# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi

#### Rectory Office

738 Sunshine Avenue Central City, PA 15926 814-754-5224 January 31, 2016 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

## 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

February 1	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		
8:00 AM	Craig Tretinik (Req. Bob Kirsch and Betty) - Church		
February 2	Presentation of the Lord – Candlemass Day		
8:00 AM	Margaret Hudak (Req. family) - Church		
February 3	Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr NO MASS		
February 4	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
8:00 AM	Phyllis Contres (Req. Don & Mary Jo) - Church		
February 5	Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr		
8:00 AM	Nancy Satkovich – 2nd Anniversary of Death Memorial (Family) - Church		
February 6	Vigil of the Fifth Sunday on Ordinary Time		
4:00 PM	Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik family) – Church		
February 7	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
8:00 AM	Tommy Schall Req. Uncle Toffy and Aunt Julie – Church		
10:30 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Chapel		

**PRAYER LIST** – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Frank Mihelcic, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Michael Chipchosky, Ann Guyer, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Kathryn Yatta, Alice Zelenski , Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Margaret Spinelli, Joe Zeigler, Andy Levchik, Fern Lasut, Christopher Criscuolo, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Barbara Delasko, Roger Black, Kay O 'Toole, Trish Rullo, Mary Jeschonek, Beverly Brett, Mike Stefanik, Connie Criscuolo, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Richard Birely, Stanley Bialek, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** – The scripture readings for next Sunday's Masses are the following: 75: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11 Meditating on the readings in advance is an excellent way to advance in the spiritual life.

**UP COMING EVENTS** – Please mark your calendar with regard to the following events. February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday, SHA Meeting CANCELLED

February 5<sup>th</sup> – Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Church) Noon – 7:00 PM

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in the Activities Center at 7:00 PM

February 8<sup>th</sup> – Society of Angels meeting in the Activities Center at 7:00 PM

February 16th – Finance Council Meeting in the Activities Center at 7:00 PM

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parish Pastoral Meeting in the Activities Center at 7:00 PM

**FR. ARON OFFERS BUS TRIP** – In his former parish Fr. Aron offered bus trips each year of significant churches in the Pittsburgh area. The tours were for all who enjoy rich history, great art and architecture, and ethnic Catholicism. That being said he will be sponsoring a trip, departing from our parish on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. The trip this year includes Latin High Mass at St. Boniface (the old ethnic German church featuring Byzantine and Art Deco elements) and tours of St. Anthony Chapel (housing the largest collection or relics outside of Rome), St. Nicholas Church (the historic Croatian church featuring some of the most peculiar religious murals in North America), Old St. Patrick's (the simple Irish parish with the "Holy Stairs"), and Immaculate Heart of Mary (the Polish Cathedral of Pittsburgh). The price is \$35.00 per person and includes lunch at Max's Allegheny Tavern (German Sausage Buffet). Our parish takes first priority (the trips were very popular in the Altoona area); if you are interested please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or return it to Fr. Aron. If you want to experience the culture and faith of the old world without having to leave western Pennsylvania you may want to reserve your spot.

Names of those attending in your party					
Phone Number					
Address					
Emergency Contact					
Relevant Health Concerns					

**BLESSING OF THROATS** – In keeping with the very old custom on the Feast of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed at the conclusion of ALL Masses this weekend. St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, in the early fourth century. He was imprisoned and later martyred for the faith. The good bishop was known for his ability to heal both people and animals. Two incidents are particularly significant, as they are reflected in the blessing we receive today. Tradition says that a mother brought her son, who was choking to death on a fishbone, to the bishop. The bishop then healed the boy. When St. Blaise was being taken to prison, he encountered a poor woman whose pig had been taken by a wolf. At St. Blaise's command, the wolf brought back the pig unharmed. The woman is said to have brought St. Blaise food and candles while he was in prison. The blessing of throats is related to the saint's healing of the boy who was choking. The use of two candles in the blessing is said to be in memory of candles brought to St. Blaise by the woman whose pig he had rescued. The blessing is available to all who wish to participate.

CANDLEMASS DAY - Candles will be blessed, according to the venerable Catholic tradition, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of the Presentation. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God. Making an offering to God, on the 40th day after his birth, the parents would offer a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24) in the temple (thus the "presentation" of the child). The Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph kept this law, even though, since Our Lady remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his gospel, Luke recounts the story (Luke 2:22-39). When Christ was presented in the temple, "there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25) When Saint Mary and Saint Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Canticle of Simeon: "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Inspired by the words of the canticle ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11<sup>th</sup>century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries. Blessed candles will be available after Mass on Tuesday for any who wish to have them in their home.

#### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

January	30	Church	4:00 PM -	Mabons
January	31	Church	8:00 AM -	Jordan Kachur, Amy Hammer, Anna Deneen
January	31	Chapel	10:30 AM -	Emma & Elaina Spinelli
February	06	Church	4:00 PM -	Emma & Elaina Spinelli
February	07	Church	8:00 AM -	Tyler Tomlinson, Kaden Koleszarik, Dave Zelenski
February	07	Chapel	10:30 AM -	Michael Moslak, Emily & Madalyn Rapsky

**PYSANKY DECORATING CLASS** – Our neighbors over at St. Mary's Orthodox Church will be sponsoring a class (held on two different sessions) on making Pysanky (Ukrainian Easter Eggs) in March. The cost of the class is \$30 per person and includes instruction, handouts, supplies to make a one egg and light refreshments. Registration is needed – first come first served basis – all registrations must be received and paid in full no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. To register please contact Nicole Walker at simplynicole@outlook.com, or mail in the registration form found on the back table at our church.

**THRIFT STORE** – The dates the Our Lady Queen of Angels Community Thrift Store will be open are as follows: February 13 & 27. The hours are 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The store is now accepting household items and children's items (no clothing).

**WEEKLY OFFERING** for January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Adult Envelopes - \$1,705. – Students \$7.50 – Parish Expense Offering \$150. – Fuel - \$80 - Solemnity of Mary - \$10. – Initial Payment - \$20. – Loose Change \$47. – Total \$2,019.50 – Thank You!

**ST. BENEDICT PARISH SCHEDULES LENTEN FISH FRIES** – Fish Fries on Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 4, 11, and 18. Sit down dinners in school hall from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Takeout dinners are available. Orders may be placed from 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM by calling 266-9718, Ext. 206 or fax 269-4220 until 4:00 pm. Online ordering at www.stbenedictchurch.org/fishfry.

**FIRST FRIDAY** – The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed this Friday in observance of the First Friday of the month from 12:00 Noon until 7:00 PM. From 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM there will be devotional exercises. Additionally Fr. Aron will hear confessions from 6:15 PM until 6:45 PM. Please remember to stop by the church and pray before the Eucharistic Christ.

NO MASS – Please note that there will be no daily Mass on Wednesday of this week.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church for the deceased members of the Dydo family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel for the deceased enrollees of the Father Pilz Memorial Fund.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** – If you wish the sanctuary candle to be lit in honor of a deceased loved one, for an anniversary, as a sign of thanksgiving, or as a symbol of prayer for health and healing please complete the form below and return it to the rectory. The suggested donation is \$10.00.