

March 19, 2023

Forth Sunday of Lent



Queen of Angels

738 Sunshine Avenue
Central City, PA 15926

Rectory Office..... (814) 754-5224
Monday 10:00am to 2:00pm
Friday..... 8:00am 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

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Wednesday..... 2:00 to 6:00 pm

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Holy Family

321 Sugar Street
Hooversville, PA 15936

Rectory Office..... (814) 701-6069

Worship Site

321 Sugar Street

Rev. Fr. Aron M. Maghsoudi
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Regular Confessions

Saturday; 3:00 pm Sacred Heart Church
Sunday; 10:00 am All Saints Church

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 20 Solemnity of Saint Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Rite of Communion
Outside Mass (8:05am Rosary) All Saints
12:00 pm Joseph Yestrepky
(Neice Marianne & Family) OLQA Chapel

Tuesday, March 21 Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday, March 22 Lenten Weekday

5:30pm Pro-Life Holy Hour, Rosary, and Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament All Saints
6:30 pm Rite of Communion Outside Mass All Saints

Thursday, March 23 Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

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

Friday, March 24 Lenten Weekday

8:30 am Rite of Communion
Outside Mass (8:05AM Rosary)..... All Saints
12:00 pm Dorothy Kaminsky (Keri Family)
Stations of the Cross to follow Holy Family
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross All Saints
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross OLQA Church

Saturday, March 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

4:00 pm Virginia Cassler (George & Eileen Lasure) Holy Family

Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Carl Sprock (Joanne Blucas) OLQA Church
10:30 am Parochial Intention (Mass Pro Populo) OLQA Chapel
10:30 am Matha Donia (Greg, Melanie & Stephanie Cavalio) All Saints
3:00 pm Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale) OLQA Church

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 19, 2023

Monday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Special Confessions

March 13 – All Saints – 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM **March 27** – Sacred Heart Site – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Fr. Aron with Fr. Doug Ondeck)
March 27 – All Saints – 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM (Fr. Aron with Fr. Doug Ondeck) **March 29** – All Saints – 7:15 PM – 8:00 PM
March 31 – St. John Site – 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM **March 31** – Holy Family – 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM
April 7 – Sacred Heart Site – 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
April 7 – All Saints 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM (Last Scheduled Confessions before Easter)

Please Pray

Areile Adomnik
 Peggy Baer
 Matthew Bailey
 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 Cebula
 Gracie Chetrau
 Robert Coleman
 Taylon Cook
 Georgian Corden
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 Robert Dedik Sr.

Fr. James Dugan
 Karla Enzweiler
 Kristy Ewing
 Cindy Failor
 Barbara Farris
 Bill Farris
 Ron Filicky
 Cindy Findley
 Patty Foltz
 Victor Foltz
 Scott Freeman
 Jack Gaudlip
 Amy Thomas Georg
 Jesse Georgiana
 Ken Gibbons
 Karen Gibson
 Matt Gibson
 Tina Gilkey
 Ronald Gindlesperger
 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
 Mary Jane Knapp
 Bill Kearney
 John Ketchock
 Toni Kiss
 Dr. Kim Kolonich
 Freda Labuda
 Geno Lamonica
 Becky Lepley
 Kathleen Lisbon
 Sophia Lohr
 LSH (Special Intention)
 Cindy Mayak
 Erma Mayak
 Kevin McCann
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 Donna L. Russian
 Karen Ryan
 Andrea Sesack
 Shirley Setar
 Tabitha Shaulis
 Hunter Slater
 Bailie Smeak
 Ric Smith
 Paula Spontak
 Eric Springer
 Hank Sprock Family
 Mary Ann Stavlo
 Ken Stebbin
 Donna Sefancic

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

Statue Hosts

All Saints Church

Pilgrim Madonna

Mar 5-12 S., K., & D Kowalczyk
 Mar 12-19 M/M Florian Tonkowski
 Mar 19-26 M/M Joseph Kowalczyk
 Mar 26-Apr 2 Mrs. Vickie Baraniak

Infant Jesus

Mar 5-12 M/M John Nichols
 Mar 12-19 Mr. Matthew Marafino
 Mar 19-26 Mr. Jerry Stern
 Mar 26- Apr 2 M/M Randall Koontz

St. Anthony

Mar 5-12 M/M Christopher Maurer
 Mar 12-19 S., K., & D., Kowalczyk
 Mar 19-26 M/M Christopher Maurer
 Mar 26-Apr 2 S., K., & D., Kowalczyk

Candle Intentions

All Saints Church

St. Joseph candle burns in Thanksgiving to St. Joseph (All Saints Parishioners); Sacred Heart candle burns for a Special Intention; Infant Jesus candle burns in memory of all the unborn lost to abortion; St. Stanislaus candle burns for the intention of ending cruelties and injustices to human life worldwide.



