# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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Fourth Sunday

Of Easter

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)

738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John)

162 Wheeler Street

Live Stream Mass:

10:30 AM Sunday

Facebook Live

Confessions

Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

Said privately by Fr. Aron

May 4 (Mon) Easter Weekday

Barbara Eger (Req. Mike & Suzi Vigne)

May 5 (Tue) Easter Weekday

Doug Zoldak (Reg. Cousin Kathleen & Marie)

May 6 (Wed) Easter Weekday

Kristin Karukas Russell (Req. cousins Steph Nussrallah & Karen Caola)

May 7 (Thu) Easter Weekday

Evelyn Saylor (Req. Jerry & Debbie DeBiase)

May 8 (Fri) Easter Weekday

Mike Knapp (Req. Michael Strongosky)

May 9 (Sat) Easter Weekday

Lillian Koleszarik (Req. Tom & Bonnie Jarvis)

May 10 (Sun) Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 Facebook Live For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo)

Debbie Knapp (Req. John & Mary Wilk)

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

### Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. You spr

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me:

he refreshes my soul. R.

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

With your rod and your staff

that give me courage. R.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows. R.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.. R.

### A Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

MASSES ONLINE - Father Aron will Live Stream Holy Mass every Sunday at 10:30 AM with Nick Will. Please friend Father on Facebook (Aron Maghsoudi) to join him. All are welcome to pray the Mass and witness technical difficulties in real time.

BISHOPS OF U.S., CANADA WILL CONSECRATE THEIR NATIONS TO MARY ON MAY 1<sup>st</sup> - Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has announced the U.S. bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops May 1<sup>st</sup> in consecrating the two nations to the care of the Blessed Mother under the title "Mary, Mother of the Church." "This will give the church the occasion to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus," said Gomez in a letter to the U.S. bishops. Each year, the church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. "This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic," he said. This consecration reaffirms the bishops' previous consecrations of the United States to Mary. In 1792, the first bishop of the United States, Bishop John Carroll, consecrated the nation to Mary under the title Immaculate Conception, and in 1846, the bishops unanimously chose Mary under that title as the patroness of the nation. In 1959, Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle of Washington again consecrated the United States to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This was the year when construction of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington was completed. The national shrine was elevated to minor basilica status by St. John Paul ll Oct. 12, 1990. This was renewed by the U.S. bishops Nov. 11, 2006. Gomez will lead the prayer of reconsecration May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. (EDT) and has invited the bishops to join in from their respective dioceses and asked them to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation. This reconsecration follows the Latin American bishops' council who

consecrated Latin America and the Caribbean to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Easter.

**WEEKLY OFFERING -** Thank you so very much to all who continue to support the church!

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** -The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site for all those affected by the corona virus pandemic.

PRAYER LIST - Please call the rectory with any changes or additions. Kay Hintosh, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, David Stockdill, Tina Udet, Patty Foltz, Connie Gruca, Judy Kostick, Lisa Schrift, Amy Thomas Georg, Betsy Paolucci, Areile Adomnik, Charles Field, Todd Diorio, Denne Osman, Addison Zearfaus, Pam Kacmarski, Tom Schall, Howard Rose, David P. Bonus, Henry Sprock, Connie Criscoulo, Hunter Slater, Nancy Deneen, Stephen A. Haydu, Andrea Sesack, Lyle Spearo, Lauren Barnes, Agnes Palya, Gerald "Curly" Mains, Rollin Wilson, Tom Hudak.

**SMALL ERRANDS** - Volunteers have contacted our office offering to run small errands like grocery and/or prescription pick up and drop off for anyone in need. Please call the rectory if you need assistance, errands or help with bills (rent, utilities, etc.) during this time. (814-754-5224).

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM** - Our parish family offers our deepest sympathies to the family of Rudy Chelednik who passed away this past week. Please remember Rudy and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace!

2020 CENSUS - While it may seem odd to see an announcement about the 2020 Census in the bulletin, it is something important that deserves our consideration as good citizens. Remember the Holy Family itself went to Bethlehem to fulfill the law regarding the census. The Census helps to determine where government funds are directed, this is especially important as it relates to our school district. Since we live in a low income area the Census should reflect the reality of our situation, a situation that would see educational funds for local students. As good citizens please take the time to "render to Caesar" and complete the form. A strong community means a better place to live, more incentive for families to stay in Central City, more people who can find spiritual solace in our parish.

**WEDDING BELLS** - Our parish family extends prayerful congratulations to McKenzie Yuko and Abby McGary who were married this past weekend at St. John's. Please keep McKenzie and Abby in your prayers was they begin their life as a married couple.

**PILGRIMAGE ON PAPER** - Each spring for many years Fr. Aron sponsored pilgrimages to various historic churches in our region. Since such trips are impossible for the time being, each week Father will highlight one church of note in our area worthy of a pilgrimage, even if for now, only on paper.

