

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Reverend Father Aron M. Maghsoudi – Pastor

Rectory Office

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December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)

738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John)

162 Wheeler Street

Holy Masses:

Daily

Chapel (St. John) See Below

Saturday Vigil

Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00PM

Sunday Morning

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00 AM

Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

Confessions

Church (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Chapel (St. John)

Anytime upon Request

Mass Intentions

December 23 (Mon)
NOON

Advent Weekday
Helen Yantus (Req. Bob & Donna Mulcahy) - Chapel

December 24 (Tue)
4:00 PM

Christmas Eve
For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) - Church

December 25 (Wed)
12:00 AM (MIDNIGHT)
10:00 AM

Christmas
PEACE ON EARTH - Chapel
Walter Adomnik (Req. Society of Angels)- Church

December 26 (Thu)

St. Stephen
NO MASS

December 27 (Fri)

St. John
NO MASS

December 28 (Sat)
4:00 PM

The Holy Innocents
Lydia Yestrepesky -Wechtenhiser & John Joseph Yestrepesky (Req. Marianne & Family) - Church

December 29 (Sun)
8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Richard Satkovich (Req. Family) - Church
For the Parish (Missa Pro Populo) -Chapel

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass - 4:00 PM - Sacred Heart

December 25 - Midnight Christmas Mass - 12:00 AM - St. John - Parts in Latin

December 25 - Christmas Mass - 10:00 AM - Sacred Heart - No Incense

WEEKLY OFFERING - December 14th & 15th - Adult Envelopes - \$3,298.50; Fuel - \$10; Student Offering - \$20.50; Candles - \$47.50; Christmas Flowers - \$60; Loose - \$124.50; Immaculate Conception - \$65; Retirement Fund for Religious - \$30; Peirogi - \$40; Oplatki - \$23; Christmas \$140; Sportsman Raffle - \$75. Total - \$3,934.00. - Thank You!

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Sacred Heart site in loving memory of Richard Anthony Satkovich by Marian Epping. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the St. John site in remembrance of the Anniversary of Nick & Genevieve Berezonsky.

SERVER SCHEDULE

December 24 - 4:00 PM - K. Koleszarik, D. Zelinski, T. Tomlinson, L., & L. Mincek, M. Mabon

December 25 - MIDNIGHT - J. Eger, J. Hammer, A. Klahre, C. & L. Galish

December 28 - 4:00 PM - E M. Mabon

December 29 - 8:00 AM - K. Koleszarik, D. Zelinski, T. Tomlinson

December 29 - 10:30 AM - C. & L. Galish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 22 - Decorating the Church - After 8:00 AM Mass - Sacred Heart

December 22 - Women & Girls Choir Practice - 9:00 AM - Sacred Heart

December 22 - Decorating the Chapel - After the 10:30 AM Mass - St. John

December 23 - Altar Server Practice for Christmas Eve Mass - 5:00 PM - Sacred Heart

December 23 - **Cancelled** - *Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 PM - St. John*

December 23 - Lessons & Soup - 12:40 PM - St. John Hall

January 1 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting - 7 PM - Activities Center

January 12 - Holy Name Corporate Communion - 8 AM - Sacred Heart; Meeting to follow - Activities Center

January 12 - CCD Students visit Garvey Manor

January 13 - Society of Angels Meeting - 6:30 PM - Activities Center

January 20 - Care & Comfort Meeting - 6:30 - St. John

COLLECTION ENVELOPES - Offertory envelopes are available for families registered at the parish and can be found on the back tables at each site. If you cannot find your envelope box or did not receive one please phone the rectory so that we can take care of getting a box for you.

PENGUINS TICKETS - The Knights of Columbus are selling \$2 chances for 2 Tickets to the Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Buffalo Sabres game on February 22, 2020 • 1 PM at the PPG Paints Arena and \$200 cash. The winning number will be determined the first PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 Drawing on February 7, 2020. Please see any Knight for tickets.

SOUP & STUDY- This coming Monday, December 23rd, Father Aron will again be hosting a short lesson/ study of a Catholic or biblical topic following NOON Mass, for those Mass attendees who are interested, in the **St. John Hall** with a small meal of soup being offered to anyone at no cost.

PRAYER LIST - Please call the rectory with any changes or additions. Kay Hintosh, Michelle Moore, Dale Berkey Jr., Allen S. Berkey, David Stockdill, Tina Udet, Rick Flickner, Patty Foltz, Dave Kurtz, Ian Rosenbaum, Easton Pritts, Joyce Reitz, Stanley Tomaszewski, Cindy Hillegass, Tom Hudak, Mike George, David Keller, Barry Stuftt, Andrea Sesack, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Eugene Topka, Sue Emsweiler, Richard Rembold, Catherine Curaney, Connie Gruca, Judy Kostick, Lisa Schrift, Amy Thomas Georg, , Cayleigh Wilson, Betsy Paolucci, Areile Adonnik, Charles Field, Todd Diorio, Jerry Otto, Denne Osman, Addison Zearfaus, Pam Kacmarski, Tom Schall, Howard Rose, Karen Hickey, David P. Bonus, Henry Sprock.

