

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

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## Rectory Office

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January 7, 2018

## Epiphany

## 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

January 8 8:00 AM	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Betty Pcola (Req: George & Sharon Rozum) - Chapel
January 9	<i>Weekday</i> <b>NO MASS</b>
January 10 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Dave Bonus (Req. Great Granddaughters Gabby & Elin Nelson) - Chapel
January 11 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Francis Kovak (Req. Family) - Chapel
January 12 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Henry Baker (Req. Pasierb Family) - Chapel
January 13 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. - Pysnik Family) - Church
January 14 8:00 AM	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Tommy Schall (Req. Uncle Toffy and Aunt Julie) - Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Chapel

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**WELCOME FR. BENDZELLA** - Please offer a warm welcome back to Father Sylvester Bendzella who is covering the Sunday morning Masses this weekend while Father Aron leads a bus trip for his New Baltimore parish. Father served fifteen years in Central City, it is good to have him back.

**PRAYER LIST** - Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Trish Rullo, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Joseph Shelko, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Larry Krestar, Andrew Muha, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Shelly Delasko, Lionel Berkebile, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, Mary Ann Naret, Barry Stuft, Mary Ann Lasut, John Harchick Jr., Vincent Bestvina, Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Rhonda Bittner, Kara Palumbo, Dave Andolina, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka, Carla Ayres, Zoe Taylor, Rodney Shaffer, Adrian Popig, Casey Duffield, Mike Stefanik

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle, at the Sacred Heart site, burns in loving memory of John Kotus by the Estate of John Kotus. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of Michael E. Knapp by brother Bill, Judy, and family.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** December 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> Adult Envelopes - \$2,337; Loose - \$145; Fuel - \$55; Student Offering - \$32.50; Student Christmas - \$10; Christmas - \$507; Miscellaneous - \$265 Total - 3,351.50- Thank You!

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

January 13 - 4:00 PM - T. & M. Mabon, A. Mauger  
January 14- 8:00 AM - D. Zelinski, K. Koleszarik, T. Tomlinson  
January 14- 10:30 AM - C. & L. Galish, M. Moslak, J. Hammer

**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** - Please call the rectory if you wish to have a copy of your church contribution statement for the calendar year 2017. Please inform the office if you desire a copy.

**FLOWER MEMORIALS** - There are flower memorial sign-up sheets at the entrance of both sites. If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers during 2018 please sign your name next to the date you select. Like this past year, at the conclusion of weekend Masses (8:00 AM Sunday at Sacred Heart and 10:30 AM Sunday at St. John) the flowers can be left at the altar or taken home.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - The offertory envelopes for 2018 can be found at the entrance of both sites. As a united parish with two sites (Father Aron) did his best to remember who typically worships where - translation, your envelopes may be at the other site. If for some reason a clerical error was made and you do not have a set of envelopes please phone the rectory and your wish will be granted!

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS, NAME OR PHONE NUMBER** - If you moved, changed your name, address or phone number since the beginning of 2017 please contact the rectory so that the parish records may be updated.

**2018 CALENDAR CATHOLIC CALENDAR** - An attractive 2018 calendar has been made available compliments of several generous sponsors. The parish is grateful to our calendar sponsors for continuing this pious tradition. Please take the desired quantity with you after Mass.

**CCD SCHEDULE** - CCD classes resume on January 14<sup>th</sup> (Next Sunday). Students will receive their schedule for the spring term in class on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**DIVINE MERCY SPORTSMEN RAFFLE** - Divine Mercy Academy in Johnstown is sponsoring a firearm raffle with a prize each day of February 2018 (based on the PA Daily Big Four). Tickets are \$20.00 each can be obtained from Stephen Knapp.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST** - Please note the monthly breakfast will be in two weeks, Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>. With all of this weather people need a hearty breakfast - why cook?

**CCD MEETING** - There will be a meeting of CCD parents on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:40 AM until 10:15 AM. This is an important meeting, please mark your calendars.

