

# Our Lady Queen Of the Americas Church

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December 17, 2017



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM  
Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Holy Days: 8:00 AM; Vigil: 6:30 PM

### WEEKDAY Schedule: Monday—Friday

6:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:45 am Vigils  
7:15 am Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
7:35 am Holy Rosary  
7:50 am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 am Holy Mass  
8:30 am Confession

<b>SAT, DEC 16</b>	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
5:00 PM	Carol Kownacki Abbott † (Bob & Sandy Bazylak)
<b>SUN, DEC 17</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
8:00 AM	James A. Weiland † (Linda & Gaylan Critzer)
10:30 AM	Parishioners
<b>MON, DEC 18</b>	<b>LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
8:00 AM	Tony Abati † (Memorial Mass)
<b>TUE, DEC 19</b>	<b>LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
8:00 AM	Clyde Cottrell † (Pam & Gary Humes)
<b>WED, DEC 20</b>	<b>LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
8:00 AM	Rev. Fr. Steve Anderson † (Memorial Mass)
<b>THU, DEC 21</b>	<b>SAINT PETER CANISIUS</b>
8:00 AM	Ross Pineo † (Bill & Pat Pineo)
<b>FRI, DEC 22</b>	<b>LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
8:00 AM	Tony Abati † (Memorial Mass)
<b>SAT, DEC 23</b>	<b>SAINT JOHN OF KANTY</b>
5:00 PM	Ralph Carapellotti † (Bill & Paula Greco & Family)
<b>SUN, DEC 24</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
8:00 AM	Rev. Fr. Steve Anderson † (Memorial Mass)
10:30 AM	Tony Abati † (Memorial Mass)
5:00 PM	Michael Brown † (Bill Cotter)
10:00 PM	Relatives & Friends
<b>MON, DEC 25</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD—CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
8:00 AM	Relatives and Friends



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Chuck Dolnosich and JoAnn Elwell

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** **BULLETIN DEADLINE**  
Monday-Thursday 9AM—3PM BY 3:00 PM, Monday  
**CLOSED FRIDAY**

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 3:30—4:30 PM, or by request

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
Please phone the Church Office if you have family members in the hospital, or who are seriously ill, or elderly, and are confined to their homes. It is important that all of our sick be anointed by a priest, on a regular basis. I am always available to anoint our Sick

**SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM**  
Call Parish Office for information.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**  
Call the Parish office (form on back of bulletin)

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):**  
Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church and/or becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish office. Inquiries welcomed at any time. Sessions begin September of each year.

**SISTER PARISH**  
St. Anthony of Padua, Tekit, Yucatan, Mexico  
St. Isidore, Ochil  
Our Lady of the Assumption, Mama  
St. John the Baptist, Sabacche

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe calls us to see not only the abiding presence of the Virgin Mary with us throughout history but also as a powerful symbol of Mexican faith, identity, and mission. She stands before all of us as a symbol of motherhood, of fidelity, social justice, and peace and equality for women. She gives voice to the voiceless and hope to the hopeless. Through her intercession, we are reminded that God is with us. She is a concrete image of what God can do and guides us in embracing our call and mission as disciples of her Son.

*The Week Ahead* Dec 17 thru Dec 23, 2017

SUN, Dec 17	3:30 PM, Penance St. Brigid Coffee and Donuts after Masses
MON, Dec 18	6PM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

**LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE?  
LOOK NO FURTHER**

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling Christmas trees at Ralston's Hardware in Conneaut Lake this year. Proceeds from the trees benefit the Knights' local high school scholarships. If you need a tree, please stop in to see them.



**Sunday, December 17, 2017  
3:30—4:30 PM, St. Brigid**

**Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as you can.**

— D.L. Moody

*“when we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us religious men and women, we are left speechless.”*  
Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

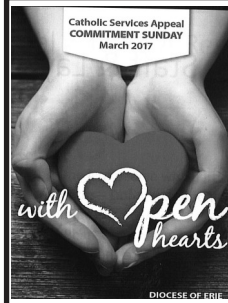
**from the Parish Secretary**

**DON'T FORGET:**  
The final payment for your **Catholic Services Appeal** pledge is due by January 31, 2018

A very special night for **Appreciation** has been planned for **Saturday, January 6th at 6PM**

for all who are involved in any ministry in our church, ushers, greeters, lectors, etc. The night will be filled with delicious food prepared by Chef Antonio and for your dancing pleasure the wonderful music of the Jays. Watch for an invitation in the mail and don't hesitate to return it to reserve your place on this special (Epiphany) evening of "thanks"!

**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK**



OFFERTORY, Dec 10 = \$ 3,464.00

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

Diocesan Goal: \$41,895.00  
Pledged to date: \$69,306.00



**Amount Received to Date: \$57,565.00**

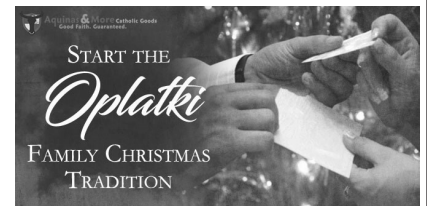


**Congrats..** VERONICA VALENTINE was the lucky winner of week #17 of our "300 Club" for \$100, #160. HAROLD & BRENDA LEWIS, along with BARBARA DIVENCENZO were the winners of the 300 Club drawing at the Parish Feast Day Celebration for \$250 each. Congratulations to all of you.

