

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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August 21, 2016
Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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

Aug 22	<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8:00 AM	Calvin Coyle 30 Day Rem., Month's Mind (Req. Janice & Joe Stahl) - Church
7:00 PM	Forty Hours Closing Devotions
Aug 23	<i>St. Rose of Lima</i>
	NO MASS
Aug 24	<i>Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
	NO MASS
Aug 25	<i>St. Louis Calasanz</i>
	NO MASS
Aug 26	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
	Anne Orban (Req. Jo Fetsko) - Church
Aug 27	<i>Vigil Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 PM	Dave Bonus, 30 Day Remembrance, Month's Mind (Req. Wife Patty & Family) - Church
Aug 28	<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	For the People of Our Parish (Missa Pro Populo)- Church
10:30 AM	John (Tvardzik) Ward (Req. Niece Deanna) - Chapel

UP COMING EVENTS – Please note the following...

August 21 – Cemetery Committee Meeting 12:30-1:15 PM
August 21 – Maintenance Committee Meeting 1:30-2:30 PM
August 21-22 – Parish Forty Hours Devotions (Closing Devotions, Monday 7:00 PM)
September 2 – First Friday, Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
September 6 – SHA, Slavic Heritage Association meeting at 7:00 PM
September 7 – St. Vincent de Paul meeting at 7:00 PM
September 12 – Society of Angels Meeting at 7:00 PM

September 28 – Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 PM

FORTY HOURS –THIS week our parish will celebrate Forty Hours Devotions. While it has been many years since they were last celebrated in Central City, please prayerfully consider attending the devotions this year. Forty Hours will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 10:30 AM Mass TODAY (August 21st) and will conclude with closing devotions TOMORROW (Monday August 22nd) at 7:00 PM. Forty Hours calls to mind the time that Jesus spent in the tomb and is typically marked with forty continuous hours of quiet prayer before Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. PLEASE COME FOR A VISIT AT SOME POINT OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS. The devotions will feature both parish choirs (St. John the Baptist Schola at the opening 10:30 AM Mass and the Women and Girls Choir at the closing devotions). There should be about ten - fifteen priests in attendance. Please bring a friend!

ADORATION TIMES – The list of those who are signed up for adoration can be found on the doors of either church. Please make sure that you are present when you are scheduled.

FORTY HOURS HOMILIST – In keeping with the tradition of inviting a guest priest to serve as homilist at Forty Hours, Father Aron has invited his friend Father Joseph Freedy to preach at the closing devotions on Monday evening at 7:00 PM. Father Freedy grew up in the Pittsburgh suburb of Bethel Park where he attended high school, graduating in 1997. An excellent athlete he was recruited out of high school where he quarterbacked for the University at Buffalo football team from 1999 to 2001, and in so doing went head to head against opponents who included future NFL signal callers Ben Roethlisberger, Byron Leftwich and Chad Pennington. As quarterback he won press accolades despite leading a team that struggled for victories. After college Father Freedy studied at St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh and the North American College in Rome. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 2008 and is presently assigned as their Director of Vocations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –If you have a child who is entering Kindergarten through Eleventh Grade this year it is asked that you please complete the CCD registration form below and return it no later than August 21st (you may place it in the collection basket). There have been some significant changes to the parish CCD program, please see last week’s bulletin for the changes.

Name (s) and grade levels of Child/Children _____

Phone Number _____

Relevant Health or other Concerns _____

Signature _____ Date _____

REFLECTIONS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CATHOLIC – This is not about politics! In recent weeks I (Fr. Aron) have been asked about the religious identities of both the Democratic and Republican vice-presidential candidates. As you are aware both vice-presidential candidates are Catholic. The confusion arises because both candidates seem to be at odds with the Church, which begs the fundamentally religious question of “what does it mean to be a Catholic?” An article in the excellent journal *First Things* offers some reflections on the big question of what it means to be a Catholic; to speak to the religious question raised by these high-profile men, I suggest reading over part of the article that follows below. – In circles of faithful Catholics, both have been referred to as “Catholics in Name Only.” One journalist has labeled them both “Catholic-ish.” Pundits in the Catholic media say that Mike Pence is an “ex-Catholic,” and remind us that Tim Kaine can’t really be Catholic and also be pro-choice. It’s obvious that Mike Pence and Tim Kaine have strained relationships with the Catholic Church. Pence, who worships at an evangelical church and professes an evangelical’s faith, seems to have rejected the authority of the Church’s Magisterium. Kaine, who supports abortion rights and the redefinition of marriage, might believe that the Church has authority, but he has obviously chosen to defy

