

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

## Rectory Office

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December 9, 2018

Second 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 10	<i>Advent Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Chapel
December 11	<i>Saint Damasus</i>
8:00 AM	Walter Adomnik (Req. Family and Friends) - Chapel
December 12	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Req. Eger Family) - Chapel
December 13	<i>Saint Lucy</i>
8:00 AM	Stanley, Rose and Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) - Chapel
December 14	<i>Saint John of the Cross</i>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
December 15	<i>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent</i>
4:00 PM	Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
December 16	<i>Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday</i>
8:00 AM	Andy Milavec (Req. Randy & Sue Rodman) - Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel
6:00 PM	Lessons and Carols - Church

**LESSONS AND CAROLS** – Next weekend the parish will celebrate its first ever Lessons and Carols service. Lessons and Carols is a series of Advent hymns and readings. The event will serve to help get us in the right mind during this holy season of anticipation. The event begins next Sunday at 6:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site. After the service there will be cookies and hot chocolate in the activity center. Please mark your calendar for this special event. (Note – it isn't long – there is no homily!)

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of Tom Delasko by loving family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of all the deceased of the Haggerty Family 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).

**CCD SURVEY** - If you have a child in CCD please make sure that their CCD survey is turned in this weekend.

**NOW THINK ABOUT THIS** - About a month ago our parish filled well over 100 boxes as part of an outreach program called Boxes of Joy sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach. We filled shoeboxes with practical items and children's items. Religious items were later added to the boxes (a prayer card and rosary) and they were shipped to children in need in poor countries. One option was to send a short note to the child who will receive the box. I (Fr. Aron) recently read a story about a similar project run by a Protestant group entitled Samaritan's Purse and their Operation Christmas Child program. The article reminds you that you never know the impact your kindness will have on another person. The article follows. - Churches and organizations all over the nation partner with Samaritan's Purse to send small toiletries, school supplies, and toys or activities to children in third-world countries at Christmas. In the year 2000, 7-year-old Tyrel Wolfe and his family participated in the project. The young boy from Idaho picked out and packed items for a young girl his age, then included a photo of himself sporting his cowboy getup with a rustic cabin backdrop. For Tyrel, the project was just a moment in time. He'd had fun packing it up and thinking about the kid who would receive it, but once it was returned to the church and sent overseas, it never crossed his mind again. But for one little girl in the Philippines, the gift completely changed the trajectory of her life. Almost a decade had passed when Tyrel received a Facebook friend request in 2009. It was from a young woman named Joana Marchan, whom he'd never heard of. He ignored the request and moved on. Two years later, the same woman sent him another request. Curious this time about who she was and why she was interested in being friends with him, Tyrel sent Joana a message asking how she knew him. She replied, telling him that the shoebox gift he'd sent 11 years ago had meant so much to her, she wanted to connect with him. It turns out, she'd even tried writing him a thank you note years before, but it got lost in the mail. "I was curious as to what he was like now," Joana said. "Was he going to college like me?" After being reminded by his mother of his involvement in the project, Tyrel continued his conversation with Joana, which quickly blossomed into an unexpected friendship. The two shared a number of common interests like their Christian faith, and favorite music. Conversation came naturally, and they corresponded for a full year before they decided to meet in person. Tyrel graduated high school in May of 2013. By then he had saved up enough money working for his dad to fly to Quezon City and spend 10 days in the Philippines. "I knew I was taking a big risk," Tyrel says. "I had never traveled alone, let alone to a foreign country before,

and I was meeting people I didn't know or even knew really existed. When I finally got there and saw her, I had to punch myself a couple times because I thought it was a dream," he says. "I was immediately attracted to her." Experiencing how Joana's family lived opened Tyrel's eyes to how "blessed" he truly is. All eight members of the Marchan family slept on the floor of their 10x19-foot house. "Here in America, a lot of people are blessed with a lot of things, and after seeing Joana's home, I've gained a different outlook on how people live." Tyrel returned home after "one of the hardest goodbyes" he's ever had to say. But the two stayed in constant communication via Facebook, and Skyped with each other often before Tyrel returned to the Philippines again in November. This time, he stayed for a full month, then asked Joana's father for her hand in marriage. After another long road of waiting, and some extra convincing from Tyrel's father, the two became engaged. Because of his ability to earn a living and support Joana (and her family) with his job, the couple decided to live full-time in the U.S. "It was a big change and adjustment for me," Joana says. "I was raised in the city and now I'm living in the country with much less people and more space, but it's a beautiful place." Since saying "I do," the couple has been committed to packing a Samaritan's Purse shoebox every holiday season. Each one includes a note that tells their story. "We don't want to give them some fantasy, but we do want to show that we care and want to share our love," Tyrel says. "We both feel so blessed and grateful that Operation Christmas Child brought us together."

**FINANCE COUNCIL** - Please note that the finance council will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM at the St. John site.

**PARISH COUNCIL** - Please note that the Parish Council will meet next Sunday at 4:00 PM at the St. John site. It is a privilege to serve on this council, please mark your calendar if you are on this leadership body.

**BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY** - The ALL YOU CAN EAT breakfast will be held next Sunday. Please note the time change (it now runs from 8:30 AM until 11:00 AM). In honor of this festive time of year all patrons over 21 will be treated to spiked or regular egg nog.

**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, 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** - December 2<sup>nd</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup> Adults - \$3,702.50; Loose - \$248; Student -\$28.50; Fuel - \$278; Christmas - \$25; Miscellaneous - \$727.66; Immaculate Conception - \$30; Thanksgiving - \$25- Total - \$5,064.66 Thank You!

#### **SERVER SCHEDULE -**

December 15 - 4:00 PM	T. & M. Mabon, J. Bihun
December 16 - 8:00 AM	D. Zelnski, T. Tomlinson, K. Koleszarik
December 16 - 10:30 AM	A. Mauger, J. Hammer, M. Moslak

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

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 13 - CCD Classes Resume for Spring Term

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