# Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi - Pastor

# 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

November 11, 2018 Thirty-Second Sunday 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

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|                        | Mass Intentions   |
| November 12            | Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini<br>NO MASS   |
| November 13            | Saint Frances Cabrini<br>NO MASS  |
| November 14<br>8:00 AM | Weekday<br>Poor Souls in Purgatory (Req. John Eger Family) – Church   |
| November 15<br>8:00 AM | <i>Saint Albert The Great</i><br>Helen Gruber (Req. Gloviak Family) – Church                                |
| November 16<br>8:00 AM | <i>Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude</i><br>Frances Lewandowski (Req. Tom & Bonnie Jarvis)- Church |

November 17 Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Ray & Tillie Pasierb (Req. Pysnik Family) - Church November 18 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM Jacob and Dorothy Mincek (Req. Family) - Church 10:30 AM For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Chapel

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST - The monthly All You Can Eat breakfast will be held next Sunday from 9:00 AM until Noon. All are welcome to this monthly feast - the closest you can get to the deadly sin of gluttony without crossing over!

GRATITUDE IN RELATIONSHIPS - Dr. Michelle Fleming was recently asked a question about having gratitude in relationships. While her words are addressed to a younger person, her answer is good for everyone. - Question - I know this is a season of showing thanksgiving and gratitude, but I'm having a hard time with it. Especially since my dating life is not where I want it to be. How can I practice gratitude in my *relationships?* **Answer** - We are constantly bombarded with messages about what we must have in order to be happy: a better car, a better body, a group of friends always smiling into the camera, and more fashionable clothes at a great sale price. We only post the best pictures on Facebook, sometimes taking multiple shots until we get the happiest-looking best-angled shot. (Or is that just me?) What gets lost in this "I have to have

everything I want to be happy" mentality is the discipline of gratitude. We practice gratitude when we take time out to think about everyone in our life who has nurtured us and shown us the love of God. Even if that love was imperfect, as love from any human will be, we can be thankful for what was given. The discipline of gratitude is found when we are thankful even when we do not have everything we want. It means to be thankful for what we cannot see. This spirit of gratitude is how we bring ourselves into relationship with Christ at every Mass. So, when we practice gratitude in our lives, we are practicing a very important aspect of our faith.

### If you're dating or in a relationship

I had a client tell me about a woman he loved very much, but it bothered him that she never said "thank you" after they went out to dinner. This couple had been dating for several years, so it's likely she was appreciative in general but started taking their dinner-date routine for granted. Simply saying "thank you" to your date can be very powerful. When a relationship isn't everything you want it to be, it's easy to think of all the qualities or behaviors you wish your date had. But, dating is like a restaurant special – no substitutions. You can't substitute the qualities you like for the ones you don't to form the "perfect" person. And even if you do find your perfect match, after years of dating or marriage there will be parts of the relationship you will want to improve. The discipline of gratitude is found when we are thankful even when we do not have everything we want. It means to be thankful for what we cannot see. Just as gratitude draws us closer to God, gratitude within a relationship draws partners closer together. It fosters a bond of trust and appreciation. You can't give what you don't have, so at times you may have to work at feeling thankful. Spending regular time in prayer will help bring the gift of the Holy Spirit into a relationship. Participation in the Mass is a celebration of thankfulness for the gift of Christ and his sacrifice on the cross. Noticing how a partner sacrifices time or preferences (like skipping the football game to go to a couples shower) is how you practice gratitude. Showing appreciation for your partner helps to build a stronger relationship, or repair a relationship after a rough period. Gratitude can come in the form of words of appreciation, works of service, small gifts, or carving out special time together.

## If you're single

If an intimate relationship is missing in your life, all this talk about gratitude might be hard to hear. Wanting to have a life partner is a good desire. It's how God made us — to be connected to God and to one another. Authentic gratitude is not to deny that you want a more intimate connection in your life, but to stay connected to the ones you do have. You can meditate on being thankful for a close friend, family member, or simply a great community you are a part of. Gratitude in relationships can come in many different forms. Asking God to show you where you need to grow in gratitude is a great way to start building your gratitude muscle for that day when the right imperfect person does show up. Connecting to the Holy Spirit through Mass, prayers, adoration, or simply appreciation is a way to stay connected to a spirit of thankfulness. Meditating on the sacrifice Christ made in his Passion is a powerful way to change your perspective toward noticing what you have been given already, rather than what you don't yet have. And what better way to experience gratitude?