A STORY OF REBIRTH DVD AVAILABLE - The movie about of parish story is available on DVD at the rectory for \$5. This is a great way to share our story with someone who does not have internet access!

CCD NEWS:

- **GARVY MANOR** - The Service project at Garvey Manor will be taking place on January 12, 2020.
- **CCD CLASSES** - There will be no CCD classes until January. Parents will be given schedules in the New Year.

JUST A REVIEW - Sharing of the oplatek (pronounced opwatek) or oplatki is the most ancient and beloved of all Polish Christmas traditions. The Christmas wafer is shared before Wigilia, the Christmas Eve supper. The head of the household usually starts by breaking the wafer with his wife and then continues to share it with everyone at the Wigilia table. Wishes for peace and prosperity are exchanged and even the pets and farm animals are given a piece of oplatek on Christmas Eve. According to a Polish folk legend has it that if animals eat oplatek on Christmas Eve, they will be able to speak in human voices at midnight, but only those who are pure of spirit will be able to hear them. The tradition dates back many centuries when a thin, flat bread called podplomyk was baked over an open flame and then shared with the family gathered around the fire on Christmas Eve. Patterns would be cut onto the bread to make breaking easier. This is why oplatki today still have patterns on them, usually of Nativity scenes. In Slovakia Christmas wafers are typically round (usually oval) and embossed with various Christmas motifs. They are eaten with honey (and sometimes with garlic) at the beginning of Christmas Eve's dinner.

DECEMBER NOVENA - We will continue to pray the Christmas Novena from December 16th - December 25th. Even if you are not able to make it to Daily Mass, you are more than welcome to take the booklet at the back of the church and pray the Novena at home! (Booklet is also available online in the Bulletin section.)

DISNEY RAFFLE TICKETS - Please see Stephen or Kim Knapp if you are interested in purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket for a chance to win an all-expense paid trip for a family of four to Disney. Proceeds benefit Devine Mercy Academy.

ANGLICAN BISHOP CONVERTS TO CATHOLICISM - A former chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II is to be received into the Catholic Church. Bishop Gavin Ashenden of the Christian Episcopal Church will become a Catholic Dec. 22nd in Shrewsbury Cathedral. He said he had reached the conclusion that only the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches “have the capacity to defend the faith” from the influence of secularism. A Dec. 17th statement from the Diocese of Shrewsbury said Bishop Ashenden’s Anglican orders will be suspended and he will become a lay Catholic theologian. In a Dec. 17 statement the bishop said, “The claims and expression of the Catholic faith are the most profound and potent expression of apostolic and patristic belief” and that he now accepted the primacy of the pope. Bishop Ashenden said he was grateful to Catholic Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury and the Catholics of his diocese for the opportunity to “be reconciled to the church that gave birth to my earlier (Anglican) tradition.” “I am especially grateful for the example and the prayers of St. John Henry Newman,” he said. “He did his best to remain a faithful Anglican and renew his mother church with the vigor and integrity of the Catholic tradition,” he said. “Now, as then, however, his experience informs ours that the Church of England is inclined to be rooted in secularized culture rather than the integrity and insight of biblical, apostolic and patristic values.” In a Dec. 17 statement, Bishop Davies said it was “very humbling to be able to receive a bishop of the Anglican tradition into full communion in the year of canonization of St. John Henry Newman.” “I am conscious of the witness which Gavin Ashenden has given in the public square to the historic faith and values on which our society has been built,” he said. “I pray that this witness will continue to be an encouragement to many.” Bishop Ashenden was a well-known figure in the Church of England and served as a chaplain to the queen from 2008 to 2017. He resigned from his post, however, so he could publicly speak out against the reading of a chapter from the Quran at an interfaith service at St. Mary’s (Episcopal) Cathedral, Glasgow, Scotland. The passage explicitly denied the divinity of Jesus. Helen, his wife of 23 years, became a Catholic about two years ago.

ALL SAINTS CAROLS & EXPOSITION - All Saints Parish in Boswell will be hosting a sing along/concert of beloved Polish Christmas carols (Koledy) as well as exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday December 29th at 3:00 PM at their church located at 325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell. Following the event refreshments will be provided. Any questions can be directed to the parish office at (814) 629-5551. All are welcome.

SPORTSMEN RAFFLE - PRE-SALE FOR PARISHIONERS ONLY UNTIL 12/30/2019 - The tickets for the Sportsmen Raffle (to be held on January 26, 2020) are now on sale **to parishioners only (before the general public)**. To reserve your tickets call the Rectory (814-754-5224)

IMMEDIATELY with your name, address, phone number and the number of tickets you need. **Do not wait to receive a letter in the mail.** Please leave all requested information in a message, if we are not able to answer the phone. Any requests received by mail will not be opened until December 30, 2019 and will **NOT** be considered a part of the pre-sale. Pre-sale tickets will be available for pick up on Tuesday, December 17th.