Server Schedule

Our Lady Queen of Angels

March 19

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

March 26

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

Your Easter Basket Guide – We are One Month away – Be Ready!

Families pass on and prepare numerous variations of foods taken to church for the blessing. Here is a traditional list of foods, which once blessed by a priest, carry spiritual meaning.

CROSS BREAD: Most Slavic people consider bread as sacred. As stated by a Polish poet, “When a piece of bread falls to the ground, raise it to you lips and kiss it in reverence for heaven’s gift.” Round loaves marked with a cross symbolize Jesus, the Living Bread come down from heaven (Jn 6:35). Breaking round cross-signed-bread extends the blessings of the Easter Eucharist into the home.

YEAST-RAISED BREADS & SWEETS: People make Lenten promises by giving up favorites. Yeast-raised cakes allow all to taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Ps 34:9). Rising in a warm oven, bread mirrors Jesus’ rising from the tomb.

PASCHAL LAMB: made of butter, cake, or bread with cross-emblazoned banner proclaims Jesus, the Lamb of God: Victor over death & evil (Jn 1:36; Rv 19:6-9) Resting on boxwood, parsley or lettuce, it is the Easter Table centerpiece. Whole cloves or peppercorns formed into a Cross often mark molded butter and point to the aromatic spices used to anoint Jesus body for burial.

SMOKED MEATS: sausages and ham symbolize the Paschal sacrifice of the new covenant (Lk 22:20). Jesus frees us from sin & death, bringing Exodus liberation to fulfillment. Sausage rings recall family unity.

EASTER EGGS: colored eggs represent Christ's tomb; their yolk, the radiant morning sunrise. Written eggs with symbolic designs proclaim the glorious transformation of the Resurrection reflected in nature and the lives of the Baptized.

FRUIT is one of the world’s oldest sweeteners indicative of the gratifying joy and abundance of Easter meal fellowship. Along with figs and nuts it is found on some of the most ancient blessing lists. Even though its role is supplanted by candies and chocolates, apples are blessed Easter fare in northern Europe, and oranges in other families.

CHEESE: The cheese making process of milk curds congealing into one inspired ancient prayers to view blessed cheese as symbol of church and family unity, as well as abundance.

HORSERADISH & VINEGAR: Bitter herbs of Passover were also fulfilled as Jesus tasted sour wine while dying on the cross. Pepper too, symbolizes Jesus’ painful execution and death. In memory of Jesus’ suffering sweets are only eaten after tasting some bitter food.

SALT: You are the salt of the earth (Mt 5:13). The faith, hope and love of Jesus' followers give zest and meaning to daily life, preserving, as does salt, all which is good. In the Bible, to “eat a barrel of salt” with someone meant to enjoy a close friendship nurtured at many a meal. For forty days after the Resurrection Jesus “shared salt”, in other words, many meals with his disciples (the original Greek text of Acts 1:3). At table Jesus proved he was truly alive, calming the disciples fears and strengthening their faith for mission (Lk 24: 36-49). Salt emerges as a Scriptural symbol of vibrant evangelization and table fellowship.

WINE OR BEER: The Psalms refer to wine as gladdening the heart (Ps 104:16). Wine points to the new and everlasting covenant (1Cor 11:24) and to the fullness of joy at the Lord’s Eucharistic Table. For those abstaining from alcohol during Lent, blessing signifies union with Christ in desert and Resurrection. Blessing means promising never to abuse.

SPRING FLOWERS & GREENS: Parsley, boxwood, myrtle, periwinkle & pussy willows symbolize the new life of an eternal Spring won through Christ’s Resurrection.

GATHERING THE FRUITS OF THE FAST FOR THE NEEDY: Easter table bounty –the fruit of the Lenten fast– is traditionally shared with the needy and homeless. Believers identify the needy and abandoned with Jesus rejected by his own people (Mt 25:40). Donations may be accepted at the Lord’s Tomb on Holy Saturday, and/or given to a local food bank.

N.B. Out of reverence for God’s gifts, scraps of blessed food (only) are traditionally burned or buried.

