

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Fourth 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

Mass Intentions

December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
4:00 PM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church
12:00 AM	<i>PEACE ON EARTH</i> - Chapel
December 25	<i>Christmas</i>
10:30 AM	Tom Delasko (Req. Michael & Debbie Knapp) - Chapel
December 26	<i>Saint Stephen</i>
8:00 AM	Walter Adomnik (Req. Family and Friends) - Chapel
December 27	<i>Saint John</i>
8:00 AM	Michael Russell (Req. Cousins Steph and Karen) - Chapel
December 28	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>
8:00 AM	Josephine Taylor, 30 Day Remembrance, Month's Mind (Req. Bob/Donna Mulcahy)
December 29	<i>Vigil - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
4:00 PM	Enock & Josephine Severn (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church
December 30	<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>
8:00 AM	Bob Coleman (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy) - Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM – Our parish family offers deepest sympathies to the family of Anthony Crisculo who died and was buried from our parish this past week. Please keep Tony and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace!

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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of John and Mary Beachy by daughter Sue and Family The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of Pat Magnone by Family

OPLATKI – Oplatki for Christmas are available at both sites beginning this weekend. Please place \$3.00 per pack in the basket next to the oplatki. Additional oplatki are available at the parish office.

CHURCH CALENDARS – 2019 liturgical calendars are available after Mass at both sites this weekend. Many thanks to all of our sponsors who purchased the calendars for the parish this year – your generosity

helps us keep track of the feasts and fasts of our Church year. In addition to the English edition there are a few Polish calendars available at the Sacred Heart site.

SERIOUS MISTAKE – The bulletin has reported for weeks that the Mass on Christmas Day would be at 8:00 AM. When the Year in Review went to print a serious typographical error went to the printer that listed the Mass at 10:30 AM. Because the newsletter was sent out to many people it serves the best interest of the parish to have the Mass on Christmas Day at 10:30 AM. There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day. Please note the change, **Mass on Christmas Day is now at 10:30 AM.**

YEAR IN REVIEW NEWSLETTERS – There are additional copies of the Year in Review newsletter in the back of each church. If you have some friends or family who you think would enjoy reading a copy please feel free to take as many copies as you wish.

POLISH KOLEDY SING – The Polish Choir of All Saints Parish in Boswell will have an afternoon program of Polish Koledy (Christmas hymns) on Sunday December 30th at 2:30 PM at their church in Boswell (325 Quemahoning Street). The program will last a little under an hour and is followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES – Winter is a long season and undoubtedly seasonal depression sets in because of cold weather and a certain level of stagnation. Well, the doctor has just found the cure – a ticket for our Night at the Races event on January 19th. If you have never been to a Night at the Races you don't know what you are missing. Patrons will be treated to a catered dinner of Chicken Cordon-Bleu and Roast Beef. Following dinner (soft drinks and beer included) the excitement commences as the horse race portion of the evening begins. Each ticket entitles the bearer to name their horse (be creative). A video horse race is played where a race track announcer reads the name of the horses as they run the track (far more entertaining than you think). If your horse wins, you win money. If the horse you bet on wins, you win money. It can be a very profitable evening and a celebration of food, drink and gaming. The event begins at the activity center with dinner at 6:00 PM with the races starting at 7:00 PM. Tickets are on sale now at the rectory and are \$50 for a two person ticket (straightforward, this means the ticket is good for two people, you and a friend), or \$30 for a single ticket. Each ticket will get to name a thoroughbred and win cash if the horse bests his opponents. Get your ticket at the rectory this week!

FR. ARON SAYS DON'T ACT LIKE THE INN KEEPER, OK? – Each year the number of people who attend Mass in North America and Europe declines as our culture become more and more secularized. I have noticed that even the phenomena of “Christmas and Easter Catholics” (those who only attend Mass twice a year) has fallen off to the point of being a few extra people on Christmas, usually at the 4:00 PM Mass. Easter and other Christmas Masses don't really show much of an increase in attendance any longer. I expect there will be a few ‘Christmas Only Catholics’ at Mass on Monday evening and also a number of visitors who may be home for Christmas. If you are reading this you are here on Sunday and that means that you probably attend Mass with regularity. While it cannot be known with certainty, the inn keeper on the day of Christ's birth probably lived in Bethlehem and was there most of his days. He is in that sense like us, the guy or gal who lives here and is here most of the time. In light of this a question arises, when visitors come to our church door for Christmas, will there be room at our inn? Will we make them feel welcome, or turn them away? Our visitors this week give us chance to show the love of Christ (which I hope is the reason you are still here and going to Mass) to those who only come to our door rarely, if ever. Perhaps if they are a person from out of town (a child or grandchild or parent of a parishioner) who never attends Mass in the place where they live, a positive interaction now can lead to a restored relationship later. This is something that the priest needs to take seriously, but it is also the responsibility of each of us, yes, you the person who is reading this right now. On that first Christmas there was no room at the inn for our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. Perhaps the Holy Family could've prepared differently. But in all reality how could they? That is what being a stranger means: Not being known is part of it, but not knowing is the rest. For those of us who attend Mass regularly Christmas Mass will seem homey and routine. We are known to many parishioners and know the Mass well. A nod of recognition is probably enough to make us feel welcome. But the Catholics who go to church only on Christmas carry with them **the reasons** they

