

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)

738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John)

162 Wheeler Street

Church (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Chapel (St. John)

Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Anytime upon Request

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

Mass Intentions

January 29	<i>Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Mary Lou Yourich (Req. Mike & Kathy Yourich) Chapel
January 30	<i>Weekday</i>
	NO MASS
January 31	<i>Saint John Bosco</i>
8:00 AM	Millie Mitchell (Req. Family & Friends) - Chapel
February 1	<i>Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Chapel
February 2	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
8:00 AM	Stanley, Rose, and Pierre Pasierb (Req. Family) - Chapel
February 3	<i>Vigil - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 PM	Nina Lizak, Remembrance of 100 th Birthday (Req. Stan & Cil Tomaszewski) - Church
February 4	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Calvin Coyle (Req. by Society of Angels)- Church
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Church

INVENTOR OF THE SMARTPHONE APOLOGIZES - A recent article by Dr. Rocco Martino, the inventor of the first Smartphone offers some interesting thoughts about his invention. Dr. Martino, an astrophysicist, invented the Cyberphone, an invention that is considered by many to be the first smartphone. - I'd like to say a few words - two in fact - about my new book. Some of you may think it is about *The Coming Technology Tsunami*, but that is my old book. The new one will be called *Apologia pro mea curiositas (Apology for my curiosity)*. And here are the two words: *I'm sorry!* I apologize for the terrible harm my curiosity has inflicted on humanity. **First:** My curiosity has created addicts out of all of your children in the use of smartphones. They cannot live without their smartphones. They cannot have a meal without their smartphone by their side. Thank God their teachers are smart enough to prohibit smartphones from coming to the classroom - perhaps maybe we should have our pastors do that for church. Personally, I would like to see them prohibited from coming to the dinner table. But then again, I keep my own smartphone near my plate just as you do, and we are both often interrupted by messages and urgent emails we just *have to* read and answer. So perhaps we have to be very careful, if we ban our children from bringing their smartphones to the table, lest we realize we need that discipline, ourselves.

Second: I apologize for the fact that my invention has destroyed conversation between people. You and I have often seen couples and whole groups of youngsters walking down the street texting each other rather than talking. As they sit in the living room, they often text each other rather than carry on a spirited discussion. For this I abjectly ask your pardon. On bended knee, I ask your pardon.

Third: I beg your pardon for the fact that I have destroyed the health of your children, if not your own. Not all that long ago, if you needed to research information, you needed a ride to the library. If you couldn't "thumb a ride," you'd have to walk miles to get there, and spend hours hunting down your answers. Now you merely "thumb it" into your smartphone and allow Google to do all the work for you. So, Google is very healthy but you are rapidly becoming a couch potato. I am also sorry that your children no longer turn to you with their curious questions, because they are turning to Google. That's a precious loss.

WHO IS THAT? - IN my former parish, a convert once to me (Fr. Aron) that she thought that the Infant of Prague was a statue of the Blessed Mother. While the Infant of Prague remains one of the most popular religious images in the Catholic world, relatively few people know the origins of it. The statue's history is fascinating, associated with various legends and miracles. Most historians believe that the original statue was carved in Spain around the year 1340 in a Cistercian monastery. Some traditions claim that a monk had a vision of the child Jesus and fashioned the statue after what he saw. It is very Spanish in appearance. The statue remained in Spain for several centuries and a pious tradition claims that St. Teresa of Avila possessed the statue in the 16th century. Whatever the case may be, the statue found its way to Prague during the reign of the House of Habsburg in 1556. At this point it was given by Dona Isabella Manrique as a wedding gift to her daughter Marie Manrique, who married Vratislav of Pernstyn. Some traditions claim that Dona received the statue from St. Teresa of Avila. The statue was passed down through the family and by 1628 was given to a local Carmelite monastery by Princess Polyxena von Lobkowitz. She reportedly said to the monastery, "I am giving you what I most esteem of my possessions. Keep the sculpture in reverence and you will be well off." Soon after this gift, Prague was invaded and the statue was almost lost forever. A priest discovered it in the rubble of a church and enshrined it in a new oratory. While cleaning the statue the priest heard the Infant Jesus say to him, "Have pity on Me and I will have pity on you. Give Me My hands and I will give you peace. The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you." When the priest needed more funds to repair the statue the Infant Jesus said to the priest, "Place Me near the entrance of the sacristy and you will receive aid." What was needed was miraculously provided and the statue was restored. Since then pilgrimages to the statue have been the source of countless miracles. The statue was copied and disseminated throughout the world and remains to this day an extremely popular statue of Jesus in places such as Portugal, Spain, Ireland, Poland, Philippines and South America

GOOD PRACTICES - We all know the commandment "Love thy neighbor." It's one that almost everyone learns in grade school. And it's easy enough to understand as a general concept, of course, in the sense that we should be good to one another and treat non-family members with love and care. But what does the commandment really mean on an everyday, local scale? Luckily, there are people in the world already leading by example. Sure, you've read the local news stories about people who pay for the coffee order of another customer, but that's just one glimpse of the many anonymous tales of kindness that unfold each day that should be celebrated. So here are a few inspiring stories, all with humble acts of love and kindness that you *haven't* heard ...

