

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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December 27, 2015
Feast of Holy Family

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 28 8:00 AM	<i>The Holy Innocent, Martyrs</i> Mike Mauger Sr., (Req. Wife Margaret & Family) – Church
December 29 8:00 AM	<i>Fifth Day Within The Octave of the Nativity</i> John Yestrepesky Birthday Remembrance (Req. Barbara, Lydia, Marianne & families) – Church
December 30 8:00 AM	<i>Sixth Day Within The Octave of the Nativity</i> Margaret Hudak (Req. Family) – Church
December 31 7:00 PM	<i>Vigil of MARY MOTHER OF GOD – Fulfills Holyday Obligation</i> Fr. Michael Chicager (Req. by Margaret Hawrylak & Marian Higgins) - Chapel
January 01 10:00 AM	<i>MARY MOTHER OF GOD – Holyday of Obligation</i> For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) – Church
January 02 4:00 PM	<i>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i> Nick Nizinski, 100 th Birthday, (Req. daughters Deanna & Sandy) – Church
January 03 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i> Fr. Peter Hughes (Req. Carol Delasko & family) – Church 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, Stephen Yantus Jr., 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, John Levchik, Ann Orban, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Richard Birely, Stanley Bialek, John Walent, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday's Masses are the following: 20: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12. 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.

December 28th – Parish Council Meeting (Activities Center) – 7:00 PM

January 1st – Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Church) – 6:00 PM

January 5th – Slavic Heritage Association meeting (Activities Center) – 7:00 PM

January 6th – St. Vincent DePaul & Matthew 25 Meeting (Activities Center) – 7:00 PM

January 9th – Epiphany Party – following 4:00 PM Mass – Activities Center

January 11th – Society of Angels Meeting (Activities Center) – 7:00 PM

January 25th – Parish Council Meeting (Activities Center) – 7:00 PM

January 27th – Knights of Columbus Meeting (Activities Center) – 7:00 PM

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

December 26 – Church – 4:00 PM – Joseph & Amy Hammer, Jordan Kachur

December 27 – Church – 8:00 AM – Lucy & Liam Mincek, Rylee Pongrac

December 27 – Chapel – 10:30 AM – Abigail Knapp, Alena Dabbs

December 31 – Chapel – 7:00 PM – Michael Moslak, Emily & Madalyn Rapsky

January 01 – Church – 10:00 AM – Mabons

January 02 Church – 4:00 PM – Mabons

January 03 Church - 8:00 AM – Tyler Tomlinson, Kaden Koleszarik, David Zelenski

January 03 – Chapel 10:30 AM – Spinellis

FIRST FRIDAY – First Friday devotions will be held on Friday January 1st from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the church. Devotions include Exposition and Benediction. Please come and spend an hour meditating in the presence of the Eucharist.

EPIPHANY PARTY – The annual Epiphany Party will be held on January 9th following the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. Please mark your calendar.

THRIFT STORE – The dates the Our Lady Queen of Angels Community Thrift Store will be open are as follows: January 16 and 30; 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 December 19th & 20th – Adult Envelopes - \$4,752 – Students \$29 – Parish Expense Offering \$515– Loose Change \$101 – Total \$5,397. – Thank You!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – There will be a concert of Christmas carols at St. Benedict Parish in Johnstown on Wednesday December 30th beginning at 7:00 PM. The concert will include well-loved Christmas carols (and lesser known gems) sung and played on the violin, viola, cello, organ, piano, Irish flute, and guitar by the Eger family. All are welcome!

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – This week the Church will celebrate Mary Mother of God, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be at 7:00 PM on the December 31st (Chapel) and 10:00 AM on January 1st (Church). What a great way to begin 2016.

HOUSE BLESSING – In keeping with the age-old custom of Polish and Slovak people Fr. Aron is happy to come and bless your home beginning next week. Please phone the rectory to set up a time. Traditionally done during the weeks surrounding Epiphany the blessing of homes is a great way to call to mind God’s presence as we begin our new year. (N.B. Please do not avoid having your house blessed because you are worried about Father judging your home – this is about asking for Divine Assistance, not about being featured in *Better Homes and Gardens*).

VISIT FROM FR. ARON – If you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with Fr. Aron he is more than happy to meet and talk. Moreover if you or a loved one is unable to come to Mass due to a serious illness please contact Fr. Aron and he will be happy to bring you or your loved one Holy Communion.

ROME TRIP – Fr. Aron is offering a trip to Rome next fall (October 28-November 3) open to EVERYONE. The trip includes many of the great locales visited on the CCD trip to Rome last year. Additionally the trip includes Mass in a great church of Rome each day (with music provided by Father’s friend Nicholas Will), and first class meals each evening. The cost of the trip is \$2,499 and is all inclusive (flight, admissions, gratuities, hotel, transportation all included). For more information please contact Fr. Aron.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of Clara Magnone Wilson, Fifth Yr. Anniversary, by Edward, Teresa and families. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of John Delasko Sr. by family.

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – Most people are very familiar with the old carol *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. The carol dates back to the 16th century and its precise author is unknown. It has generally been assumed to consist of twelve nonsense verses built around a pretty melody, however a fascinating article published in *Our Sunday Visitor* points out that it was written by the English Jesuits of the 16th century as a catechetical device and it is far from filled with nonsensical verses. When King Henry VIII was rebuffed by Rome in his bid to divorce Catherine of Aragon he declared himself head of the Church in England replacing the Pope and demanded that all swear an oath of allegiance to him as such. This began an intense persecution of Catholics by the Protestant government, a persecution that included death for many who refused to renounce their faith. Many priests risked their lives to come back and minister to the flock and many lay Catholics likewise risked their lives and fortunes to hear Mass and have their children baptized. *The Twelve Days of Christmas* was written to educate the faithful in the doctrines of the faith and yet not be obvious to the persecutors. The numbers are simply a mnemonic to help Catholics remember some basic facts. *The Twelve Days of Christmas* celebrates the official Christmas season which starts liturgically on Christmas Day and ends twelve days later on the Feast of the Epiphany. “My true love” refers to God, “me” is the individual Catholic. The “twelve lords a leaping” are the twelve basic beliefs of the Catholic Church as outlined in the Apostles Creed. The “eleven pipers piping” are the eleven Apostles who remained faithful after the treachery of Judas. The “ten ladies dancing” are the Ten Commandments. The “nine drummers drumming” are the nine choirs of angels which in those days of class distinction were thought important. The “eight maids a milking” are the Eight Beatitudes. The “seven swans a swimming” are the Seven Sacraments. The “six geese a laying” are the Six Commandments of the Church or the six days of creation. The “five golden rings” are the first five books of the Old Testament called the Torah which are generally considered the most sacred and important of all the Old Testament. The “four calling birds” are the Four Gospels. The “three French hens” are the Three Persons in God or the three gifts of the Wise Men. The “two turtle doves” represent the two natures in Jesus: human and divine or the two Testaments, Old and New. The “partridge” is the *piece de resistance*, Jesus himself, and the “pear tree” is the Cross.

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.

Name of Intention and Preferential Date _____

Name of Person making Request _____