usually do not make it to Mass. What this means is that they are going to need more than a nod. An important part of their experience will hinge on feeling welcomed or not. Studies bear this out. People often return to church because they feel welcome. [Regular Mass-goers](#) can make this work better. Are my words and actions – simple things that we can all do (yes all of us) – going to say there is room at the inn, or move on? A handshake, eye contact, a smile, or a Merry Christmas goes a long way. Saying “good to see you,” asking a person’s name if you don’t know it, or making a kind or funny remark all help to build a bond of friendship and good will. If smiling at a person or saying Merry Christmas is something you feel you cannot do, perhaps it is time to get over yourself. Everyone can offer a smile to another person. Why do this? Well if this day is about “peace on earth and goodwill toward men,” where do you think that begins? Answer - Right Here! We cannot solve all of the problems of the world, but what we can do is offer a little bit of humanity toward one another right now – and this does matter. Statistics say that for every one person who joins the Church, six leave. Yes, the scandal has been profoundly damaging, but if we are honest there is far more to the decline than this issue. Yes, the church is a mess, but having a poor attitude isn’t solving the problem and will only make your Christmas grimmer and rob you of joy. May the joy of the saints of old be what we share with those who come to our door on Monday and Tuesday.

Christmas is the chance to welcome the stranger, to be a good innkeeper and not the bad one. And who knows, the welcome you extend to the infrequent Mass-goer might be what brings that person back to Church and to our parish family. Perhaps next year you both will be welcoming a new stranger together. Don’t act like the inn keeper, ok?

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, 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, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn, Helen Elko, Vince Skimski, Jennifer Jarvis, Betty Lou Miller, Catherine Kosnosky,, Deborah Knapp, Lavonne Ross, Patty Foltz, Butchie Navalaney, Amy Zimmerman, Dave Kurtz, Ian Rosenbaum, Easton Pritts

WEEKLY OFFERING – December 15th & December 16th Adults - \$2,013.50; Loose - \$340; Student -\$39.50; Fuel - \$21; Christmas - \$140; Immaculate Conception - \$25; Initial Payment - \$5 Total - \$4,310.80

SERVER SCHEDULE -

December 29- 4:00 PM	T. & M. Mabon, J. Bihun
December 30 - 8:00 AM	K. Koleszarik, T. Tomlinson, D. Zelinski
December 30 - 10:30 AM	A. Mauger, J. Hammer, M. Moslak

LOOKING AHEAD

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass - 4:00 PM - Sacred Heart

December 25 - Midnight Mass - 12:00 AM - St. John

December 25 - Christmas Day Mass - 10:30 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

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS - SLOVAK STYLE – Twas the night before Vianoce, And all through the house, the Slovaks all gathered, to eat Sauerkraut. The kolacj was nestled, all snug in its dish, while bobalky were cooking, and so was some fish. Women in their babuskas, and men in their caps, had all settled down, with food in their laps. When out on the lawn, there arose such a clatter, we all left our meal, to see what was the matter. Away to the window, cetka flew like a flash, screaming, “Lock all the

doors, and hide all the cash.” And what to our wondering eyes should appear, but a bagac-shaped sleigh and tiny reindeer. With a little old Slovak, so lively and quick, we knew in a moment, it was Janosik. More rapid than Novenas, his reindeer all came, as he shouted, “on Stefan”, and each reindeer’s name. “On Stefan, on Boris, On Janos and Olga, On Josko, on Cyril, On Sandor and Volga.” Then out to the smokehouse, the reindeer all flew, with a sleigh full of Kolbasi and Janosik too. Down the smoke vent he came, with a leap and a bound, dancing a czardas and twirling around. He did a short polka then went to his work, and gave us oplatky, then turned with a jerk, We gave him kapusta, And tzedo’s old clothes then we sang Ticha Noc, and up the smoke vent he rose, But we heard him exclaim as we took off our coats, “VESELE VIANOCE” AND TO ALL “DOBRU NOC!!”