

# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

## Rector's Office

738 Sunshine Avenue  
Central City, PA 15926  
814-754-5224

October 13, 2019  
**Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

## Worship Sites

### Church (Sacred Heart)

738 Sunshine Avenue

### Chapel (St. John)

162 Wheeler Street

## Holy Masses:

### Daily

Church (Sacred Heart) See Below

### Saturday Vigil

Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00 PM

### Sunday Morning

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00 AM

Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

## Confessions

### Church (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 3:30 PM – 3:55 PM

Anytime upon Request

---

## Mass Intentions

October 14 NOON	St. Callistus Michael E. Knapp (Req. Ann Doyka & Dave Dishong) – Church
October 15	St. Teresa of Jesus <b>NO MASS</b>
October 16 7:30 AM	St. Hedwig Barbara Eger (Req. St. John's Schola) – Church
October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch <b>NO MASS</b>
October 18 7:30 AM	St. Luke Helen Elko (Req. Xi Alpha Zeta Society) – Church
October 19 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Andy Milavec (Req. John "Gib" Kolanich) – Church
October 20 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Helen Yantus (Req. Children & Family) – Church For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 13 – Holy Name Corporate Communion – 8 AM – Sacred Heart– Meeting to follow – Activities Center  
October 13 – CCD Class – 9:15 AM – Activities Center  
October 13 – Parish Council Meeting – 7:00 PM - St. John  
October 14 – Society of Angels Meeting – 6:30 PM – Activities Center  
October 16 – St. Vincent DePaul Meeting – 7:00 PM – Activities Center  
October 20 – CCD Class – 9:15 AM – Activities Center  
October 20 – All You Can Eat Breakfast – 8 AM to 11:30 AM – St. John Hall  
October 28 – Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:00 PM – St. John

**OCTOBER COUNT** - The diocese is asking that all parishes take up a count during weekend Masses during the month of October. While this is nothing new, this year the data is of greater importance as we face massive shortages of priests and no easy solutions. Between now and 2021 1/3 of all active priests in our diocese will be over the age of 70. That means that by 2026 more than 1/3 of the priests currently active in the diocese will retire. At present there are only a handful of men in the seminary (remember we went many years without any ordinations) and there is no guarantee that those few men in formation will even be ordained. With numbers that are already stretched to the limit there is no doubt a pinch will be felt by most parishes. To further this point, I (Fr. Aron) was ordained at the age of 26. Currently there are no priests in our diocese who are in their 20s and only six who are in their 30s. This count will help to determine how resources and personnel are allocated. Translation, if it is determined that we are to go from three Masses per weekend to two Masses per weekend, these numbers make a big difference. Your choice to attend Mass here or elsewhere, or skip Mass altogether, will determine the outcome, please remember your personal responsibility in this matter.

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS** - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. They would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

**CCD REREAT FORMS DUE** - The CCD retreat forms to Philadelphia are due this weekend. Please send them with your child to CCD class or email them to [madomnik@dioceseaj.org](mailto:madomnik@dioceseaj.org). Thank you!

**RESURRECTION PARISH BASKET PARTY** - Resurrection Parish ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a basket party on November 10, 2019 at Christ the Savior Reception Hall at 307 Garfield Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. Doors open at 12:30 PM and the cost is \$10 which includes lunch, 25 chances and eligibility for door prizes. For tickets, please call the parish office at 539-5788, ext. 3 and ask for Joann.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** - If you or someone you know is grieving, the holiday season can be especially painful. Emmanuel Baptist Church is sponsoring their **Surviving the Holidays** seminar that helps participants discover how to deal with emotions; what to do about traditions; tips for surviving social events; and how to find hope for the future. The seminar is being held on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM. Please call 814-487-729 or Len Laplaca 814-321-1093 for more information.

**CCW HAITI TEA** - You are invited to a Harvest Tea and Basket Raffle on Sunday, November 24, 2019, from 2-4 pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Newry. Treat yourself, family, and friends to a relaxing afternoon. There will be over 150 baskets raffled. Chances are 25 for \$5.00. Tickets purchased before Nov. 1 are \$15. Tickets purchased after Nov. 1 are \$18. Proceeds from this event benefit the Carmelite Community of the Word Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry. For tickets, send names of those attending with payment to CCW Hands and Hearts Haiti Ministry, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA 16641. For information call 814-886-4098.