The reverse birthday gift - "I was going to be alone on my birthday, so I gathered some \$10 bills, headed downtown with intentions of spreading cash to homeless folks. It was rainy so I didn't have much luck. Disappointed, I started back toward my car, and a young woman was at the bus stop, crying. She was on the phone with someone telling them she didn't know how she was going to get groceries for her family. I reached in my pocket and handed her the whole wad of cash. My blessing was seeing her face light up with relief and joy. I walked away knowing that I helped someone at the right time, and the right place, just like I had been helped in similar fashion many years ago." - *Angie Nuttle*

A good deed for a good deed - "Years ago, during my second two-year layoff (as a single mom), I stood before my Bible study group and asked for help for another single mother who suffered debilitating chronic pain from MS and financial difficulties. I asked if anyone could make a donation to help her out, from which I'm happy to say a lot of money was raised. Much to my surprise, the following week I received a check in the mail for \$1,500 from a couple I had never met, with a note saying they were moved by my advocating for this woman's needs, despite my own hardships. Little did they know just how much I needed that money." - *Mary Kaarto*

Hands-free help - "The store I shop at has a sloped parking lot with an inconvenient cart rack, as well as an older population of clientele. I try to pause when I am in the lot before I go into the store and help someone by returning their cart to the rack. Or as I return my cart, I look to see if someone needs help. In this season of life with no kids at home, I have free hands to be helpful to others. So I try to be aware of others rather than just rushing through my errand. I try to remember that in 20 years *I* might be the one needing help!" - *Carla Foote*

Dinner service - "When my husband and I went out for dinner, I was chatting with an older man. He was in town to visit his elderly mother. She was in a nursing home. He said he worried about her as he lives out of state. I really felt God pressing on my heart that I should offer to help if he ever needed it. Then the practical side of me said not to do that, it was probably not my business. Then the God-side won out. So I handed him a piece of paper with my phone

number on it. I told him if he ever needed anyone to drive over and check on his mom I would do it. He started to cry. I didn't feel like it was such a big deal, but it was a huge thing to him. And I'm so glad I listened to God's prompting that day." - *Jannie Janosz*

Feeding co-workers - "One of my coworkers was broke, and talking about how he had no food in the house. So, having overheard, I used my lunch break to run out and get a couple of bags of groceries, then put it in his car. I never admitted it was me who did it, but it felt great. I'd been in a similar situation myself so I wanted to help. Today, I still have an open-door policy on my pantry for friends." - *Bonnie Muehleman*

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 5th at 6:30 PM at St. John's. The meeting is to complete the child clearance training required by the diocese.

MARDI GRAS PARTY - The parish will sponsor a Mardi Gras party on Saturday February 10th. 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 (please keep this to a reasonable number). It is asked that all in attendance bring a covered dish (By **LAST NAME** please bring the following - A-G Dips/Appetizers, H-M - Deserts, N-S - Salads, T-Z - warm sides). The meal begins at 6:30 PM with dancing from 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM. To sign-up please phone the rectory by February 5th.

WELCOME FR. WEHN - Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Tim Wehn, a retired priest from the Diocese of Las Vegas, Nevada who is covering for Fr. Aron this weekend. Fr. Wehn is a native of Johnstown.

POLISH CLASS TO BE OFFERED - Last year our parish offered a course on Slovak culture and language - this year we are proud to offer a similar class on Polish culture, history, language, folk arts, and religion. The five session class is free and open to anyone who has an interest in all things Polish. The class will be held in the hall beneath the St. John site on Monday nights from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. The instructor will be Lawrence G. Kozlowski, a "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Master Folk Craftsman" and Recipient of the "Oskar Kolberg -Polish Folklore Award - Polish People's Republic." Mr. Kozlowski will not only teach about a subject, but also give a hands-on instruction on how to make a folk art item. The "Hands-On" portions of the class are designed to offer everyone the opportunity to experience their Polish Heritage remembering the traditions of old, sharing the practices of today with a legacy for future generations to treasure, honor and observe. Polish culture stresses a deep solidarity with nature, a profound respect for human life, a resilient hope, and a vibrant faith. If you have ever wished that you had asked your ancestors about traditions and never did so this course may help recapture some lost traditions. Traditions without meaning fade away, please consider taking this course so that these powerful customs may continue. There will be no cost for the materials, all that is asked is that those who take the class try to attend as many as possible. **To register call the rectory by Feb. 5th.**

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, Madelaine 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, 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, Georgie Ann Natava, Rose Maga, Michelle Moore

WEEKLY OFFERING January 20th and January 21st Adult Envelopes - \$2,668.50; Loose - \$172; Fuel - \$80; Student Offering - \$37; Initial - \$45; Solemnity of Mary - \$110; Student Initial - \$5; Student Solemnity of Mary - \$7; Miscellaneous - \$35 Total - \$3,159.50 - Thank You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 28 - CCD Trip to Baltimore - Fr. Aron away 8:00 & 10:30 Masses - Fr. Wehn covers

January 28 - NO CCD Classes

February 4 - CCD Snow Tubing Event - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

February 5 - Child Clearance Training 6:30 PM (Be On Time!) - St. John

February 7 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John

February 10 - Mardi Gras Party - Activity Center - Doors Open at 6:00 PM

February 11 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8:00 AM Sacred Heart - Meeting Follows Mass

February 11 - NO CCD Classes

February 12 - First Polish Culture Class - 6:30 PM - St. John

February 13 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - St. John

February 14 - Ash Wednesday - Masses - Noon Sacred Heart, 7:00 PM St. John

February 28 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle, at the Sacred Heart site, burns in loving memory of Shirley Sanzo by brother Joe and family. . The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of the John Kotus family, by the Estate of John Kotus.

SERVER SCHEDULE

February 3 - 4:00 PM - M. & E. Rapsky

February 4 - 8:00 AM -R. & C. Pongrac, A. Deneen

February 4 - 10:30 AM - C. Coleman, E. Spinelli, A. Knapp