that authority. The communion of the Catholic Church is a communion of faith, sacraments, and governance. Both vice-presidential candidates seem, at least, to have rejected that communion. But there really is no such thing as an “ex-Catholic.” Catholicism is not a congregationalist religion. Membership is not a self-defining proposition. Grace—the grace of baptism—makes one a Catholic. The Church teaches that “by baptism, one is incorporated into the Church of Christ and is constituted a person in it.” Catholics believe that baptism has certain objective and unalterable consequences. That Catholic identity is not the subject of self-definition. Nor is it the consequence of proper Catholic behavior, or assent to the Church’s teachings, or even obedience to the Magisterium. In 2009, Pope Benedict affirmed that Catholicism comes without an escape clause: Once a person is baptized or received into the Church, there is no getting out. Of course rejecting ecclesiastical communion or the Church’s doctrine has consequences, among them the penalty of excommunication. But excommunication is a punishment, not a shunning. Disobedient or dishonest Catholics might face damnation for their choices, but they will go their deathbeds as members of our Church. The fact is that among the People of God are those who have rejected the grace God has given them. That our Church includes the reprobate, and the dogmatically impure, and that we ourselves sometimes fill out those categories. The unpleasant truth is that one can be Catholic, and still be damned. We’re formed to believe that religious ascription, like so many other things, depends on our free choices. That changing a religion is like changing a political party: We need only sign up at the place that agrees with our view. Catholicism doesn’t hold that view. The Church teaches that in baptism, the Church confers a reality that is not dependent on our assent. Among other things, baptism frees us for the fullness of ecclesiastical communion. Freedom doesn’t go away because we reject it. Lost through obstinance, ecclesiastical communion can be had again through repentance. In fact, this is the project of the New Evangelization—to call Catholics who have lost the faith to live out the remarkable potential of belonging to Christ’s Mystical Body. This matters. It matters because we blaspheme when we presume to undo the consequences of baptism by differentiating between “so-called Catholics” and the genuine article. We also capitulate to the dictatorship of relativism when we substitute the sociological idea of “religious identity” for the objective reality of religious fact. Catholics—no matter how odious or recalcitrant—are Catholics. Our task is to call them to be saints

MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER – Our parish extends deepest sympathies and prayerful condolences to the family of Margaret Spinelli who died this past week. Margaret’s funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday at 11:00 AM (St. Johns). Please remember Margaret and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace!

FR. ARON AWAY – Fr. Aron will be away Tuesday-Thursday of this week. In the event of an emergency please contact the rectory.

MANY THANKS – Many thanks to all who volunteered last weekend for the Heritage Days booth sponsored by our parish – your helpful attitude means a lot! Additionally, many thanks to the choirs, servers, and special crew of cooks who helped with the Forty Hours festivities – thank you for caring!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE –

Aug 27	Church	4:00 PM	C., T., & W. Mabon
Aug 28	Church	8:00 AM	T. Tomlinson, K. Koleszarik, D. Zelenski
Aug 28	Chapel	10:30 AM	M. Moslak, E. & M. Rapsky

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, Margaret Spinelli, Joe Zeigler, Fern Lasut, Debra Farley, Agnes Palya, Barbara Delasko, Roger Black, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, William Kulback, Madeline Stanzione, Ann Krishak, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Stanley Bialek, Patrick Munro, Margie Kulback, Ron Rayman, Carol Maciag, Tom Hudak, Quincy

Ogline, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Mary Jeschonek, Father James Dugan, Patty Barnes, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Pat Timulak, Caroline Amato, Richard Birely, Joseph Shelko, John Sprock

WEEKLY OFFERING: August 13th and August 14th - Adult Envelopes - \$3,093.25 – Students \$19.25 – Loose Change \$348. – Parish Expense \$485 – Building Fund \$66. – Assumption \$178. – Total \$4,189.50

66. Thank You!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – The scripture readings for next Sunday’s Masses are the following:
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12-18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE: Opening dates for store will be: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 from 8:00 AM till 1:00 PM

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS – The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church for Carl & Rose Sprock, in honor of the occasion of their 56th Wedding Anniversary. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel for the donors and contributors of Our Lady’s Memorial Fund.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - If you wish the sanctuary candle to be lit in honor of a deceased loved one, for an anniversary, 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 _____
