# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

## Rectory Office

738 Sunshine Avenue Central City, PA 15926 814-754-5224 September 17, 2017
Twenty-Fourth Sunday

wenty-Jourth Sunda In Ordinary Time

#### Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)
738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John) 162 Wheeler Street

#### Confessions:

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

### Holy Masses:

Daily

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM Saturday Vigil Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00PM Sunday Morning Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00 AM Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

Mass Intentions

September 18 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Kotus Family (Req. Estate of John Kotus) - Church

September 19 Saint Januarius

NO MASS

September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul chong Ha-sang

NO MASS

September 21 Saint Matthew

8:00 AM Michael Novella (Reg. Family) - Church

September 22 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory (Req. John Eger Family) - Church

September 23 Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church

September 24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Church

10:30 AM Ann Grega, 95th Birthday (Req. Severn and Grega families) - Chapel

**MEET THE CHURCH'S NEWEST BEATIFIED** - During his visit to Colombia this past week, Pope Francis beatified two Colombian martyrs, Bishop Jesus Emilio Jaramillo, who was killed by Colombian Marxist guerrillas forces in 1989, and Fr. Pedro Maria Ramirez, who was murdered at the start of the Colombian Civil War in 1948.

**BISHOP JARMILLO** - Born in Santo Domingo, Colombia, in 1916, Bishop Jamillo was one of the many thousands of victims of the 52-year-long civil war between the government and guerrilla rebels. After intensive seminary studies in philosophy, humanities and theology, in 1940 he was ordained a priest with the Xaverian Missionaries of Yarumal. Four years later, in 1944, he received his doctorate in theology. Immediately after his ordination Jamillo was sent to serve in the Sabanalarga municipality in the northern most tip of Colombia. Part of the Barranquilla Archdiocese, the area was known at the time to be hostile, and the people had very primitive religious knowledge. Although the assignment only lasted four months, it cemented in the future martyr a love for both the priesthood and his vocation as a missionary. In 1970, Bl. Pope Paul VI named him Apostolic Vicar of Arauca, and he was ordained a bishop in 1971.

He quickly gained a reputation as a selfless servant who was close to his people, and launched several pastoral projects aimed at helping the local population. Jamillo became an outspoken critic of the violence that was being committed by the National Liberation Army (ELN) at the time, however, he was also unafraid to call out what he referred to as a climate of fear among the people that often prompted them to retaliate against the guerrillas. It was his public criticism of violence that led to his kidnapping Oct. 2, 1989, as he was making a pastoral visit to local parishes in Fortul. According to his biography, he celebrated Mass and administered some Sacraments before setting out for the city on foot when he and his delegation were stopped by armed militants dressed as peasants. They asked for the bishop, telling him they were members of the ELN and that he was being kidnapped in order to "send a message" to the national government. One of the priests traveling with Jamillo, Fr. Helmer Munoz, realized what was happening and refused to leave the bishop's side. The two were driven for several hours before stopping in a remote location. After praying together and going to confession to each other, Jamillo ordered Fr. Munoz to leave out of obedience when the captors demanded that he go. Despite reassurances from the captors that Bishop Jamillo would not be hurt, when Fr. Munoz returned to the spot the following morning he found the bishop's body. Jamillo was lying on his back in the form of a cross, having been shot in the head twice; his episcopal ring was gone, and his pectoral cross had been broken. He was buried shortly after and dubbed by the faithful of Arauca as "prophet and martyr of peace," which is engraved on his tombstone.