15 Random Easter Basket Thoughts from Father Aron

- 1. Hrudka, Cirac, or Easter Cheese.** is customary among Slovaks, Rusyns, and some Ukrainians. Farmers Cheese (known as Twaróg) may be included by Poles who come from southeastern Poland.
- 2. Holyday bread varies.** Poles bake Babka (often with raisins), Rusyns have their Paska, and Slovenes commonly put Potica in their baskets, which is more of a nut roll. Hungarians use braided bread known as Husveti Kalacs. Primorski Uskrsne Bebe, is a Croatian tradition where the braided bread is made into the shape of a doll with the face drawn on a hardboiled egg baked into the loaf. In Lithuanian, many desserts are eaten including a blessed Easter bread known as Velykos Pyragas, a semi-sweet yeast raised dough and raisins. Austrians bake Weihkuchen (or Osterlamm), a blessing cake made of flour, oil, milk, butter, and honey. A Lamb biscuit in Austria is also traditional, yet not always taken to church for the blessing. You can find recipes for each on the internet.
- 3. Wine** regions such as Hungary and Croatia typically include wine in their basket. It isn't uncommon for Magyars to also include plum brandy, known as Palinka (often homemade). Some put beer in the basket if they gave up drinking for Lent.
- 4.** The Polish custom often includes a plate or platter in the bottom of the basket that is only used for Easter foods.
- 5. Perhaps the most traditional Easter eggs are those dyed golden brown in onion skins.** Kroszonki (common in the Silesia region of Poland) are eggs dyed and later adorned with detailed floral patterns that are delicately scratched on the surface. The Ukrainian custom of pysanky is well known and uses a stylus to apply hot wax over patterns that is then melted after a series of dye baths. While a solid reddish brown is common for eggs in Croatia, in the northeast of the country soot mixed with oak is used to make a dark brown color. Slovenes, and others, typically wrap their eggs with leaves of herbs or plants then dye them in natural dyes made from onion skins, turmeric, blueberries, or beets. Lithuanian Easter eggs (known as margučiai) are stained with natural dyes extracted from bark, leaves, fruit, and vegetables. Stained margučiai appear in solid colors or patterns created when leaves or other materials are pressed onto the eggs during the staining process. On Easter, Hungarians wish each other "Happy Easter with many red eggs!" or "Boldog Húsvéti Ünnepeket és sokpiros tojást!" Eggs dyed red for the blessing are symbolic of the sacrifice of Christ's Blood, the spilling of which forgives sin.
- 6.** Croats often place green onions in their basket, occasionally radishes as well. They are also more apt to put actual lamb in the basket instead of ham. As a Croat priest once said to me, "Croatians invented lamb."
- 7. Various Spring flowers,** fragrant myrtle, boxwood greens, and pussy willows -- the first flower of spring - symbolize resurrection and often adorn baskets, especially in Slovakia and Poland. Lithuanians are famous for their blessed branch palms, named verbos. While not for Easter baskets, these branches, made of indigenous plants, are weaved into decorative palms for Palm Sunday. More like bouquets than common palm branches, typical verbos include sprigs from juniper, mistletoe, weeping willows, pussy willows, and osier decorated with colorful dried flowers.
- 8.** Prior to Pope Pius XII's Holy Week changes in 1951, the Easter Vigil was celebrated on Saturday morning. This meant that holy water and fire for incense were available before noon on Saturday (enter the ever controversial with or without holy water debate). Greek Catholics don't typically bless the baskets the day before, but after their Easter liturgy. In Roman Catholic Lithuania people brought holy water home from the morning Easter Vigil Mass and lit their coal from the Easter fire (before the vigil was moved to the evening). Taking the coal lit from the Easter fire they put it in their cook stoves and cooked their Easter meal. They then sprinkled their basket with holy water at home.
- 9. The meal is typically served cold after attending Mass.** The coldness of the food is an early sign of equality - the burden of cooking coupled with the desire that all could eat the meal together extends to everyone, including mom and baba, who were otherwise typically tied to the stove.
- 10.** In some communities, Central City included for sure - not certain about Boswell, the priest used to **go to individual houses to bless baskets.** The beloved priest used to also be gifted with goods from the baskets of his parishioners. I don't expect such gifts, however a cold beer will not be turned down.
- 11. Butter,** which reminds us of the sweetness of Christ, is sometimes formed into a Lamb of God sculpture (or taken from a lamb mold). A cross-emblazoned banner must be inserted or else it's a sheep. Both types Margarine makes the lambs look orange. Unless you want your lamb to look like it had a spray tan, stick to good sweet butter.
- 12. Ground or whole horseradish root,** vinegar or pepper call to mind the bitter gall Jesus was given to drink on the cross. Salt is added as the Gospel sign of vivifying flavor. Children are not to enjoy any Easter sweets or chocolate until after having tasted of the blessed horseradish in memory of Jesus' pain and suffering. There is no resurrection without crucifixion. In various Polish and Slovak regions there is a tradition of putting red beets in the horseradish (in Polish Cwikła).
- 13. Sharing a blessed egg(s)** around the table is often the first food exchanged passed around the table along with holyday wishes "Happy Easter" or "Christ is risen!" In the Lithuanian tradition the Easter dinner host slices a hard-boiled egg into as many pieces as there are guests and passes the plate around the table to share this one egg with everyone. This sharing of the egg is believed to bring harmony and unity to the household. In various cultures, cracking hard boiled eggs against one another leads to a victor, the winner possessing a whole, un-cracked egg (and thus strongest egg), symbolizing the power of Jesus' Resurrection to overcome death.
- 14. Easter Basket covers** often crocheted or embroidered are customary in some families. Used only for the food blessing, they are often handed down from generation-to-generation or given as wedding gifts in addition to a family basket.
- 15.** During the time of the blessing, Greek Catholics and Orthodox Christians, **light a candle** in the basket recalling Christ the Light of the World, whom no darkness can overcome.

