# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

### Rectory Office

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December 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent

## Gaudete Sunday

#### 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

December 12	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
8:00 AM	Helen Hanchcarik (Req. Niece Marian Higgins) - Church
December 13	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 AM	Nina Lizik (Req. Jane Chapman & family) - Church
December 14	Saint John of the Cross
8:00 AM	Andy Hawrylak (Req. daughter Marian & Keith Higgins and family) – Church
December 15	Advent Weekday
8:00 AM	Eugene Orban, Anniversary of Death (Req. daughter Kathy & family) - Church
December 16	Advent Weekday
8:00 AM	Andrew Hawrylak Jr. (Req. Family) - Church
December 17	Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM	David G. Bonus (Req. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Criscuolo) – Church
December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Frank P. Mihelcic (Req. Mary Digiulio) - Church
10:30 AM	For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES** – In the event that you just remembered that Christmas is a religious holiday, Masses at the parish are as follows...

4:00 PM Christmas Eve - Sacred Heart - Women and Girls Choir, hymns in Polish and English.

Midnight - St. John's - St. John the Baptist Schola, hymns in Latin and Slovak, - Mass in English and Latin.

10:00 AM Christmas Day - Sacred Heart - No incense.

Please remember to pray for those who only come to Mass on Christmas – may Christmas be a time of renewed faith. In light of this reality the parish will be distributing Matthew Kelly's book *Rediscover Catholicism* free of charge to those at Christmas Masses. Please bring a friend with you to Mass, it will be the greatest present they will receive!

**CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Last week the CCD students received a form for the Christmas party to be held next Sunday. The party is open to all CCD students, Catholic schools students, and members of the parish Scout troops. The festivities begin at 11:45 AM in the activity center for K-6 children who will be decorating cards for our homebound parishioners. At the same time the 7-11 students are asked to help decorate St. John's Church for Christmas. For parents with children attending, please make sure your child is at the appropriate locale at 11:45 AM. At 2:30 PM there will be a Christmas party in the activity center for all who helped decorate or make cards. The party will include food, games, and the awarding of the Religious Education awards for this semester. Santa will also make a visit. This party will end at 4:00 PM. If you child will attend please make sure the form it turned in no later than today.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT SACRED HEART** – Help is needed to assist in decorating Sacred Heart for Christmas on Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Anyone who is able bodied enough to lift tinsel and likes Christmas is welcome to help.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARTY** – Knights of Columbus invites all members to their annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the activity center. Any questions can be directed to Ken Skone at 754-5584.

**WOMEN AND GIRLS CHOIR PRACTICE** – The Women and Girls Choir will be practicing for Christmas on Monday night at 6:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site. If you plan on singing with them at the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 PM please make sure you attend this practice.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOLA –** The St. John the Baptist Schola will be practicing for midnight Mass on Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at the St. John site. If you plan on singing with them at the midnight Mass on Christmas please make sure you attend this practice.

**MANY THANKS FROM ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY –** The members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to offer sincere thanks to all who donated to their turkey drive; they were able to meet their goal and assist needy families in our area thanks to your kindness.

**BLESSED BE HIS HOLY NAME** – This weekend the Holy Name Society gather for their corporate communion at the 8:00 AM Mass followed by their meeting in the activity center. Anyone who is interested in joining the Holy Name Society is welcome to attend their meeting.

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES –** Each week Confessions are heard on Saturday from 3:00 PM until 3:45 PM. In light of the Advent, Fr. Aron will hear Confessions on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM. We are only as sick as our sickest secrets, now is the time to quit dragging those old sins around.

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA** – The parish is encouraged to pray a Christmas novena in order to spiritually prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord beginning on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>. The Novena will open with a Holy Hour on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the novena prayer and Benediction at 8:00 PM. The prayer will be prayed after each Mass until Christmas.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> - Adult Envelopes - \$2,695.25. – Students \$37.25; Loose Change \$76.00 – Parish Expense \$481. – Building Fund - \$40. – Fuel - \$60. – \$4. Christmas – \$120. Immaculate Conception – \$50. ; Thanksgiving - \$10. Total \$3,569.50. Thank You!

