

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy

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

Holy Masses:

Daily
Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM
Saturday Vigil
Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00PM
Sunday Morning

Confessions:

Church (Sacred Heart)
Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM
Chapel (St. John)
Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

April 24 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i> Mary Lou Miller (Req. Morning Mass Friends) - Chapel
April 25	<i>Saint Mark, Evangelist</i> NO MASS
April 26 8:00 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Margaret Hudak (Req. Family) - Chapel
April 27 8:00 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Phyllis Contres (Req. Scott Donatelli) - Chapel
April 28 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Peter Chanel</i> Samuel Pesto, 30 Day Rem., Month's Mind (Req. St. John the Baptist Schola) - Chapel
April 29 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter</i> Mary Lou Navalaney (Req. Vicky & Joe Navalaney) - Church
April 30 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church Kathryn Yatta (Req. Tom, Betty Ann and family) - Chapel

WHAT'S IN A NAME – The Sunday we celebrate this weekend is known by various names that all highlight, in one way or another, the spiritual importance of the day. Technically speaking this weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, or the Sunday that falls within the Octave of Easter. An octave of a feast refers to an eight-day feast period commencing with the feast itself. The idea behind an octave is that the joy of the feast day cannot be contained to one twenty-four hour period. Moreover the number eight is a reference to the Resurrection, in that Christ's triumph over death initiates a new creation (the original week being seven days). For this reason, early baptismal fonts were often shaped as octagons. After Pope Paul VI's calendar revisions in 1969 Easter is one of only two solemnities that carries an octave, the second being Christmas. Another name for the day is Quasimodo Sunday. This peculiar name comes from the first two words of the opening Antiphon at Mass (we typically substitute a hymn for the antiphon) which is taken from the Second Letter to

St. Peter (Quasi modogenitiinfantes, rationabile, sine dolo lac concupisciteut in eocrescatis in salutem sigustastis quoniam dulcis Dominus). Quasimodo, the protagonist of Victor Hugo's 1831 novel *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was so named due to the fact that he was found abandoned on the doorsteps of Notre Dame Cathedral on the Sunday after Easter, AD 1467. In Chile Quasimodo Sunday is celebrated the Cuasimodo Feast. On this day cowboys known as Huasos ride in adorned carriages and accompany the priest while he gives Holy Communion to the infirm. In the Eastern Rites this day is known as Saint Thomas Sunday, as the Gospel reading is always John 20:19-29. This gospel recounts the appearance of Christ to his disciples, with Thomas the Apostle present, on the Sunday following his resurrection. Another traditional name is Low Sunday, perhaps given this name because of the contrast with the high festival of Easter on the preceding Sunday. Additionally this day has been known as Dominica in Albis, a name that comes from the ancient habit by which the newly baptized wore a white robe or tunic following their baptism on Easter for seven days. The Sunday following Easter was when the white robe was put away came to be known as *dominica in albis depositis* or "Sunday in which the white clothes are put away." Finally the day is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This day was designated as such by Pope John Paul II due to the fact that it serves as the last day of the novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, a devotion given to a Polish nun, St. Faustina. It is interesting to note that Pope John Paul II died in April 2005, which was the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday. In light of this he was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday (May 1, 2011) and was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27, 2014).

ROSARY NEXT MONTH – May is traditionally set aside as a particular time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the 4:00 PM Mass each Saturday in May beginning at 3:30 PM. Please bring your rosary with you spend a little extra time asking our Blessed Mother for her prayers.

FLOWER MEMORIALS – This weekend the flowers at the St. John sight are dedicated in memory of the birthday of Gloria Jean Severn by brother Lenny, Kathy, and Mom Ann.

