## Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

Rectory Office

738 Sunshine Avenue Central City, PA 15926 814-754-5224 October 27, 2019

Thirtieth 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) 4:00PM **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 28 St. Simon & St. Jude

NO MASS

October 29 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

October 30 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory (Req. Eger Family) - Church

October 31 Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

November 1 All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation - First Friday NOON For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church

7:00 PM Mary Ethel Sanzo (Reg. Bob & Darlene Sanzo) - Chapel

November 2 All Souls

NOON Deceased of the Parish - Church

Vigil - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Health & Wellness of Richard Rembold (Req. Donna Stefancic) - Church

November 3 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Francis & Eleanor Kovak (Req. Family) – Church 10:30 AM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel

PRAYER LIST - Please call the rectory with any changes or additions. Kay Hintosh, Rodney Shaffer, Michelle Moore, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, David Stockdill, Tina Udet, 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 Schrift, Amy Thomas Georg, Cayleigh Wilson, Betsy Paolucci, Areile Adomnik, Charles Field, Todd Diorio, Jerry Otto.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** October  $19^{\text{th}}$  &  $20^{\text{th}}$  - Adult Envelopes - \$3,518.50; Fuel - \$37; Student Offering - \$44.50; All Souls Day - \$150; Loose - \$301; Initial Payment - \$10; Candles - \$75.75; World Mission Sunday - \$257. Total - \$4,393.75. - Thank You!

## **SERVER SCHEDULE**

November 2 - 4:00 PM - M. Mabon

November 3 - 8:00 AM - L., L., & L. Mincek

November 3 - 10:30 AM - C. & L. Galish

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 placed by November 3rd and 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.

FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER - All residents within the Shade-Central City area are welcome to come to the Wilson Community Room (314 Central Ave., Central City) on Thursday, November 28, 2019 for a free Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner will be served from 11 AM until 1 PM. Sign up at the Central City Borough Building or call 814-754-8290. Limited delivery for Cairnbrook/Central City area and carryout is available.

NEW BALTIMORE BIG 50 BINGO - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will be have their Big 50 Bingo on Sunday, October 27th at 1 PM (Doors open at Noon). Admission is \$30 and the prize payouts are as follows: Regular games - \$50; Specials - \$100; Jackpot - \$500. Refreshments are available.

WELCOME FATHER WEHN - Many thanks are extended to Father Tim Wehn, a retired priest of the Diocese of Las Vegas Nevada who will be covering the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses this weekend while Fr. Aron is on the bus trip to Cleveland. Please offer Father a warm welcome this weekend.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER -** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Baltimore will be have a spaghetti dinner sponsored by K of C Council #11083 on Sunday, November 10th from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Parish Hall. All You Can Eat Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Dessert & Beverage. TAKE OUT AVAILABLE! Adults (over 12) \$8; Children (age 3-12) \$3; Under 3: Free.

MOUNT ALOYSIUS OPEN HOUSE - Mount Aloysius College will be hosting their Autumn Open House on October 27th and November 23rd with events beginning at 10 AM. With academics foremost, they also consider spiritual, cultural, and social development as essentials in personal growth.

**GERANIUMS FOR THE TAKING** - The Geraniums lining the Polish Patio have survived the frost. Anyone interested in having one (or more) is welcome to dig it up and take it home. Please make sure that all dirt is filled back in and the area is left neat. They will all be removed on Wednesday, October 30th, so please take what you want before then. Free to a good (or even mediocre) home.

**NO SOUP FOR YOU** - This coming Monday, October 28th, there will be no Mass which means there will be no Lessons with soup.

BOXES OF JOY - Pay attention - There is still one more week to take a Box of Joy home with you. Boxes of Joy is one of the four service projects being pursued by our CCD students. The program provides Christmas presents to children in countries of the Third World. If you have not done so already, please take a box home with you this weekend.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

October 27 - Cleveland Bus Trip - 4:15 AM - Departing St. John October 27 - No CCD Class

October 28 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7 PM - St. John

October 30 - Women and Girls Choir Practice (Mass Nov 6th) - 6:30 PM - Sacred Heart

November 1 - First Friday Devotions - 1:00 PM to 6 PM - Sacred Heart (Sign Up)

November 3 - CCD Class - 9:15 - Activities Center

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November 6 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7 PM - Activities Center

November 10 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8 AM - Sacred Heart: Meeting to follow - Activities Center

November 10 - No CCD Classes

November 11 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activities Center

MOM'S HOUSE - Our CCD students will be collecting for the pro-life daycare facility in Johnstown called Mom's House. The insert in this week's bulletin lists items you can donate at the back of each church on November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can also make cash donations to Erin Thomas or Cassie Coleman before or after Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** - Thursday of this week is All Saints Day, a holyday of obligation. All Saints is the feast that commemorates the feast day of all the saints, including those who are not formally canonized who stand before God in his beatific vision. Translation - if your grandmother is in heaven and isn't canonized this is her feast day. Since union with God is the reason you exist, making sure that you celebrate this day is vitally important. Masses are at Noon at the Sacred Heart site and at 7:00 PM at the St. John site. While not a holyday of obligation, Friday is All Souls Day, a day we pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Since your loved ones may need your prayers, it is a laudable to attend Mass on that day as well (or at least visit the cemetery). Following Mass on All Souls Day there will be a visit to the cemetery and a brief prayer service.

