

Our Lady Queen Of the Americas Church

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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

SAT, DEC 9 5:00 PM	SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN Sister Patricia Stack (Intention of Thomas Family)
SUN, DEC 10 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Kathy Wiltsie † (Gary & Julie Stanton) Catherine E. Bost † (Tim & Rosann Bost)
MON, DEC 11 8:00 AM	SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE Beth Frey-Teal (Intention of Bernie & Irene Frey)
TUE, DEC 12 8:00 AM	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Tony Abati † (Memorial Mass)
WED, DEC 13 8:00 AM	SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR Fr. Steve Anderson † (Memorial Mass)
THU, DEC 14 8:00 AM	SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS Bernard Edward McCaully † (McCaully Family)
FRI, DEC 15 8:00 AM	ADVENT WEEKDAY Karl Josefson † (Marci Josefson)
SAT, DEC 16 5:00 PM	ADVENT WEEKDAY Carol Kownacki Abbott † (Bob & Sandy Bazylak)
SUN, DEC 17 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT James A Weiland † (Linda & Gaylan Critzer) Parishioners

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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
 John the Baptist announced, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Does preparing a way for the Lord have priority in our lives? Often we spend more time preparing paths for ourselves rather than a path for God. Advent calls us to take the focus off ourselves and put it on God. We prepare a path for God by practicing and living the virtues, being holy and devoted, patient and repentant, and attentive and humble. We are asked to bring comfort and healing to people and to show others by the way we live our lives that we have a higher calling and purpose.

The Week Ahead Dec 10 thru Dec 16, 2017


Sun, Dec 10	1PM Altar Rosary Society Christmas Party, IBC
Mon, Dec 11	6PM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Tues, Dec 12	7PM Penance Service
Wed, Dec 13	6PM Book Club Holiday Pot Luck
Thurs, Dec 14	9AM Gifts for Kids Distribution

The Samaritan Angel Trees for our Gifts for Kids program is on display at both doors of the church. Would you be kind enough to participate this year? Please be an angel and help make Christmas something special for a needy child!
 The Samaritans Gifts for Kids program:
 Angels on the tree are pink or blue and include child's #; name; age; sizes of shoes, shirt & pants; a few things he/she really needs and wants. Instructions for gifts are on the back of each angel.
 Please take gifts to the church hall by **Sunday, December 10**.
The gifts will be distributed on Thursday morning, December 14th from 9-10:30 am in the church hall.
 Anyone that would like to help with this program is more than welcome. Any questions, please call or email Pat Kaider at 382-1213 or tpatthelake@zoominternet.net.

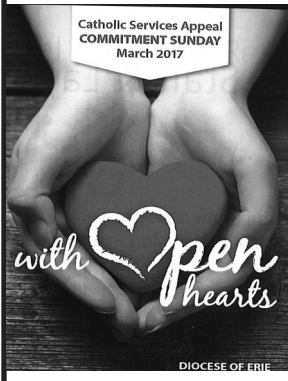
UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE continues on Monday evenings from 6—7:30 PM. Due to the materials needed, there is a \$10 registration fee.

Dec 4, 2017	Jan 15, 2018
Dec 11, 2017	Jan 22, 2018

You can "begin" at any time. There is an online component to help you catch up! All are welcome

Thirsty Thursday was a success! It was well attended and you brought great ideas to the table. The ABLAZE team will have a follow-up meeting to address your suggestions. Thank You 

 **Christmas Tree Sale**
 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.



OFFERTORY, Dec 3, 2017 = \$ 3,948.00



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
 Diocesan Goal: \$41,895.00
 Pledged to date: \$69,266.00
Amount Received to Date: \$57,169.00


Congrats .. TONY MILLER was the lucky winner of week #16 of our "300 Club" for \$200, #. Congratulations, Tony!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS "your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to **today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious** helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!


OH WHAT A NIGHT
 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"!



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.

Tuesday, December 12, 7PM—OLQA
Sunday, December 17, 3:30—4:30 PM, St. Brigid

 **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

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 10: Michelle Bartic, Robert Schmidt
- Dec 11: Brevyn Ceremuga
- Dec 12: Victor Capozzolo, Susan Keas
- Dec 13: Susan Oswald, Patricia Reynolds
Megan Simonetta
- Dec 15: Daniel Bazylak, Amy Detelich
Judith Ann Duffy, Donald Schrall
- Dec 16: Jessica Bartges, John Hilla

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

- Dec 15: Joseph & Katherine Zawislak (10)
John & Stefanie Lockwood (7)
- Dec 16: Robert & Rhonda Brown (22)

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**
olqaeducation@zoominternet.net or 814-382-7252
Office Hours: Wednesday 1– 6PM, or by Appointment

Sun, Dec 10	Class BOTH sessions; Senior class meets Grades 7-12 Reconciliation & Adoration (45 min)
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



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. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the head family member breaks the Wafer and distributes it, a piece to each one at the table. While doing so each member of the family is wished a sign of peace in the hopes of a joyful holiday feast. The other members then greet one another in the same way. The spiritual lesson in this age old custom is the unity of the family, the main pillar of society. The bond of unity is the Christ-like charity that should exist among the members of the family. The family celebrates its togetherness, even despite death, and there is the eternal bond of charity that exists in this "first church", the domestic one. 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.



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

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31 Club—Please pray for vocations...

- 11th: M Purnell
 - 12th: S Treacy
 - 13th: S Drexler
 - 14th: P Gilfoyle
 - 15th: S Ragozine, T & J Tobolewski
 - 16th: R Bullock
 - 17th: M Addison
- If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.



Readings for the Week

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

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