CHARLES DARWIN'S CATHOLIC GRANDDAUGHTER SPEAKS - I (Fr. Aron) recently read an article about a descendant of Charles Darwin, the proposer of the Theory of Evolution. Her reflections are very thought provoking especially when viewed from the perspective of "New Atheist," an aggressive and angry manifestation of those with no belief. Part of the article follows - According to the commonly held view about her great-great-great-grandfather, Charles Darwin, Laura Keynes has apparently broken all the rules in developing a passionate Catholic faith. Apart from her family lineage, which includes her great-great-uncle, economist John Maynard Keynes, Laura also holds a doctorate from Oxford University in philosophy. When asked how she found her way to the Catholic Church, Keynes reveals that she was actually baptized Catholic after her mother converted shortly after her birth. However, by the time she was 12, her mother had lapsed, and her faith formation ended. "From my father's side of the family, the Darwin-Keynes side, I was getting a different influence: highly rational, scientific, secular, humanist," she says. "My father is an academic neuroscientist, and I absorbed the view that all phenomena are the product of the material brain. I gradually drifted into agnosticism." The reason for her return to the faith of her baptism is quite surprising and something of an "own goal" for Britain's shrill "new atheists." She explains that, in her 20s, while she was working on her doctorate at Oxford, the "God Debate" took off, after a flurry of popular publications. Keynes continues, "I expected to be moved from agnosticism to atheism by their arguments, but after reading on both sides of the debate, I couldn't dismiss a compelling intellectual case for faith. As for being good without God, I'd tried and didn't get very far. At some point, life will bring you to your knees, and no act of will is enough in that situation. Surrendering and asking for grace is the logical human response." When asked if, partly, she found the anger of the new atheists off-putting, Keynes concurs, saying, "One of the things that made me wary of 'new atheism' was the strange mix of angry emotion I encountered there: anger at the thought of God: anger at any restrictions on behavior: anger at thwarted will: pride in the exertion of will; pride in feeling intellectually superior; contempt for anyone who reveals human vulnerability in asking for the grace of God. It's important to remember that where there's anger, there's often pain. I see a lot of pain there. I think

it stems from clinging to the idea that we're in control, that we have autonomy." Please keep Laura Keynes in your prayers as she continues her journey of faith.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY –** In the event of an emergency where you need a priest please contact Fr. Karl at Holy Family Rectory in Hooversville (798-2933) the rectory at St. Anthony's in Windber (467-7292), or the Capuchin Friary in New Baltimore (733-2210). In the event of a funeral please know that Fr. Brian Warchola has kindly agreed to cover all funerals at our parish. You can reach him at 495-9640.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS -** The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John's site for the Health and Healing of Nicki Will by Mom.

**YOUR DREAMS CAME TRUE –** Fr. Aron will be away for several weeks in Europe visiting a number of different locations. You are more than welcome to friend him on Facebook in the event that you are bored and want to keep up on his travels. If you wish to contact him please email him at <u>maganudo@yahoo.com</u> or phone the Rectory and leave your number.

**CLELAIN HOUSE PROJECT** The third CCD project will continue to be selling candy bars after all the Masses Saturday and Sunday for \$2 each. This team will be using the profits to take the intellectually disabled adults at Clelain House out for lunch and to create a Christmas project with them. And...you're welcome to buy multiple bars and sell at your place of work, too. Thank you for your generosity.

**WELCOME FATHER GARDNER -**Many thanks are extended to Father Clem Gardner, a retired priest of the Diocese who is covering for Father Aron this weekend. Please offer Father Clem a warm welcome this weekend.

**PRAYER LIST** - Jennie Sielczak, Constance Gruca, Marie Metsker, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Ethan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Andrew Straka, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Quincy Ogline, Charles Field Sr., Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Larry Krestar, Andrew Muha, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Lionel Berkebile, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, John Harchick Jr., Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Rhonda Bittner, Lauren Barnes, Dave Andolina, Mary Ann Stavlo, Jeff Naugle, Debra Farley, Eugene Topka, Carla Ayres, Zoe Taylor, Rodney Shaffer, Casey Duffield, Mike Stefanik, Georgianne Matava, Michelle Moore, William Sunderhaus, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, Amanda Berkey, Danielle Christopher, Jessica Stockdill, Catherine Haggerty, Nancy McClellan, Tony Beltz, Mary Dooley, Betty Zubek, Catherine Mihelic, Elizabeth Blackburn, Helen Elko, Vince Skimski, Jennifer Jarvis, Betty Lou Miller, Catherine Kosnosky, Anthony Criscuolo, Deborah Knapp, Laverne Ross, Charles Noon

**WEEKLY OFFERING** - November 3<sup>rd</sup> & November 4<sup>th</sup> Adults - \$2,089.50; Loose - \$141; Student -\$12.50; Fuel - \$207; All Souls Day - \$120; Miscellaneous - \$20; All Saints - \$634; ; Thanksgiving - \$25; Students All Saints - \$10 - Total - \$3,259 Thank You!

### SERVER SCHEDULE

November 17- 4:00 PM - T. & M. Mabon, J. Bihun

November 18 - 8:00 AM - K. Koleszarik, D. Zelenski, T. Tomlinson

November 18- 10:30 AM - A. Mauger, J. Hammer, M. Moslak

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** – There will be a free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings at the Central City borough building on November 22<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS -**

November 12 - Monday - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activity Center

**THANKSGIVING TURKEY VOUCHERS** – Our parish St. Vincent DePaul conference is in need of funds to help with Thanksgiving turkey vouchers for the needed in our community. Funds from their monthly second collection will be used for their annual turkey voucher distribution – please be generous.

**FLOWER MEMORIALS -** This weekend there will be flowers placed at the Sacred Heart site in honor of Marion Wojcik by Janice and Joe Stahl.

**UPDATE ON FATHER ADAMS** Father Adams is doing well after his little incident last Sunday. As you all know, he had a nosebleed and went to the emergency room for treatment. Unfortunately, this happened right before the 10:30 Mass, causing it to be cancelled. Apologies go out to all for any inconvenience.

**PLEASE CONSIDER** The Religious Education program is in need of a teacher for the  $5^{\pm}-6^{\pm}$  grade students. Please consider sharing your faith with these young students as they grow into the next generation of active Catholic parishioners. A teacher's manual is provided, so even if you have never formally taught, you'll be able to teach the lessons as you have taught your children or grandchildren. If interested, please call the rectory.