDED** - This year the parish will once again send out a Christmas newsletter detailing the parish activities of the last year and the Christmas schedule. If you know of any person in town who would appreciate the newsletter, is away from the Church and needs a nudge to come back, or has even left the Church outright please submit their name and address to the rectory and a copy will be sent to their home. If they live nearby and are Catholic but did not grow up in this parish and are not a registered member of our parish please give their name and address to the rectory and a copy will be mailed to them. Please have the names submitted by the end of the week.

**BOWLING** - The bowling trip is on this weekend (Sunday). See you at the bowling alley at 1:30 PM.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of all the deceased of the Delasko and Fetsko Families by Family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of Dorothy and Jacob Mincek by Family.

**K OF C ICON** - Until December 13 our parish will host the Knights of Columbus traveling icon. This icon is a reminder to ask Mary for her prayers and is moved from one church to another to help promote devotion to Our Lady. Prayers will be said after all parish Masses (please take a prayer card with you this weekend).

**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, Danielle Christopher, 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, Patty Foltz

**WEEKLY OFFERING** - November 24<sup>th</sup> & November 25<sup>th</sup> Adults - \$2,393.50; Loose - \$241; Student -\$43.50; Fuel - \$40; All Souls Day - \$20; Miscellaneous - \$40; Thanksgiving - \$96; Student Thanksgiving - \$15- Total - \$2,889 Thank You!

#### **SERVER SCHEDULE -**

December 8 - 4:00 PM E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger

December 9 - 8:00 AM L., L., & L. Mincek

December 9 - 10:30 AM C. & L. Galish, J. Eger

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

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

**LOOKING WAY AHEAD -**

January 19 - Night at the Races - Activity Center 6:00 PM  
February 10 - Sportsmen Raffle - Activity Center 1:00 PM  
March 2 - Mardi Gras - Activity Center 6:00 PM  
May 4 - Dyngus Day Party - Activity Center - 6:00 PM