

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord



Queen of Angels

738 Sunshine Avenue
Central City, PA 15926

Rectory Office(814) 754-5224
Monday.....10:00am to 2:00pm
Friday8:00am to 12:00 pm

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart) Chapel (St. John)
738 Sunshine Avenue 162 Wheeler Street

All Saints

325 Quemahoning Street
Boswell, PA 15531

Rectory Office(814) 629-5551
Monday8:30 to 12:00 pm
Wednesday2:00 to 6:00 pm

Worship Site

325 Quemahoning Street

Holy Family

321 Sugar Street
Hooversville, PA 15936

Rectory Office(814) 701-6069

Worship Site

321 Sugar Street

Rev. Fr. Aron M. Maghsoudi
amaghsoudi@dioceseaj.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 26 Feast of St. Stephen

8:30 am Rite of Communion
Outside Mass (8:05am Rosary)All Saints
12:00 pm Stan Tomaszewski (Jenny Novak) OLQA Chapel

Tuesday, December 27 Feast of St. John, Apostle

8:30 am Rite of Communion
Outside Mass (8:05AM Rosary)All Saints

Wednesday, December 28 Feast of Holy Innocents

5:30pm Pro-Life Holy Hour, Rosary, and Exposition of the
Blessed SacramentAll Saints
6:30 pm Rite of Communion
Outside Mass (8:05AM Rosary) All Saints

Thursday, December 29

8:30 am Rite of Communion
Outside Mass (8:05AM Rosary) All Saints

Friday, December 30 Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 pm Joyce Lane (son Nick) Holy Family
8:30 am Rite of Communion
Outside Mass (8:05AM Rosary) All Saints

Saturday, December 31

4:00 pm Dorothy & Steve Corden (Family) Holy Family

Sunday, January 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

8:00 am Joyce Lane (Family)OLQA Church
10:30 am Parochial Intention (Mass Pro Populo) OLQA Chapel
10:30 am Donna Mikolich (Victoria Baraniak) All Saints

Scripture Readings



For the Week of December 25, 2022

Monday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;
Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Friday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21;

Merry Christmas!

Wesołych Świąt! – *Polish* ; Veselé Vianoce – *Slovak*; Buon Natale - *Italian*

Rev. Fr. Aron M. Maghsoudi

Please Pray

Areile Adomnik
Peggy Baer
Matthew Bailey
Bernadette Baraniak
Kathy Barczak
Abby Barnes
Trisha Barron
Geneviene Berezonsky
Allen S. Berkey
Dale Berkey Jr.
Regina Bittner
Beverly Blough &
Kayla Blough
David P. Bonus
Brian Borosky
Matt Boyer
Tom Bulger
Travis Burns
Joseph Brutts
Joseph Caldron Sr.
Leonard Cabula
Gracie Chetrau
Robert Coleman
Taylon Cook
Georgian Corden
Connie Criscuolo
Judy Croke
Susan Custer
Gloria Dedik

Robert Dedik Sr.
Fr. James Dugan
Karla Enzweiler
Kristy Ewing
Cindy Failor
Barbara Farris
Ron Filicky
Cindy Findley
Patty Foltz
Victor Foltz
Jack Gaudlip
Amy Thomas Georg
Ken Gibbons
Karen Gibson
Matt Gibson
Tina Gilkey
Michaelene Good
Nancy Gowarty
Ann Grega
Annette Grosshans
Connie Gruca
Patricia (Lepley) Hanes
Sharon Harper
Stephen A. Haydu
Jamie Hillegas
Kay Hintosh
Tom Hudak
Dwight Jacobs
Patty Jarosick
Jennifer Jarvis

Jennifer
Amy Jones
Mickey Kacmarski
Pam Kacmarski
Valerie Kaltenbaugh
Bill Kearney
John Ketchock
Toni Kiss
Mary Jane Knapp
Dr. Kim Kolonich
Freda Labuda
Libby LeDuff
Becky Lepley
Willard Lintz
Kathleen Lisbon
Sophia Lohr
LSH (Special Intention)
Madeline Mauger
Cindy Mayak
Erma Mayak
Kevin McCann
Neisha Macasaet
Sheila Meyers
Maria Sabrina Mezyk
Jim Mihelcic
Barbara Miller
Lorraine Oakman
Gracie Orlandi
Denne Osman
Greg Pacifico

Tom Palumbo
Betsy Paolucci
Areia Paruch
Agnes (Dish) Paul
Chris Paul
Linda Pauley
Carmen Perigo
Fr. John Pribish
Nancy Pyle
Pam Reckner
Theresa Reckner
Joyce Reitz
Michael Ridilla
Karen Ridilla
Adam Ridilla
Shirley Roman
Howard Rose
Jim Rummel
Donna L. Russian
Karen Ryan
Andrea Sesack
Shirley Setar
Tabitha Shaulis
Hunter Slater
Cathy Smith
Ric Smith
Lyle Spearo
Paula Spontak
Eric Springer
Hank Sprock Family