**SOMETHING TO PONDR ON JULIAN CALENDAR CHRISTMAS** - Russia's Orthodox Church has opened 30,000 churches over the last 30 years, although it is expected to take until 2050 to return to what it was before the 1917 revolution, reported *The Tablet*, a British Catholic newsweekly. "Houses of worship aren't built as architectural or artistic monuments - they're there for the people," said Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev, the Moscow Patriarchate's external relations director. "And we don't build churches to obtain impressive statistics, but because people want them. It shouldn't be forgotten that the construction or renovation of most churches is financed by the faithful - both small people and big entrepreneurs." Metropolitan Hilarion said that the Orthodox Church has dedicated three churches a day since 1988, and now has 40,000. He said that it would take until 2050 to attain the 80,000 churches held before the Bolshevik Revolution took place 100 years ago. In addition, Hilarion said that the Russian Orthodox Church now has 940 monasteries, compared to the 1500 that existed before the Soviets came to power. Following the Bolshevik's seizure of power, hundreds of Orthodox priests were killed, and churches and monasteries were closed and desecrated. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the Orthodox Church has undergone a dramatic resurgence, and enjoys the support of President Vladimir Putin, who is often seen on national television attending church services. An interesting comparison can be made by looking at the Lutheran Church of Sweden. A recent survey by the Church of Sweden found that about two-thirds of the country's 9.4 million people belong to the church. **Yet only 15 percent of church members say they believe in Jesus Christ.** An equal percentage of Swedes call themselves atheists. And only about 400,000 of the roughly 6.6 million members of the church say they attend services at least once a month. The survey, conducted by Jonas Bromander, chief analyst of the Church of Sweden, also found that membership continues to decline (at an accelerating pace), from about 95 percent of the population 40 years ago to the historically low 68.8 percent today. Sven Björkberg, a pastor who serves several parishes southwest of Stockholm, says that Swedes, too, support the church because it guards important national values and traditions and does good work, such as helping the poor and the elderly and comforting the lonely. He says he believes in Jesus Christ, **which is not a requirement for Church of Sweden clergy.** (Affirming women's ordination to the ministry *is* required). A December poll by the Swedish opinion research organization Sifo found that 83 percent of Swedes believe that Christmas should be about family, compared to a good meal (55%), attending church (12 percent) and

celebrating the birth of Jesus (10 percent). H.B. Hammar, a Lutheran cleric, said that of the 3,384 churches in Sweden only 500 or so are used at most once a month. "With fewer and fewer paying members, you have to review your options," he wrote in the national daily newspaper *Svenska Dagbladet*, "and do it before it is too late." Hammar said that hundreds of churches need immediate renovation, costing billions. They could also be sold to private individuals and used for housing, cafés, offices or light industry. While the Church of Sweden continues to lose members, a religious awakening of sorts has been occurring in the country thanks to the gradual influx of hundreds of thousands of immigrants, or "new Swedes," over the past few decades. Today, roughly 15 percent of the population is foreign-born. There are now 92,000 Roman Catholics and 100,000 Eastern Orthodox Christians living in Sweden. The Pew Research Center recently reported that there also about 40,000 Buddhists, 20,000 Hindus and 10,000 Jews. But it also said that Sweden today has a significant Muslim population: some 430,000. Some analysts have predicted that the Muslim minority in Sweden will increase from about 5 percent today to 10 percent by 2030. – *Good question for a religious conversation – why the difference between the two?*

**MANDATORY MEETING** – There will be a mandatory meeting for all CCD teachers, employees, volunteers who work near children, Scout leaders, and **ALL** adults going to Rome on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at St. John's. The meeting is to complete the child clearance training required by the diocese. The information that comes from this meeting helps to create greater awareness and remind us of the need to provide a safe environment for children in our parish.