**FALLEN TOMBSTONES** - A visit to either of our two parish cemeteries will show that some monuments are about to fall over or have fallen. As is clearly stated in the parish Handout for Plot Holders, grave monuments remain the responsibility of the deceased's family. As the document states: "Perpetual Care includes filling in sunken graves, seeding, cutting of grass, and trimming around memorials. Care does not include placement, maintenance or repair of any monuments or the planting of flowers or ornamental plants on specific plots." With this in mind an inventory of fallen and unstable monuments is being taken. Families, if they are able to be located, will kindly be asked to cover the cost of straightening, remounting, or fixing any monuments of their loved ones that are in need of repair. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and for the honor that you give to your ancestors by keeping their place of rest a place of dignity and nobility.

**CHORAL PROGRAM AT MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH, ALTOONA** - The Choral Ensemble from Juniata College under the direction of Dr. Russ Shelley will be performing "Misa Criolla" on Saturday, November 2nd, at 7:30 PM, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (1100 8th Avenue, Altoona). The program is part of the Concert Series; a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Mt. Carmel Pipe Organ Campaign. All are welcome to attend.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS** – Holy Assumption Orthodox Church is taking orders for Christmas Wreaths. For \$20, you will get a premium quality, 15” live fir wreath, accented with blue juniper sprigs and berries, cedar and pine cones. The order form is located in the back of each church please fill out your name, address, phone number and number of wreaths. All orders must be pre-paid by check or cash. Please drop off or mail check or cash to the rectory. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary’s.

**PRAYER LIST** – Please call the rectory with any changes or additions. After one month names will be removed unless otherwise requested.

Kay Hintosh, Rodney Shaffer, Michelle Moore, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, David Stockdill, Rick Flickner, Patty Foltz, Dave Kurtz, Ian Rosenbaum, Easton Pritts, Joyce Reitz, Stanley Tomaszewski, Cindy Hillegass, Tom Hudak, Mike George, MaryAnn Gulakowski Waterman, David Keller, Barry Stufft, Andrea Sesack, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Eugene Topka, Sue Emsweiler, Richard Rembold, Catherine Curaney, Connie Gruca, Judy Kostick, Lisa Schrifft, Amy Thomas Georg, Tina Udet, Cayleigh Wilson, Betsy Paolucci, Areile Adomnik, Charles Field.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - Adult Envelopes - \$2,935.50; Fuel - \$229; Student Offering - \$20.50; All Souls Day - \$95; Loose - \$472.60. Total - \$3,752.60. – Thank You!

**ALTER FLOWER INTENTIONS** – The flowers at the Sacred Heart site are donated in loving memory of Whitey & Kay Wojcik by Janice & Joe Stahl.

#### **SERVER SCHEDULE**

October 19 – 4:00 PM – M. Mabon

October 20 – 8:00 AM – K. Koleszarik, D. Zelenski, T. Tomlinson

October 20 – 10:30 AM – C. & L. Galish

**SOUP & STUDY**– This coming Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Father Aron will again be hosting a short lesson/study of a Catholic or biblical topic following NOON Mass, for those Mass attendees who are interested, in the activities center with a small meal of soup being offered to anyone at no cost.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of George Napora by Ann Louise Napora.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – The Parish Council Meeting will be held this Sunday, October 13 at 7:00 PM at the Saint John site.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST** – Our parish will be hosting our monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast next Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM at the St. John site. The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes, French toast, donuts, toast, juice and coffee. The price is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 8 to 4, children under 4 are free. All are welcome – bring your appetite. Proceeds go to benefit the activities for the parish religious education students.

**WELCOME FATHER TOMPKINS** –Many thanks are extended to Fr. John-Mary Tompkins O.S.B., who will be covering the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend while Fr. Aron is in Boswell. Please offer Father a warm welcome this weekend.

**SAVE THE DATE - CLEVELAND BUS TRIP** – On Sunday, October 27th our parish will be sponsoring a bus trip to visit historic churches in the city of Cleveland. Departing via motor coach (4:15 AM), the day in Cleveland will begin with Latin High Mass at St. Stephen’s Church, an old German ethnic parish on Cleveland’s West Side. Following Mass, we will head to the historic West Side Market. Home to meat, spice, and produce vendors, the market also has a variety of lunch counters available for lunch (on your own). Following lunch, the group will visit the Hungarian St. Emerich Church and St. Vitus Church, the largest Slovenian ethnic parish in the United States, followed by the Irish St. Colman Parish. Our last stop before dinner will be at the Polish St. Stanislaus Parish, an incredible church built in the “Polish Cathedral” style. Dinner will be a delicious boxed sandwich or salad meal from Barristers Deli which will be conveniently enjoyed on our trip home. We should arrive back in Central City at 10:00 PM. The trip is open to anyone – first come, first served. Cost per person is \$50. **To register please phone the rectory or email (madomnik@dioceseaj.org) by October 19<sup>th</sup> and fill out the form at the back of the church.**

**FR. ARON'S NEW TRIP TO EUROPE** – After a lot of planning, Fr. Aron is proud to announce his next tour of Europe, "Oberammergau Passion Play and Enchanting Eastern Europe with Father Aron", scheduled from September 16 through 24, 2020. The total cost is \$3,399 (for those who wish to arrange their own airfare the Land Only portion of the trip is \$1,802). For more information, or for a brochure, please call the rectory or see Fr. Aron.