Mary Ann Stavlo
Ken Stebbin
Gloria Stern
Jerry Stern
Sue Stern
Ansley Stigers
Robert Stine
Andrew Straka
Barry Stuft
Larry Sturtz
Tim Swintosy
Janice Tasin
Jeanette Taylor
Patty Tedjeske
Ed Terry
Cil Tomaszewski
Eugene Topka
Mrs. Patricia Turillo
Tina Udet
Donna Updyke
Jason Updyke
Sophia Vincent
Ana Volocko
Lillian Waltos
Dylan Wechtenhiser
Rosanna Weil
Aaron Whigham
Kathy Wojnarowski
Betty Ann Yatta
Private Intentions

Candle Intentions

All Saints Church

Divine Mercy candle burns in memory of John Kowalczyk (Family); Sacred Heart candle burns for John & Virgina Palm (Cecelia & Gary Lintz); Blessed Mother candle burns for Liz & Bill Walker (Cecelia & Gary Lintz); Infant Jesus candle burns in memory of Charlotte Palm (Cecelia & Gary Lintz); St. Therese candle burns in memory of Kenneth Gowart (Nancy, Chris & Carol); St. Anthony burns in memory of Francis Pugh (Tom & Cherie Smalley); St. Stanislaus candle burn for the intention of ending cruelties and injustices to human life

Statue Hosts

All Saints Church

Pilgrim Madonna

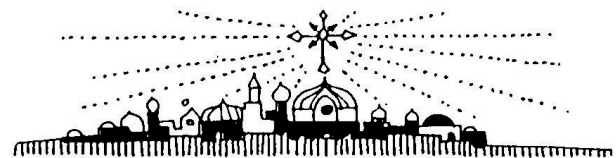
Dec 11-18 Mrs. Nancy Gowarty
Dec 18-25 Ms. Stephenie Hurst
Dec 25-Jan 1 S., K., & D., Kowalczyk

Infant Jesus

Dec 11-18 Mrs. Gloria Dedik
Dec 18-25 Mrs. Janie Lintz
Dec 25-Jan 1 M/M James Mayak

St. Anthony

Dec 11-18 Mrs. Barbara Macenczak
Dec 18-25 Mr. Matthew Marafino
Dec 25-Jan 1 M/M Christopher Maurer



Server Schedule

Our Lady Queen of Angels

January 1

8:00AM A. Deneen &
C. Pongrac
10:30 AM A. Klahre

January 8

8:00AM D. Zelenski
A. & C. Pakstis
10:30 AM S. Kabala

All are Welcome to Attend

Echoes of a Polish Christmas

Sunday January 8th – All Saints Church – 325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell

All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy) on **Sunday January 8th at 2:00 PM** at their church in Boswell (325 Quemahoning Street).



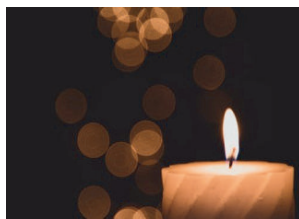
Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as refreshments.

Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.

Wesołych Świąt!

2023 Events Celebrating our Faith and Heritage

Blessing of Homes – Many ethnic groups celebrate the blessing of homes, but in Slavic culture it is a yearly way to deliberately and consciously consecrate your home to God. This is typically done around the feast of the Epiphany. If you wish to have your home blessed please contact the parish office to schedule a time.



February 2 – Blessing of Gromnice - A gromnica is a large, often decorated, candle made of bees wax. Each Christian household in Poland has at least one gromnica (plural gromnice) or ‘thunder candle’ stored carefully for special occasions. Grom is the Polish word for thunder, hence “Thunder Candle.” This special candle is only lit for the most important moments in a person’s life, such as a baptism, first communion, or when a person is on their deathbed. When going through a difficult time the gromnica was often lit. A Gromnica is very often gifted for someone’s birth, and used throughout the person’s lifetime, being lit for the last time during their funeral. Each year the candle is typically brought to church on Candlemas Day (February 2nd) in order to be blessed. If you are interested in purchasing a gromnica, made in Poland, for yourself or a loved one and want to use it as a holy reminder, please contact the Boswell parish office (814-629-5551) or email Fr. Aron (amaghsoudi@dioceseaj.org) by January 1st for more details. Candles will be blessed at a Mass at All Saints Parish in Boswell on Thursday February 2nd at 7:00 PM.

