Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi - Pastor

September 23, 2018

Twenty - Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Rectory Office

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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

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

Mass Intentions

September 24	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Church
September 25	Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS
September 26	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian</i>
8:00 AM	Liz Fillo (Req. Freda Labuda) - Church
September 27	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul</i>
8:00 AM	Vincent Bestvina (Req. The Breakfast Club) - Church
September 28	<i>Saint Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz</i>
8:00 AM	Dave Bonus (Req. Family) - Church
September 29	V <i>igil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 PM	Tom Delasko (Req. Patty Bonus and Family) - Church
September 30	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel
10:30 AM	Mike Bednar (Req. Pat and Mary Ann Zubek) – Chapel

SURROUNDED BY A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES – As Catholics we honor our saints and ask for their prayers. In honor of those blessed souls, here is a list of some saints you may want to call upon that you may have been unaware of until now.

Performers - St. Vitus was martyred circa 303 AD during the persecution of Christians under the co-ruling Roman Emperors Diocletian and Maximian. St. Vitus is one of the "Fourteen Holy Helpers," a group of saints venerated together because their intercession is considered especially effective. St. Vitus' feast day, June 15th, was celebrated in the late Middle Ages with dancing in front of a statue of the saint. He thus was adopted as the patron saint of dancers, and of performers in general. Additionally he is the patron saint of those suffering from epilepsy and Sydenham's chorea, a.k.a. Saint Vitus Dance, "a disease characterized by rapid, uncoordinated jerking movements."

Advertising, Television, & Broadcasting - Bernardine of Siena. St. Bernardine was a Franciscan priest and is considered the patron saint of advertisers, an honor that stems from his passionate and highly persuasive preaching. When he first became a Franciscan, Bernardine focused on prayer and didn't preach much due to a weak, hoarse voice. After 12 years, he journeyed to Milan on a mission, where he preached with a voice so "strong and commanding" and "words so convincing that the crowd would not let him leave unless he promised to come back." From then on, he spent almost all of his time preaching, and even turned down several offers to be bishop. In 1444, he realized his death was imminent, and preached for 50 consecutive days until his death. The peculiar thing about St. Bernardine being the patron saint of advertising is that he was noted for his dislike of indecent talk, something that features heavily in much of modern advertising. Once when he was a boy, an adult for some reason thought it would funny to stop Bernardine in the town square and publicly embarrass him with indecent talk, but the tables were turned when young Bernardine slapped the man across the face, humiliating him.

Television -St. Clare of Assisi. - St. Clare was inspired to imitate Francis of Assisi after hearing him preach, and she ran away from home to "live a poor humble life for Jesus," eventually founding an order of nuns known as the "Poor Clares." Near the end of her life, Clare became too sick to attend daily mass. Sick in her bed on Christmas Eve, she saw visions of the chapel mass on the wall of her cell, complete with organ music and singing. Considering this miracle to be the first live broadcast, Pope Pius XII declared St. Clare the patron saint of television in 1958. Bonus fact: It was a Poor Clare nun, Mother Angelica, who founded EWTN (Eternal World Television Network), which broadcasts Catholic-themed programs including daily mass.

Beer, Brewers, & Alcoholics – Beer has just one patron saint, an Austrian bishop who was known for extolling the benefits of drinking beer. **St. Arnold** was born into a prominent Austrian family in 580 AD. In that time, water wasn't actually very safe to drink, as it was often filled with contaminants that could make people sick. Beer's preparation, however, kills off any harmful bacteria, making it positively healthy in comparison. Arnold spoke often on the topic of beer, especially its health benefits. He's credited with the statement, "From man's sweat and God's love, beer came into the world." About a year after St. Arnold's death and burial at his monastery in Remiremont, France, his body was relocated to the local church in Metz, France, where he had frequently preached. According to legend, the procession that transported his body stopped at a tavern for refreshment on the way, but there was only one mug of beer left, so they all split it... and the mug never ran dry, quenching the crowd's thirst. **St. Monica**, she's known as the patron saint of alcoholics (and those affected by them). In addition to her challenges with her son Augustine, her husband was an abusive alcoholic pagan whom she had married through arrangement at a young age. Despite their differences and his bad temper, Monica was able to not only "nag him to sobriety," as one site put it, but to convert him to her faith. She's also the patron saint of wives and victims of abuse, as you may have been able to guess.

Divorced Moms and Children Born out of Wedlock – There isn't much information available as to why **St. John Francis Regis** is regarded as the patron saint of illegitimate children, but it's most likely related to his work with "wayward women and girls." St. John was ordained in 1630 and embarked on a life of assisting others, including helping wayward women and girls "withdraw[a]w from vice," establishing hostels for prostitutes, and providing girls with incomes by setting them up as lacemakers (which is why he's also the patron saint of lacemakers). Those who have been divorced, especially women, can look to Helena of **Constantinople**, mother of Constantine the Great, as their patron saint. St. Helena (also known as St. Helen) is most often associated with the True Cross, since she is credited with finding the relics of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. However, her personal life suits her to patronage of divorcées. It's unknown exactly when and how she met Emperor Constantius, but it is said that when they met he saw her as "his soulmate sent by God." Sources are also unsure as to the exact nature of their relationship: some say it was a legal marriage, others a common-law marriage; some say she was his wife, others his concubine. Whatever the specifics, the two were in a relationship that produced an heir, Constantine, around the year 272 CE. They remained together for at least 15 years, but in 289 AD Constantius, who was Roman Emperor Caesar, divorced Helena to enter into a politically advantageous marriage with a younger woman, Theodora, who was the stepdaugher of Maximian, Roman Emperor Augustus at the time.