Plan on making a basket this year!

OLQA Sanctuary Candle Intentions

The Sanctuary Candle at the Sacred Heart site burns in memory of Stanley Tomasewski (wife Cecilia). The Sanctuary Candle at the Saint John site burns for the birthday remembrance of Dennis Caloa (Karen Caola)

Calendar of Events

March 20

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting St. John

April 9

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

April 10

6:00 pm Society of Angels Activities Center

OLQA St. Vincent de Paul Society

This past week debit cards were distributed to approximately 50 people for the purpose of purchasing food for Easter. Thank you to everyone who made donations that help provide for the people who need it most.

Historic Parish Bus Trip

Our parishes will be sponsoring a bus trip to visit historic churches in Cleveland Ohio on Sunday April 23rd. Departing from Central City (4:45 AM) with stops in Boswell (5:15 AM) and Latrobe (5:45 AM), the trip will include Latin High Mass at St. Stephen's (an historic German parish), as well as visits to St. Elizabeth (Hungarian), St. Casimir (Polish), and Our Lady of Lourdes (Bohemian/Czech). Following the church tours there will be a performance by the Tamburitzan Folk ensemble featuring ethnic dances from Ukraine, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, Greece, and other old-world locales. Dinner at Marie's, an authentic, no-frills, good ethnic restaurant (schnitzel, halupki, Eastern European home fries, green beans - cash bar). Price includes transportation, dinner, and the show. The bus should return around 9:00 PM. All are welcome. Cost is \$125 per person. To register please call the Boswell parish office (814-629-5551) by April 15th.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection Donations

Last year the Pontifical Good Friday Collection accomplished the following:

- Supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions
- Provided a home in Bethlehem for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence,
- Offered more than 500 scholarships for university education
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 53 friars preparing for the priesthood
- Restored and maintained 640 houses apartments for Christian families
- Provide assistance to more than 9000 families through weekly food baskets
- Employed more than 1000 workers in the Holy Land
- Preserved 80 shrines from the life of Jesus and the Apostles, and the prophets construction of a Catholic school in Cana of Galilee
- To give a Christian education to the youth of the city
- Began the work of restoration of the floor at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, the holiest place on earth, and completed the restoration of the Basilica of the Nativity done for the 1st time in centuries

Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale)

TODAY—Sunday, March 19, 2023—OLQA Church— 3:00pm

Speaker Pilgrim George Walter – George Walter was born in Pittsburgh in 1941 and spent twelve years in the seminary where he was ordained a deacon, but never a priest. Dispensed from the responsibilities of being a deacon, George Walter spent the last fifty years walking over 40,000 miles living hand to mouth, relying on Divine Providence. His story, captured in the book The Forty Thousand Mile Man, has been the subject of much inspiration and is a powerful example of moving from a notion of God's care to actually relying on God's care. Pilgrim George, who largely lives as a hermit in his old age, rarely speaks publically any longer. Our parish is grateful that he is planning on sharing his thoughts on the spiritual life with us.

CCD NEWS—OLQA— Classes will resume next Sunday, March 26th.

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

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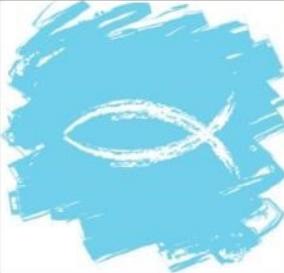
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