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK** – The scripture readings for next Sunday's Masses are the following: Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, St. Matthew 1:18-24

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS** – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church, in loving memory of Nick Berezonsky (Birthday Remembrance) by wife Genevieve. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of Andrea Dabbs (Birthday Remembrance) by family.

**PRAYER LIST** – Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Chris Burella, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Lydia Wechtenhiser, Kathryn Yatta, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Joe Zeigler, Fern Lasut, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Roger Black, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, Tom Hudak, Quincy Ogline, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Mary Jeschonek, Patty Barnes, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Richard Birely, Joseph Shelko, John Sprock, Shirley Roman, Catherine Zelenski, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Michael Edward Knapp, Nick Wallace, Howard Baldwin, Steve Fedorko

#### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

December 10 Church	4:00 PM	C., T., & M. Mabon
December 11 Church	8:00 AM	K. Koleszarik, J. Bihun, T. Tomlinson
December 11 Chapel	10:30 AM	J. Hammer, M. Moslak, C. Galish

**WELCOME FR. WHEN –** Many thanks to Fr. Tim Wehn, a retired priest of the Diocese of Las Vegas, who is covering for Fr Aron this Saturday night. Father Wehn will also be present Sunday morning to help with confessions between Masses. Please offer him a warm welcome.

**BOILER NEWS** – The new boiler has been installed and is up and running. The volunteer crew who worked many hours on the project needs to be commended for their hard work and dedication – hopefully our warmer church will inspire warm hearts! Masses resume at St. John's this weekend.

**OPLATKI ARE HERE –** If you participate in the old custom of offering Oplatki at your holy supper on Christmas they are available in both churches. They are \$3.00 each.

**FLOWER PROJECT -** Beginning this upcoming year the parish will begin a new project that will help to beautify our churches and at the same honor our deceased loved ones. Near the entrance at both churches there is a "Flower Chart" with Sunday dates listed from throughout the year (with the exception of Sundays that fall during penitential seasons and certain feasts). If you sign up for a particular date flowers will be delivered to the church where you signed the sheet for the specified weekend Masses and placed near the altar in honor of your designated loved ones. Once the weekend Mass/Masses are celebrated they can be removed and taken home (or left at the altar). The name of the loved one(s) will be listed in the bulletin. If you wish to sign up for flowers at the Sacred Heart site you will need to sign the sheet found at the entrance of the church (please note that flowers at Sacred Heart will be near the altar for both the 4:00 PM and the 8:00 AM Masses and can be taken home after the 8:00 AM Mass). If you wish to sign up for flowers for the St. John site you will need to sign the sheet at the entrance of St. John's (please note that flowers at St. John's will be near the altar for during the 10:30 AM Mass and can be taken home after right after Mass). The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two arrangements and need to be paid for two weeks in advance. If you have any questions please contact the parish office.

**THRIFT STORE FUTURE** – After reflecting on the matter at the parish council meeting this past week, it has been decided to close the thrift store and adopt a new format with regard to clothing distribution for the needy in our area. As a result of this decision the thrift store will be open next Saturday (December 17<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. All items in the store are free of charge and available to those in need – interested parties are welcome to take home as many items as they wish! Questions can be directed to the parish office, 754-5224. In the future the parish would like to sponsor periodic giveaways of used and new items. All items that remain after December 17<sup>th</sup> will be shipped to St. Vincent DePaul in Johnstown.

**SLOVAK CLASSES** - The parish will be sponsoring a seven week class on Slovak culture and language every Tuesday night beginning January 17. The classes are free and open to anyone who is interested in all things Slovak (and is serious about sticking with the class until finished). Topics include basic language, history, culture, food (including a class on making real potato haluski/kapustove - as opposed to the noodles

which aren't actually haluski), and Slovak emigration/American Slovaks. The classes will be taught by Dennis Ragan, an expert on Slovak culture. If you are a Slovak, or are sincerely interested in Slovak culture, please call Fr. Aron to sign up.