**FATHER RAMIREZ** - Born in La Plata, Colombia Oct. 23, 1899, Ramirez was just 12-years-old when he entered the seminary. After attending the seminary for several years he left in 1920. After much prayer and discernment he entered the seminary again in 1928 was ordained a priest on June 21, 1931. After a number of pastoral assignments, in 1948 he was assigned to a parish in the city of Armero. It was during this time that political conflict in the country began to intensify. After the death of liberal political leader Jorge Gaitán tensions between liberals and conservatives reached a fever pitch, eventually leading to Colombia's 10-year civil war, which lasted from 1948-1958 (commonly referred to as "La Violencia," or "the Violence"). Amid the chaos of the war, many liberal party groups in Armero protested Gaitan's death by taking up arms, widely accusing the Church of joining forces with the conservative party; accusations they backed with the Church's alleged support for conservatives and their frequent appeals to nonviolence. It was in this atmosphere that an angry mob, alight with anti-religious sentiments, stormed Fr. Ramirez's parish and a nearby convent April 9, 1949, in an attempt to arrest him. They started throwing stones and eventually broke into the convent and went to the chapel, where Fr. Ramirez was praying. He managed to escape with the help of one of the nuns. The next morning, Ramirez continued his schedule as normal, celebrating Mass and visiting a wounded man in prison. Despite numerous pleas from parishioners and even the city's mayor to leave town, Ramirez refused, insisting that he would not leave the sisters or the Blessed Sacrament alone. After returning from the prison, the priest created an escape plan for the sisters, and had them consume all the consecrated hosts, leaving just one for himself. He then stayed in the convent to pen his last will and testament before the mob returned. In the letter with his testament,

that "I want to die for Christ and for his faith." He thanked the bishop for allowing him to become a priest for the people of Armero, "for whom I want to spill my blood." "To my family, I will go ahead so that they follow the example of dying for Christ. With special affection, I will look at them from heaven," he wrote.

Later that afternoon, as the mob returned, he consumed the last host and left his stole and serving vestments with a statue of Our Lady so they would not be descrated before going out to meet the crowd. The mob took Fr. Ramirez and beat him with sticks and their fists before bashing his head with a machete. As he fell to the ground, the priest shouted "Father, forgive them! All for Christ!" He was then decapitated, however, his body was later recovered and preserved from further descration.

**WEKLY OFFERING** September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> - Adult Envelopes - \$2,327.25; Loose - \$227; Fuel - \$105; Student Offering - \$42.25; Misc. Donations - \$35 Total - \$2,736.50 - Thank You!

PRAYER LIST - Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, 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, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Ron Rayman, Tom Hudak, Quincy Ogline, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Rchard Birely, Joseph Shelko, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Larry Krestar, Harriet Konitsky, Andrew Muha, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Shelly Delasko, Lionel Berkebile, Jeremy Christopher, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, Mary Ann Naret, Barry Stuft, Mary Ann Lasut, John Harchick Jr., Vincent Bestvina, Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Brie Purdy, Rhonda Bittner, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Kara Palumbo, Dave Andolina, Stephen A. Haydu, Paul Dooley

**PRESENTATION ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN** - A talk on the Shroud of Turin will be held at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, Sunday October 29th at 3:00 PM. All are invited to see a full size replica of the Shroud of Turin and hear an informative presentation on the Shroud. For more information, contact Deacon Michael Russo at (814) 288-3036 or email: michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. All are welcome!

VISITING CHOIR - On Sunday October 8th The Schola Cantorum Franciscana, will sing at the 10:30 AM Mass. This Mass will serve as the opening Mass for our parish Forty Horus Devotions. Under the direction of Professor Nicholas Will, the schola is an elite 20-voice liturgical choir comprised of Franciscan University of Steubenville students. As an integral part of the university's Sacred Music Program, the Schola performs the best of the Church's musical patrimony primarily within its intended liturgical context. While the group's repertoire spans the breadth of the Catholic musical tradition, its specialization lies in music of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and twentieth centuries. The Schola has collaborated with Chatham Baroque, the Academy Chamber Orchestra, and the St. Vincent Camerata and sung for Solemn Pontifical High Masses celebrated by Raymond Cardinal Burke and Bishop Athanasius Schneider at St. Peter Church, Steubenville. This semester the Schola will sing for Pontifical Masses celebrated by Bishop Schneider and Donald Cardinal Wuerl, in addition to a liturgical performance of the Requiem by Camille Saint-Saëns in November. The Schola recently made a recording of five-voice Renaissance polyphony with hopes of publication in the near future.