CAN YOU SPARE A HALF-HOUR TO SPEND WITH THE LORD? - First Friday devotions will be held on Friday, November 1st from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site. The devotions include various prayers as well as significant periods of silence and will conclude closing devotions at 6:00 PM. All are invited to come and spend a half-hour of prayer and rest before the Eucharistic Christ. Please sign up in the back of the church. Thank you!

CASINO TRIP - Transfiguration Parish in Conemaugh will sponsor a trip to Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh on November 11th. The cost is \$31.00 and includes \$25.00 free play and a \$1.00 PA Lottery ticket. The bus will be leaving the parish

hall at 9:00 AM and depart the Casino at 6:00 PM. Questions and reservations can be directed to Sharon Santichen at 536-1732 or Andy Solomon at 322-3287.

**ELECTION DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER** - All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner at their parish hall located on Center Street in Boswell. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti w/meatball, Italian bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$8:00 for adults, \$4:00 for children. Both eat-in and take-out meals are available from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM AND AGAIN from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The dinner will also feature a basket raffle. All Saints is very good about supporting our monthly breakfasts, please show them some support and enjoy a great meal at the same time.

FEAST DAYS - ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS - Both the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls evolved in the life of the Church independently of paganism and Halloween. However, elements of pagan practices were perhaps "baptized" by some cultures or attached themselves to the celebration of All Saints and All Souls. Let us first address the Feast of All Saints. The exact origins of this celebration are uncertain, although, after the legalization of Christianity in 313, a common commemoration of the saints, especially the martyrs, appeared in various areas throughout the Church. For instance in the East, the city of Edessa celebrated this feast on May 13; the Syrians, on the Friday after Easter; and the city of Antioch, on the first Sunday after Pentecost. In the West, a commemoration for all the saints also was celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The primary reason for establishing a common feast day was because of the desire to honor the great number of martyrs. Quite simply, there were not enough days of the year for a feast day for each martyr and many of them died in groups. A common feast day for all saints, therefore, seemed most appropriate. The designation of November 1 as the Feast of All Saints occurred over time. According to an early Church historian, John Beleth (d. 1165), Pope Gregory IV (827-844) officially declared November 1 the Feast of All Saints, transferring it from May 13. However, Sicard of Cremona (d. 1215) recorded that Pope Gregory VII (1073-85) finally suppressed May 13 and mandated November 1 as the date to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Along with the Feast of All Saints developed the Feast of All Souls. The Church has consistently encouraged the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. At the time of their death, these souls are not perfectly cleansed of venial sin or have not atoned for past transgressions, and thereby are deprived of the Beatific Vision. The faithful on earth can assist these souls in Purgatory in attaining the Beatific Vision through their prayers, good works, and the offering of Mass. In the early days of the Church, the names of the faithful departed were posted in Church so that the community would remember them in prayer. St. Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny (d. 1048), decreed for all of the Cluniac monasteries that special prayers be offered and the Office of the Dead sung for all of the souls in Purgatory on November 2, the day after All Saints. The Benedictines and Carthusians adopted that same devotion, and soon November 2 was adopted as the Feast of All Souls for the whole Church. Other customs have arisen over time in the celebration of All Souls Day. The Dominicans in the fifteenth century instituted a custom of each priest offering three Masses on the Feast of All Souls. Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 approved this practice, recognizing the number of war dead and the numerous Masses that could not be fulfilled because of destroyed Churches, granted all priests the privilege of offering three Masses on All Souls Day: one for the particular intention, one for all of the faithful departed, and one for the intentions of the Holy Father. Other customs have developed regarding All Souls. In Mexico, relatives make garlands, wreathes, and crosses of real and paper flowers of every color to place on the graves of deceased relatives the morning of All Souls. The family will spend the entire day at the cemetery. The pastor will visit the cemetery, preach and offer prayers for the dead, and then bless the individual graves. "Skeleton" candy is given to the children. Similar practices occur in Louisiana. The relatives whitewash and clean the tombstones, and prepare garlands, wreathes, and crosses of real and paper flowers to decorate them. In the afternoon of All Saints, the priest processes around the cemetery, blessing the graves and reciting the Rosary. Candles are lit near the graves at dusk, one for each member of the deceased. On All Souls day, Mass is usually offered at the cemetery. In the Middle Ages, superstitious belief, probably influenced from Celtic paganism, held that the souls in Purgatory appeared on All Souls Day as witches, toads, goblins, etc. to persons who committed wrongs against them during their lives on earth. These practices are probably remnants of the Celtic Samhain festivities. Nevertheless, All Souls Day as well as all Saints Day are rooted in Christian belief and arose in this life of the Church through a healthy spirituality, despite some pagan trappings that may have survived and have remained attached to their celebration.