**The Christmas Wafer, the Oplatek**

The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread". The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family traditions and customs bring the truths of Faith into the home.

One of these beautiful Christmas customs is the Christmas Wafer. A Wafer bearing a simple design commemorative of Christ's birth is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. All this brings to mind clearly our charity for one another, to seek salvation together. Family customs remind us that we seek and obtain salvation with the help of others at all times. **Look for the Christmas Wafer after all masses starting on December 9 and 10.**



**Parish Feast Day** Thanks to all who joined in the run and fun for our Parish Feast Day, on December 9. We had a total of 37 runners/walkers, and about 100 for Mexican dinner that day. More importantly, we collected \$852 and over \$400 in *in-kind* gifts for the charities: St. James Haven, Pregnancy Center of Meadville, and our own Samaritans. We salute all of you who helped make this day a success. We had many runners/walkers, traffic controllers, organizers of registration, kitchen cookers and servers of delicious food, ARS members who contributed desserts, choir members singing Spanish-style guitar music, people who decorated, recorded the event, prepared piñatas, put up signs, made trophies, and stuffed goodie bags for the runners! The weather cooperated spectacularly, and we loved seeing all the kids and strollers out for the walk!! Great fun for everyone!! **Thank YOU.**



The CHRISTMAS Holiday Mass Schedule is listed on the front page of the Bulletin. Please be aware of the NEW times

**31 Club—Please pray for vocations...**

- 18th: D McQuiston
- 19th: P Taylor
- 20th: R A Cooper
- 21st: B & B Irwin
- 22nd: C Melby
- 23rd: E Pieszak
- 24th: R A Cooper

If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.



PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT						
DECEMBER		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	M Uzelac T Bazylak	C Waldron J Waldron	P Billingsley B Slevin L Slevin	T Donegan M Donegan J Haylett G Humes	J Mushrush
SUN	8:00 AM	A Novosel J Novosel	M Hornfeck A Brown	S Treacy J Treacy T Predis	R Barton G English K Novosel D Vincent	B Boyer
SUN	10:30 AM	J Temel N Temel	G Ellis S Karastury	P Jacobs S Ragozine J Skendall	J Arnett E Gross D Perfett P Taylor	T Kaider
OFFERING COUNTERS		Dec 3 M Staahl R Bullock	Dec 10 J Elwell K Ittle	Dec 17 L Helch R Jezak	Dec 24 P Hilton P Gilfoyle	Dec 31 L Joyce A Andres

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:**

**Dec 17:** Zoe Benefiel, Madison Hornstein, Krista Longoria

**Dec 18:** Kenneth Morian, Melanie Morian, Patricia Saeger, Roy Wilson

**Dec 20:** David Rectenwald, Caitlin Scott

**Dec 21:** Richard Smith, Rita Valentine

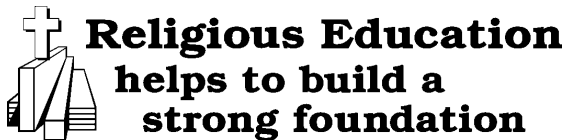
**Dec 22:** Tracy Chuey

**Dec 23:** Russell Terregino, Denise Valentine, Natalie White

**ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:**

**Dec 17:** Michael & Nancy Strager (51)

*If you find an error in any of these listings, please call the office to update your records. Thank you*



**RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS**

For more information, contact **Amanda Darke & Denise Thomas**  
olqaeeducation@zoominternet.net or 814-382-7252  
**Office Hours: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE** continues on Monday evenings from 6—7:30 PM. Due to the materials needed, there is a \$10 registration fee.

**Dec 18, 2017**      **Jan 8, 2018**      **Jan 15, 2018**  
**Jan 22, 2018**      **Jan 29, 2018**

Sun, Dec 17	Class, BOTH sessions Senior class meets COFFEE and DONUTS after morning masses
Dec 24 & 31	NO CLASS; Christmas break
Sun, Jan 7	NO CLASS
Sun, Jan 14	Class BOTH sessions; Senior class meets
Sun, Jan 21	Class BOTH sessions
Sun, Jan 28	Class BOTH sessions Senior class meets COFFEE and DONUTS after morning masses
Sun, Feb 4	NO CLASS
Sun, Feb 11	Class BOTH sessions Senior Class
Wed, Feb 14	Ash Wednesday

**Catholic Heart Workcamp** is having two fundraisers for the month of December. **Daffin candy bars** are \$1.00 per bar and **Christmas Magnets** for your car are \$3.00. Look for the students at the doors of the church or call the office if you would like to purchase any of these items.

Due to Christmas, our bulletin publishing company, Liturgical Publications, is requesting **early transmission** for the **December 24th, December 31st and January 7th** bulletins. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated. Thank you



**Readings for the Week**

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible>

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