The Ugly & Those Suffering Discrimination - Drogo of Sebourg, who was born into Flemish nobility, held himself responsible for his mother's death in childbirth and practiced extreme penance, ridding himself of all possessions at age 18 to become a penitential pilgrim. During one pilgrimage, he suffered an "unsightly bodily affliction." The term "unsightly" is actually a bit too mild to properly convey Drogo's condition: he became so deformed that townspeople were scared of his appearance, and they even built a cell (attached to

a church, since he was so religious) for him to stay in, to "protect the local citizens of the village from his appearance." For the remaining 40 years of his life, the only human contact he had was via a small window in the door of his cell, through which he received his sustenance—barley, water, and the Eucharist.

Desperate Situations and Impossible Cases

People who feel they're facing desperate situations can comfort themselves with the knowledge that they have several patron saints to whom they can turn: Jude, Gregory the Wonderworker, and Eustace. **St. Jude** is probably the most well-known for desperate situations (and lost causes). His reputation as patron of the desperate is due to his New Testament letter, which stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as their forefathers had done before them. Moreover since his name is sometimes confused with that of Judas Iscariot, it was once said that only a person in a truly helpless situation would turn to him (forgotten as he sometimes was) and ask for his prayers. If your situation is truly impossible you may also want to turn to **St. Rita of Cascia**. From childhood, Rita (also known as Margarita) yearned to be a nun, but her parents forced her into marriage at age 12 to "a rich, quick-tempered, immoral man, who had many enemies in the region." She endured his "insults, abuse, and infidelities" and persevered in converting "her cruel husband from his wicked ways, making their home a peaceful sanctuary of holy bliss." They went on to have two children together. Despite her husband's change of heart, his past led to his downfall; he was stabbed to death, betrayed by his allies. As her sons grew older, they plotted revenge for their father's murder and wouldn't listen to reason from Rita. So Rita turned to prayer instead, and her sons died non-violent deaths before they were able to enact any revenge.

MANY THANKS – Many thanks are extended to all those who helped with our Fall 2018 Sportsmen Raffle. From the workers, to the cooks, to the patrons, much work went into this major event – thank you for your time and dedication.

PRAYER LIST - Jennie Sielczak, 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, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Trish Rullo, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Tom Hudak, Quincy Ogline, Charles Field Sr., Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Joyce Delasko, Larry Krestar, Andrew Muha, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Shelly Delasko, Lionel Berkebile, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, Mary Ann Naret, Barry Stuft, John Harchick Jr., Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Rhonda Bittner, Kara Palumbo, Dave Andolina, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka, Carla Ayres, Zoe Taylor, Rodney Shaffer, Casey Duffield, Mike Stefanik, Georgianne Matava, Rose Maga, Michelle Moore, William Sunderhaus, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, Amanda Berkey, Savannah Tranovich, Danielle Christopher, Jessica Stockdill, Catherine Haggerty, Nancy McClellan, Tony Beltz, Mary Dooley, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn, Rose Sprock, Gene Yelovich

SANCTUATY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site for the good health and well-being of Jim Mincek, on his birthday, by wife Joetta and the Mincek Family. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site in loving memory of Robert and Rita Betz by Mike and Kathy Mauger.

WEEKLY OFFERING – September 15° & September 16° - Adult - \$2,234.50; Loose - \$157; Student -\$39.50; Fuel - \$10; Assumption - \$5; Miscellaneous - \$55 – Total -\$2,501– Thank You!

SERVER SCHEDULE

September 29 - 4:00 PM -	E. & M. Rapsky, C. Mauger
September 30 - 8:00 AM -	K. Koleszarik, D. Zelenski, T. Tomlinson
September 30- 10:30 AM -	P. Shivas, C. & L. Galish

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS – Forty Hours devotions will be held on Tuesday October 2nd following the 8:00 AM Mass and concluding with closing devotions at 7:00 PM at the Sacred Heart site. The homilist will be Father Michael Rothan of the Diocese of Harrisburg. In addition to the closing devotions various priests will be available to hear confessions after the closing devotions. The blessing for our crew headed to Rome will occur at the evening devotions as well. Please mark your calendar.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED – There will be a free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings at the Central City borough building on November 22^{sd} from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Sign up at the borough office or call 754-8290. If you wish to donate for this community event please make your check payable to Amy Yock AND Bobbie Lafferty and send it to 314 Central Avenue, Suite 201, Central City. Mark your envelope Thanksgiving Dinner.

SPAGHETTI DINNER - The All Saints 4th Degree Assembly of Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner on Sunday October 14th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the St. John Gaulbert Cathedral Activity Center (110 Adams Street, Johnstown). Meals include spaghetti, meatballs, and all the trimmings. Adults \$8.00 per person, children under 5 eat for free. All are welcome to come and support the work of the Knights of Columbus.

BIRTHRIGHT BASKET PARTY – Birthright will be hosting a basket party to support their pro-life work on Sunday October 28th at the Richland Fire Hall from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM (with the drawing at 1:00 PM). Entrance is \$10.00 and includes lunch and \$25 chances. There will also be a big prize table in addition to many great gift baskets. For more information or for tickets please call Mary Kay at 535-8231.

EVEN MORE SPAGHETTI – St. Anthony Church in Windber will host a spaghetti dinner on Sunday October 21^s from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM in their parish hall. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for children. Take-outs available. St. Anthony's is an Italian ethnic parish, they know their stuff – time to tie on the feedbag.

HEALING MASS - There will be a healing Mass on Monday October 8th at the Altoona Cathedral at 7:00 PM. The celebrant will be Fr. William Kiel. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing (as well as those who care for them). Praise and worship music will be provided by the Cathedral prayer group. For more information call 941-3832.

FLOWER MEMORIALS – The flowers at the St. John's site are placed there in honor of Joe and Nancy Satkovich by Family.