**SLOVAK FESTIVAL** -There will be a Slovak festival on November 5th at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The event will feature musical performances by folk dancing groups and singers as well as cultural displays and lectures. The event also includes a wide offering of traditional Slovak food, which will be available for sale, as well as a variety of items from Slovak and East European import vendors. Free Admission.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION -** Next weekend there will be a special collection for the retired priests of the diocese. Please use the envelope in today's bulletin and place it in the collection basket (no second collection will be taken). Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

**FLOWER MEMORIALS** - This weekend the flowers at the Sacred Heart site are dedicated in honor of Kay and Whitey Wojcik by Janice and Joe. The flowers at the St. John's site are for Birthday Blessings of Julie Delasko, on her 90th birthday by daughter Judy and family.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of Kathryn Rendar by daughters Mary Ann and Caroline and family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of the deceased of Satkovich family members by their loving families.

#### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

September 23 Church 4:00 PM T. & M. Mabon, A. Mauger September 24 Church 8:00 AM K. Koleszarik, D. Zelinski, T. Tomlinson September 24 Chapel 10:30 AM C. Galish, J. Hammer, M. Moslak, L. Galish

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

September 16 - Sportsmen Raffle - 5:00 PM, Activity Center

September 17 - All You-Can-Eat Breakfast - 9:00 - Noon, St. John Site

September 30 - October 1 - Fr. Aron in New Baltimore

October 1 - CCD Hike

October 8 - Opening of Forty Hours Devotion - 10:30 AM, St. John site

October 9 - Closing of Forty Hours - 7:00 PM, Sacred Heart Site

October 13 - 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Mass 7:00 PM, St. John Site

October 15 - All-You-Can -Eat Breakfast - 9:00 - Noon, St. John Site

October 22 - Cash Bash - Activity Center

October 22 - Blessing of Animals - 10:00 AM, Sacred Heart Site

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST** - This weekend that parish is hosting our monthly ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT breakfast buffet at the St. John site from 9:00 AM until Noon. The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, donuts, toast, juice, and coffee. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 8 to 4, children under 4 are free.

**BASKET PARTY** - Holy Family Parish in Hooversville will host a Basket Party on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM. Tickets are \$8 for 25 chances and lunch. Call 798-2933 for more information.

**ANNUAL NOVENA** - St. Therese Church, Decker Avenue, will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue for nine (9) days. Masses will

be held at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM, & 7:00 PM and Sunday at 7:30AM, 10:30AM and 7:00 PM. Sunday Sept. 24th will be the Anointing of the Sick Mass at 2:00 PM. The closing of the Novena will be Sunday, October 1\* with refreshments served after the 7:30AM, 10:30AM and 7:00 PM Mass in the Church Hall. To have your intentions placed on the altar during the Novena, send them to the St. Therese Church Rectory.

**BIRTHRIGHT BASKET PARTY** - Birthright will hold a basket party at Ace's Lounge on Chestnut Street in Johnstown on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The drawing will take place at 1:00 PM. An admission price of \$10 includes spaghetti dinner and 25 basket chances (over 100 baskets will be featured at the event). Call Mary Kay at 535-8231 for tickets. Advance sale only. All proceeds benefit Birthright's pro-life work!

**POTATO PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Resurrection Parish in Johnstown will host a Potato Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in their parish hall on Chestnut street in Cambria City. The menu includes the parish's "FAMOUS POTATO PANCAKES", Sausage, Orange Juice, and Coffee. The cost is \$6.00, extra potato pancakes are \$2.00 each.

**NO MASS WEDNESDAY** - This week there will be no daily Mass on Wednesday (9/20) as Fr. Aron will be speaking at the Rockview State Correctional Institution in Bellefonte for their 64<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic inmate's retreat.