

Our Lady Queen Of the Americas Church

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December 15, 2019



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about
whom it is written: Behold,
I am sending my
messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way
before you." - Mt 11:10

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Days and Holidays: 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

SAT, DEC 14

5:00 PM

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

Charles Carter †

SUN, DEC 15

8:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Karl Josefson † (Marci Josefson)

10:30 AM

Elizabeth Bost † (Tim & Rosann Bost)

MON, DEC 16

8:00 AM

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Mildred Wolf †

TUE, DEC 17

8:00 AM

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

Sharon Wolf †

WED, DEC 18

8:00 AM

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

Dave Bortnick, Jr. † (James & Debra Bortnick)

THU, DEC 19

8:00 AM

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

Clyde Cottrell † (Gary & Pam Humes)

FRI, DEC 20

8:00 AM

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

Parishioners

SAT, DEC 21

5:00 PM

SAINT PETER CANISIUS

Jerika Bolen † (Bey Family)

SUN, DEC 22

8:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Robert Prenatt † (William & Patricia White)

10:30 AM

Levio J. Baldarelli, Sr. † (Bill & Sandy Eldridge)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9AM—3PM

CLOSED FRIDAY

BULLETIN DEADLINE

BY 3:00 PM, Monday

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30—4:30 PM, or by request



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)

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church and/or becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish office. Inquiries welcomed at any time.

SISTER PARISH

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

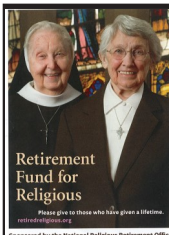


Please remember those who are sick and suffering, especially those who are in the hospital. We pray that they may be restored to health through the grace of God. We also pray for our elderly parishioners who are homebound and in nursing care facilities. May our prayers give them courage and strength.

Call 814-382-8765 with your prayer requests.

The Week Ahead December 15 thru 21, 2019

SUN, Dec 15	NO CLASS; 11:30 AM First Reconciliation Retreat 5 PM Rel Ed Game Nite; Hot dogs and ice cream
TUES, Dec 17	Praise & Worship Holy Hour 7:00pm St. Agatha's, Meadville



Religious give thanks. "Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection. OLQA contributed \$1,406.00

Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.
Sponsored by the National Religious Retirement Office



Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 8:00 AM
5:00 and 10:00 PM
Christmas Day 8:00 AM
New Year's Eve 6:30 PM
New Year's Day 8:00 AM

SIGN-UP for the Holiday ministries.

- We will need altar servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers and ushers for all of the masses listed above.
- Sign-up sheets are located in the Sacristy.
- Please take the time to volunteer for these very special holiday masses.

The office will be closed this holiday season beginning December 19th.

I will return January 6th

Wishing you all the most blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year



Praise & Worship Holy Hour—Dec 17, 7:00pm St. Agatha's, Meadville
Join us for an evening of prayer and song before the Eucharist. We offer to God all the intentions people entrust to us, prayer line intentions, prayers for vocations, and healing and protection for our diocese. Dcn. Kevin Holland will give the teaching.

31 Club—Please pray for vocations...

16th: R B Reese 20th: R A Cooper
17th: M Addison 21st: B Irwin
18th: D McQuiston 22nd: C Melby
19th: P Taylor
If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.



OFFERTORY, Dec 8th = \$2,767.00

2019 Campaign
Mar 3, 2019 thru Jan 31, 2020

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Diocesan Goal: \$42,508.00

Pledged to date: \$51,273.00

Amount Received to Date: \$40, 863.00



MAGGIE DAVIS, #202, was the lucky winner of week #16 of our "300 Club" for \$200. Congratulations, Maggie!

Mass be said at OLQA for the repose of the soul of JACOB SMITH who recently died in a hunting accident. We invite all friends and parishioners to a special mass being celebrated at 12 o'clock noon on Friday December 27th.



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. The bond of unity is the Christ-like charity that should exist among the members of the family. Family customs remind us that we seek and obtain salvation with the help of others at all times.

The Christmas Wafer is available after all masses



As parish council president I want to tell you about an amazing experience available in our parish. I recently participated in a Bible Study about the Prophets. As a Catholic, all my life I have heard the gospel readings at mass but bible study has been an opportunity to bring me closer to God and to all those who share the study together. A new Bible Study will begin at the start of Lent and I encourage you to sign-up. It would be wonderful to share the next one with you. Vicki Leap

PARENTS, if you have a child in college the Altar Rosary Society is planning their annual "Reach-Out" to our parish students program. If you would like your son or daughter to be a recipient of this gift giving program, please forward names and **school** addresses to olqaoffice@zoominternet.net or 814-382-7252. **REMEMBER**, we would like them to receive something before their Christmas break, so get those names in soon

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING
YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT**

DECEMBER		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS
SAT	5:00 PM	R Kiser M Longoria H Morini	M B Jacobs V Valentine	T Donegan D Jacobs B Morini L Wasson	R Bazylak, Sr B Greco P Greco J Haylett	P Greco
SUN	8:00 AM	G Cole P Karastury P Karastury	P Hilton D Vernesoni	G English T English J Treacy	R Bullock-Reese R Garnet S Miller K Novosel	R Garnet
SUN	10:30 AM	J Burchard Sam Burchard S Burchard R Carlson	K Slyczak G Ellis	T Bost M Gross P Simonetta S Simonetta	J Arnett D Perfett S Uzelac N Uzelac	J Arnett
OFFERING COUNTERS		Dec 1 K Ittel J Elwell	Dec 8 J Smock J Elwell	Dec 15 M Staahl R Bullock-Reese	Dec 22 L Helch J Smock	Dec 29 P Hilton J Smock

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 15: Daniel Bazylak, Amy Detelich, Judith Duffy,
Donald Schrrall
Dec 16: John Hilla
Dec 17: Zoe Benefiel, Krista Longoria
Dec 18: Melanie Morian, Patricia Saeger
Dec 20: Caitlin Scott
Dec 21: Richard Smith, Rita Valentine

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 16: Robert & Rhonda Brown (24)
Dec 17: Michael & Nancy Strager (53)

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



For more information,
or an appointment
contact
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December

SUN, Dec 15	5—7 PM Game Night; Hot dogs and ice cream
SUN, Dec 22	5—7:30 PM Movie Night, Muppet's Christmas Carol. Popcorn and pizza
SUN, Dec 29	NO CLASS UNTIL JANUARY 5, 2020

ADVENT SUNDAYS

In an attempt to bring peace and family time to your Advent season, we are once again hosting a series of events on Sundays for families of all ages to attend!

Whether you are a young family or you are "empty nesters", we invite you to celebrate Advent with our parish family!

Join us for the special events listed above in December.



Readings for the Week

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

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The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the Christmas season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.



The 2020 calendars have once again been provided by Dickson Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc and are now available at the doors of the Church.

Thank you, Rocco Tedesco

Throughout recorded history singing has been used to lift the human spirit, and has a way to make one's heavy burden a wee bit lighter. Even St. Paul said he who sings songs of Praise to God is praying twice. Council 6037 proudly commends our **Family of the Month** recipient **Bob Uzelac** for deciding to step forward and use his God given talents to lead the congregation in song. We likewise thank Susan since his desire to increase the joy of Mass for us members of OLQA certainly ties up a large portion of their short week-end together. With their son Matt joining the Knights at age 18 shows that their combined efforts in raising a family of Faith in the 21st Century is certainly noteworthy.

DON'T FORGET The funds raised through the sale of Christmas trees will be used for scholarships for two local seniors from "CASH"



Merry Christmas!