February 13 – Southern Italian Folk Customs – Melissa Marinaro will offer a presentation on southern Italian folk customs, such as crafts, agricultural practices, and food. As curator of the Italian American Program at the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, she will showcase many objects from the Heinz History Center that speak to the traditions mentioned above. Class will begin at 7:00 PM in the parish hall at the Boswell parish (former St. Joseph’s Church). No class limit. To register please call the Boswell parish office (814-629-5551) by February 2nd.

February 27 – Pysanky Egg Making – Beth Ott will share her skills in decorating pysanky eggs. Using the traditional process of wax-resist dyeing, attendees will each make an egg of their own. Class will begin at 6:00 PM in the Activity Center at Central City’s Sacred Heart site. Limited to twenty-five adult students. To register please call the Central City parish office (814-754-5224) by February 14th.



March 13 – Basics of the Polish Language – Mother Klara, SSCJ, superior of the Sacred Heart Sisters in Cresson, will offer a class on March 13 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Boswell parish’s Kolbe Center (at the rear of the church). Mother Klara, who is a native of Poland, will teach basic phrases and pronunciation of Polish words. All are welcome. To register please call the Boswell parish office (814-629-5551) by March 1st.



March 20 – Nut Roll Baking – Debbie Moore, an expert on ethnic foods, will offer an evening class on the art of making nut roll. Using techniques passed on by her Slovak ancestors and her skills as a culinary instructor, Mrs. Moore will offer a class on this delicacy enjoyed as a festive staple in many eastern European homes. Class will begin at 6:00 PM in the Activity Center at Central City’s Sacred Heart site. Limited to twenty-four students. To register please call the Central City parish office (814-754-5224) by March 12th.

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE \$30

January 29th

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE—PRE-SALE FOR PARISH-IONERS UNTIL 12/16/2022 – The tickets for the Sportsmen Raffle (to be held on January 29 2023) will go on sale to our parish family (HF, OLQA & AS) only (before the general public) on December 11, 2023. To reserve your tickets call the Rectory (814-754-5224) IMMEDIATELY with your name, address, phone number and the number of tickets you need. Do not wait to receive a letter in the mail. Please leave all requested information in a message, if we are not able to answer the phone. Any requests received by mail will not be opened until December 16, 2022 and will NOT be considered a part of the pre-sale. Pick up of pre-sale tickets can be arranged when you call the rectory for purchase \$30

Holy Family Announcements

MASS & MEETING WITH BISHOP BARCHAK - Bishop Bartchak, the Vicar General Fr. Alan Thomas, and CFO Matt Stever will all be present at a special Mass with a meeting to follow on Monday, January 16th at 6:30 PM at Holy Family in Hooversville. Any Holy Family parishioners who would like to attend and meet with the diocesan leadership are welcome to do so after Mass. This gathering is intended for Holy Family Parish. The bishop will be visiting our other sister parishes in the future.

•**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER** – Our parish family offers our deepest sympathies to the family of Dorothy Ann Kaminsky who was a long time member of our parish that was buried recently. Please remember Dorothy and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace!

OLQA Announcements

•Envelopes for next year are in the back of each church depending on which mass you usually attend. Students will be given their envelopes at CCD. Catholic School Students' envelopes will be in the back of each church with parent's envelopes.

Calendar of Events

December 19

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting St. John

January 8

8:00 am Holy Name Corporate Communion Sacred Heart Meeting to Follow Activities Center

January 9

6:00 pm Society of Angels Activities Center

January 29

1:00 pm Sportsman's Raffle Activities Center

OLQA Sanctuary Candle Intentions

The Sanctuary Candle at the Sacred Heart site burns in memory of Carl Sprock (Rose).

Pictures Needed

This spring the rectory at the St. John site in Central City will be repurposed as a guesthouse providing lodging for people visiting Central City. Pictures taken from parish life at St. John's are needed for a display in the vestibule of the guesthouse. This display will help to tell the story of a vibrant parish life that has lasted for over a century. Pictures of Communion, May Crownings, Confirmations, weddings, etc would be most welcome. All pictures will be duplicated and returned. Please contact Fr. Aron for more information.



LET US
ADORE HIM
Christ the Lord

Leave the Tree Up

Our Catholic tradition observes two distinct seasons, Advent and Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation; Christmas is a time of celebration and festivity as we reflect on the birth of Christ. As such Christmas trees should remain up during the season of celebration, which lasts this year until Sunday January 8th. In some cultures, the trees remain up until February 2nd. Irrespective of which tradition you observe, please bask in the joy of Christmas beyond December 25th.

CCD News

OLQA— CCD classes resume January 15 for the spring semester.

All Saints—There will be no CCD on December 25th and January 1st. Classes resume January 8th at 9:15am at the CCD center. Have a very Merry Christmas!

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