DYNGUS HISTORY – Historically a Polish and Polish-American tradition, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of the often restrictive observance of lent and the joy of Easter. Over the decades, Dyngus Day has become a wonderful holiday to celebrate Polish-American culture, heritage and traditions. There are many stories that attempt to explain the origins of the day. Many Polish customs date back to pre-Christian practices of our Slavic ancestors. The custom of pouring water is an ancient spring rite of cleansing, purification, and fertility. The same is true of the complimentary practice. Since 966 A.D., Dyngus Day has been associated with the baptism of Prince Mieszko I. Tradition states that Prince Mieszko I along with his court was baptized on Easter Monday. Thus, Dyngus Day and its rites of sprinkling with water have become a folk celebration in thanksgiving for the fact that the first king of Poland was baptized into Christianity, bringing Catholicism to Poland. In more modern times, the tradition continued when farm boys in Poland wanted to attract notice from the girls of their choice. It was custom to throw water and hit the girls on their legs with twigs or pussy willows. Cologne was used instead of water by the more gallant lads. The ladies would reciprocate by throwing dishes & crockery and Tuesday was their day of revenge, imitating the same tactics. According to the *Encyclopedia Staropolska* written in the

19th century by A. Gloger, the word can be traced back to a medieval form of the word “Dingnus,” which means “worthy, proper, or suitable.” Gloger cites a usage of the word, namely “ransom during a war to protect against pillage,” as well as a German usage of “Dingen,” which means “to come to an agreement, evaluate or buy back.” Although Dyngus Day was always celebrated in traditional Polish neighborhoods dating back to the 1870s, however since early 1960s Buffalo New York has been regarded as the “Dyngus Day Capital of America.” Smaller festivals can be found in communities with sizable Polish-America populations such as South Bend in Indiana, Chicago in Illinois, Elizabeth in New Jersey, Bristol in Connecticut and Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. Celebrations in South Bend kick off the political campaign season in the City. The tradition of Dyngus Day holds true that on Easter Monday boys would sprinkle the girls with water and tap them with pussy willows. On Easter Tuesday, the women would return the favor. At modern Dyngus Day parties it is common practice that both men and women trade water and pussy willow equally.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 23 – Religious Education Meeting, 5:00 PM – St. John’s
April 26 – Knights of Columbus Meeting- 7:00 PM – St. John’s
April 30 – First Communion Retreat/Pilgrimage
May 3 – Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 PM – St. John’s
May 3 – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 8 – Society of Angels Meeting, 6:30 PM – Activity Center
May 14 – Holy Name Corporate Communion, 8:00 AM Mass, Meeting to Follow Activity Center
May 14 – May Crowning- 8:00 AM Mass

ST. VINCENT DePAUL – Our Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank the Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels for their monetary support of the Ham/Easter vouchers donated to the Shade-Central City Food Pantry. Thank You for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

April 29	Church	4:00 PM	M. Mabon, T. Mabon, C. Mabon
April 30	Church	8:00 AM	R. Pongrac, C. Pongrac, A. Deneen
April 30	Chapel	10:30 AM	C. Galish, J. Hammer, M. Moslak

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of Kathryn Yatta by Todd and Connie Diorio. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the chapel for the deceased members of the Dydo Family.

WEEKLY OFFERING: April 13, 15, and 16. - Adult Envelopes - \$1,611.25; Loose Change \$640.15 Fuel - \$5; Student Offering - \$30.25; ; Misc. Donations – \$445; Holy Thursday - \$485.25; Student Holy Thursday - \$20.75; Easter - \$3,726; Student Easter - \$58.Total - \$7,021.65 – Thank You!

PRAYER LIST – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Joe Zeigler, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Roger Black, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Ron Rayman, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Patty Barnes, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Richard Birely, Joseph Shelko, Shirley Roman, Catherine Zelenski, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Nick Wallace, Howard Baldwin, Larry Krestar, Harriet Konitsky, Andrew Muha, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Shelly Delasko, Lionel Berkebile, Jeremy Christopher, Liz Fillo, Janet Dietle

MANY THANKS – Sincere thanks are extended to the many hands that worked so hard on our Dyngus Day party. From the “Pierogi Authority,” to the Society of Angels, to the Social Committee, and Holy Name Society, our parish organizations came together (and were assisted

by many parishioners) to assemble this celebration of our heritage. Additionally many thanks to all who helped decorate, make cookies, donate baskets, and, finally, attend the event. 100 years after the foundation of both of our original parishes, it is refreshing to know that in 2017 we are thankful, and right proud, of our roots.