**MARDI GRAS PARTY** – The parish will sponsor a Mardi Gras party on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>. The evening will include festive food, drink, and dancing. Music will be provided by Krazy Kat Daddies, an oldies band. The event is free and open to parishioners and their guests. It is asked that all in attendance bring a covered dish. The meal begins at 6:00 PM with dancing from 7:00 PM until 10:00

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**MARRIAGE MILESTONES** – Some couples mark the length of a marriage with paper, wood, silver or gold anniversaries. All thoughtful, creative, and beautiful ways to acknowledge the time you've passed together as a unit. But those who have been married a long time know that there are other, perhaps less celebrated, marriage milestones that don't fit into a box ... and matter much more:

**One year**

Traditionally this anniversary gift is "paper." But I think of it as the "toilet paper" anniversary, as there is no greater gift than replacing an empty roll ... without needing to ask your spouse or do it yourself. At one year, you've already learned that it's not so much about bringing home a bouquet of flowers; it's about making sure there's milk in the fridge and a full bottle of detergent in the laundry room. At one year, you start to realize that little things (even very little things like putting the cap back on the toothpaste) can be grand gestures, and they keep a marriage strong.

**Seven years**

The "keeping score is useless" milestone. When you realize that like it or not certain tedious jobs are always going to be yours (like wrestling a king size comforter into its duvet cover). But let's face it, he got stuck with some doozies, too: like climbing onto the roof to check a storm drain, and trapping a mouse in the kitchen. Sure, in the beginning you thought you'd split everything evenly and each do your fair share of every job, but in the end, it was easier to just let the chores fall where they may. And a clean comforter smells way better than a dead mouse so you're good with that.

**10 years**

The "more kids than hands" milestone. Or maybe it just feels that way. All you know is that the army is mobilized and they are on the move. Your territory is being invaded. You are losing every battle. You desperately need reinforcements. And you and your husband are happily outnumbered—even if you only have one.

**15 years**

"The kids know more than we do" milestone. You find yourself asking them how to turn on the TV or why the artist The Weeknd is spelled without that last e. You have no clue anymore. You don't even know what you're supposed to know. Your teenage children often remind you of this by indignantly shouting, "You don't know anything!" before they stomp off to their rooms. You look at each other and sigh. At least you are in this together. It's nice to have a good cop to your bad cop (or vice versa) to get through the tough days or bad grades.

**20 years**

The "there are still surprises" milestone. You have now officially been together long enough that you should each know every like and dislike of the other by heart. There are no revelations anymore ... or are there? For example, whenever I make eggplant for dinner I'm always surprised to discover that my husband likes it. Or maybe he hates it! I can never remember. Meanwhile, he keeps buying me brown things for Christmas (brown gloves, brown wallets) because he thinks I love brown, but I don't ever remember liking brown. I exchange them for red gloves, pink wallets. He looks confused. But that's OK, we can continue to surprise each other this way!

**25 years**

The "big gift" milestone. Up until this point, I was satisfied with a cute card and a dinner out (or more typically in) for our anniversary. But 25 years ... that seems to demand something more substantial. Up the ante! Demand more! Maybe kisses, hugs,

and time alone for an uninterrupted conversation (no discussion of heating bills allowed). At 25 years, you know that these quiet moments of affection and warmth are the true gifts.

### **30 years**

The “we’ve been together longer than we’ve been apart” milestone. It can be a weird feeling to know that your existence has been intertwined with another person’s for this long. You’re like two vines that have grown around each other so seamlessly that now you’re just one plant. There may be a brief moment of identity confusion and philosophical pondering. Who am I? Am I still a separate “me?” But then you must put out the garbage, grocery shop for dinner and pick up the dry-cleaning ... so you forget about it. And that’s good because two heads really are better than one.

### **40 years**

The “*I could still fit into my wedding dress/tux if I wanted* to—but I don’t want to” milestone. Let’s just say your standards are relaxed (and so are your pants). This lets you tell yourself that you wear comfy clothes because they are hip and fitness-y (like yoga-pants). The fact that you’ve gained a few more pounds each year of your marriage has little to do with it.

### **50 years and beyond**

The “best friends” anniversary. You’ve been through it all. You’ve had really good days and really bad days and you still want to tell each other about your days. So, when you get here, raise a glass to your one true love and BFF. Being besties is a pretty nice place to end up because, after all, isn’t it also where you started?