**WISDOM FROM ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH** – This week we celebrate the Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch (not to be confused with St. Ignatius Loyola), a very important figure from the period of the early church. Stephen Bullivant, Senior Lecturer in Theology and Ethics in the School of Education, Theology and Leadership at Saint Mary's University in London, offers the following thoughts about the influence and importance of this towering figure in the Church's history. – It is sometimes claimed that the earliest Christians thought only that Jesus was a prophet or a great moral teacher – and that it was not until much later that they started to claim that he was God incarnate. In Dan Brown's 2003 *The Da Vinci Code*, for example, Leigh Teabing claims: Until [the Council of Nicaea in 325], Jesus was viewed by His followers as a mortal prophet...a great and powerful man, but a man nonetheless. A mortal. Constantine upgraded Jesus' status almost four centuries after Jesus' death. This is simply and incontrovertibly not the case. In fact, so wildly remote is it from the case, that there is strong evidence to suggest that some of the earliest Christians struggled not with the idea that Jesus was really God, but that he was, in addition, a man. We find traces of this in the New Testament (e.g., John 20.27-8; 1 John 1.1-3). Clear confirmation comes, however, from the writings of St Ignatius of Antioch, whose feast is this Thursday. Ignatius was the bishop of Antioch in modern-day Syria from circa AD 67 until his martyrdom in Rome, probably around AD 108. He was, according to tradition, a disciple of St John the Evangelist. His seven surviving letters were all written while en route to Rome to be martyred. Most of these were to the local churches in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) situated nearby. He also wrote one to the Christians in Rome, and a personal letter to the bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp (who would himself be martyred about 50 years later). Among other things, Ignatius was the first person to describe the Church as 'Catholic' (in the sense of 'universal'). He is also a key witness to the apostolicity of the threefold ministry of 'bishop, priest, and deacon.' A key theme in his letters is the danger of something he calls Docetism – this is a word derived from the Greek word *dokeo*, meaning 'to appear or 'seem.' As we learn from Ignatius, these Docetists had no trouble believing that Jesus was God (obviously he must have been to have done all that he did). What they couldn't or wouldn't accept, though, was that he was a real human being. They didn't think that a real God could really eat and drink, go fishing with his friends, weep, or get himself murdered. According to the Docetists, then, Jesus just 'appeared' to be a human being – but couldn't really have been. Instead, he was a just a kind of 'God in disguise': a kind of celestial Scooby Doo villain. Furthermore, he 'only seemed to suffer' (Trallians 10), but couldn't really have done so, on the Cross. Ignatius is horrified by this thought. He writes that the Docetist "blasphemes my Lord, [by] not confessing that He was truly possessed of a body." (Smyrneans 5) It also appears that, since the Docetists didn't believe Christ was really of flesh and blood, then they didn't believe that Eucharist was his body and blood either: They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they confess not the Eucharist to be the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins, and which the Father, of His goodness, raised up again. (Smyrneans 7) Against them, Ignatius insists that Christ was both fully God and fully man: Jesus Christ... was truly born, and ate and drank. He was truly persecuted under Pontius Pilate; He was truly crucified, and [truly] died... He was also truly raised from the dead. (Trallians 9) Why, though, does Ignatius (like St John before him, and the Council of Chalcedon after him) think it is so very important that Christ must be both God and man? Remember that Ignatius is on his way to Rome to be martyred. More than that, he is very much looking forward to it, and begs the Christians in Rome not to use whatever influence they might have to get him off on a lighter sentence: I shall willingly die for God... Allow me to become food for the wild beasts, through whose instrumentality it will be granted me to attain to God. I am the wheat of God, and let me be ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found the pure bread of Christ. (Romans 4) As far as Ignatius is concerned, it is Christ's own death and resurrection that sets the pattern here. Christ's own resurrection is the promise of the future resurrection

into the glory of eternal life of his followers (cf. 1 Corinthians 15.12-34). If Christ was not human, then he did not really die, and therefore was not really resurrected. And if Christ was not really resurrected, then what hope was there that the martyred Ignatius would be? A Syrian Christian, on the way to be publicly savaged to death by wild beasts, yet trusting in his Lord's promise of salvation. Truly, a man worth remembering – and begging the intercession of – today.