# OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

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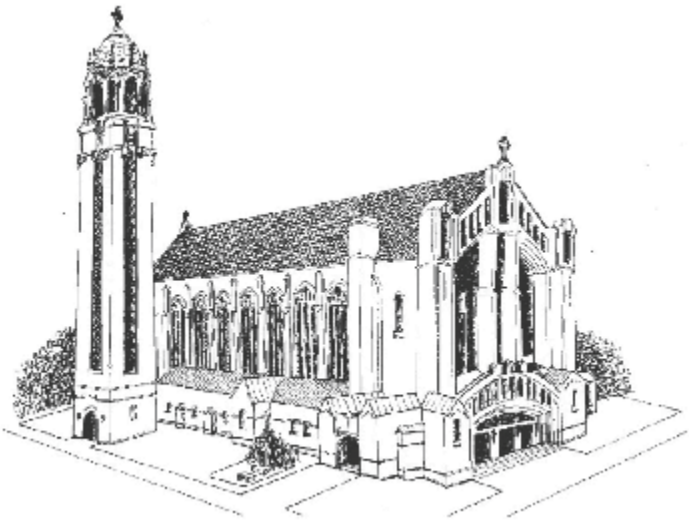
We, the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels, as part of the universal Catholic Church, are answering the call to love and serve one another in this ever-changing world. Part of our call is to be a welcoming community of faith that is nourished and sustained through the mystery of the Holy Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit. Together, we are called and committed to be active witnesses of God's presence among us by serving others in our parish as well as in the community at large, especially the poor. By continual proclamation of the Gospel and celebration of the Sacraments, we are dedicated to growth in knowledge and faith which will enable us to build a strong foundation for all peoples to experience life to the fullest as Jesus intends.



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**Weekly Mass Schedule**

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| Saturday Vigil: | 4:00 pm |
| Sunday: | 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm |
| Monday – Friday: | 9:00 am |
| Holy Days: | 4:00 pm Vigil, 9:00 am, 6:00 pm |

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**
Saturdays, by appointment at present

**Sacrament of Baptism**
Contact the rectory to arrange for Baptism Preparation and schedule the Baptism. We also have a process for adults. Contact the rectory.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**
Contact the rectory as soon as you decide on a date to begin the preparation process.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**
The pastor should be called whenever someone can benefit for the Sacrament of Healing.

**Office for Healing and Prevention of Abuse**
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***All are welcome to join the parish community. Please call or come to the rectory to register.***

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law that God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes. ©LPi

## HOLY WEEK 2021

Next Weekend we will observe **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** at all Lord's Day Masses on Saturday, 3/27 at 4 pm and Sunday, 3/28 at 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.

There will be a **9:00 am Mass Monday, 3/29 thru Wednesday, 3/31.**

Fr. Monroe will be **available for Confession** on Saturday, 3/27 from 3:00 pm to 3:40 pm – on Monday, 3/29 after the 9:00 am Mass and on Wednesday, 3/31 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**Thursday, April 1 will be Holy Thursday.** There will be Morning Prayer at 9:00 am and Liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm that will close with Night Prayer at 10:00 pm.

**Friday, April 2 will be Good Friday** with Morning Prayer at 9:00 am, the Way of the Cross at 3:00 pm and the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 pm.

**Saturday, April 3 will be Holy Saturday** with Morning Prayer at 9:00 am and the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm.

**Sunday, April 4 will be Easter Sunday** with Mass and Renewal of Baptismal Promises at 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.

**COVID PROTOCOLS will be fully implemented**:
Everyone will enter through the Family Center double doors at parking lot or handicap accessible door on church side of the Hall. Everyone must wear a mask at all times and sanitize their hands as they enter the church. Ministers will sanitize your hands again as you exit your pew for Communion and people should observe social distancing when coming forward for Communion and exiting the church.

**For Palm Sunday:** As you enter the church through the Family Center doors, there will be a table in the Atrium with unblessed palms spread out for everyone to take one to carry to your seat for blessing at the beginning of Mass.
For Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there will be some restrictions of usual elements of those Liturgies which will be described on each day.

## LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS - HOLY WEEK

A note from Fr. Monroe:
There are signup sheets on the table in the Family Center Atriumif anyone would like to volunteer for Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Vigil.
There are some things we will not be doing but I can use the help of a few servers each night.
As has been the case since protocols were set in place, only I will be distributing Communion, but I can use two people for each night for sanitizing people's hands at Communion time and one person to sanitize hands as people enter at the glass doors of the Family Center. The signup sheet clearly indicates what I need for help for each Liturgy.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Those who have been involved in this Lenten almsgiving project are invited to bring their cardboard containers to church during Holy Week or Easter week and place them in the special stand at the Holy Family Shrine or drop them off at the rectory during busines hours: Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

## MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 3/20 4:00 pm **Frederick & Loretta Domey,** by family
*(Remembrance)* **Mary & Bob Giddings,** by family
*(Remembrance)* **Daniel McTigue,** 4th Anniv., by family
*(Remembrance)* **Patricia Westberg,** by the Sullivan family
Sun., 3/21 8:00 am **Mary Cousineau,** 39th Anniv., by family
10:30 am **Catherine Vail,** 20th Anniv., by family
*(Remembrance)* **Nadine Hoey**, 4th Anniv., by family
6:00 pm **Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase,** by family
Mon., 3/22 9:00 am **Naomi Genduso,** by family
Tue., 3/23 9:00 am **Naomi Genduso,** by family
*(Remembrance)* **Aimie & Bella Gauvin,** by daughter, Doreen Gallant
Wed., 3/24 9:00 am **Beverly Wilt,** by Mary Desautels
Thu., 3/25 9:00 am **Charles E. Monroe,** 97th Birthday, by Fr. Monroe
*(Remembrance)* **Annie Simpson,** by family
Fri., 3/26 9:00 am **Lawrence & Elaine McCarthy,** by family
Sat., 3/27 9:00 am **Deceased of the Proffitt & Dillon Families,** by Ken
4:00 pm **John** (40th Anniv.) **& Kathleen** (2nd Anniv.), **McGinn,** by Jim & Kathy Hughes
*(Remembrance)* **Frank Gorski,** 17th Anniv., by family
Sun., 3/28 8:00 am **Khanh & Phong Nguyen,** by family
10:30 am **Sam Hall,** by Jim Gaffney
6:00 pm **Adolfo Ortiz, Jr.,** by family

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

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| -- Weekly Adult Offerings: | $4,179.00 |

($366.00 in loose offerings and $3,813.00 in 97 envelopes)

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| -- Easter Flowers: | $ 364.00 |
| -- Holy Day Envelope: | $ 10.00 |
| -- Charitable Ministries: | $ 55.00 |
| -- Fuel Donations: | $ 55.00 |
| -- Maintenance Fund: | $ 375.00 |
| -- Baptism Offering: | $ 60.00 |
| -- Religious Education Fees: | $ 80.00 |
| -- Catholic Free Press: | $ 30.00 |
| -- Ash Wed. – Priest Retirement: | $ 10.00 |
| -- Church in Latin America: | $ 26.00 |

We also received the following online donations:

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| -- Weekly Adult Offerings: | $1,294.45 |
| -- Maintenance Fund: | $ 293.74 |
| -- Debt Reduction Donations: | $ 67.00 |
| -- Charity: | $ 70.00 |
| -- Easter Flowers: | $ 25.00 |
| -- Fuel Donation: | $ 10.00 |
| -- Ash Wed. – Priest Retirement: | $ 25.00 |
| -- Catholic Relief Collection: | $ 15.00 |
| -- Latin America Collection: | $ 10:00 |
| -- Good Friday- Holy Land: | $ 5.00 |

Thank you to all who contributed. We are grateful to all parishioners who have been faithfully supporting our financial needs every week since the COVID pandemic began.

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
**8:00 am Lord's Day Mass**
**10:30 am Lord's Day Mass**
**6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass**
Mon., March 22 – Monday of 5th Week of Lent
**9:00 am Daily Mass**
Tue., March 23 – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
**9:00 am Daily Mass**
Wed., March 24 – Wednesday of 5th Week of Lent
**9:00 am Daily Mass**
Thu., March 25 –Feast of the Annunciation
**9:00 am Daily Mass**
Fri., March 26 – Friday of 5th Week of Lent
**9:00 am Daily Mass**
**4:00 pm Way of the Cross**
Sat., March 27 – Saturday of 5th Week of Lent
**9:00 am Daily Mass**
**10:00 am First Communion Class – Session 7**
**11:15 am First Communion Rehearsal in church**
**4:00 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

## REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Richard Talbot, Father Dennis O'Mara, Marilyn Dolan** (Fr. Joseph Dolan's mother) **Noel Rondeau** and all our relatives.

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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| Saturday, March 27 | 4:00 pm | Fr. Monroe |
| Sunday, March 28 | 8:00 am | Fr. Dougherty |
| | 10:30 am | Fr. Monroe |
| | 6:00 pm | Fr. Monroe |

## CLOTHING COLLECTION

Our Lady of the Angels Parish is participating in ***Pawsitively 4 Pink's*** effort to collect men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc. bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc. You can drop items off at the church -- Holy Family Shrine or at the rectory during the week – Mon. thru Thursday 8 am – 3:30 pm. ***Pawsitively 4 Pink*** is a nonprofit that provides financial assistance to low-income women who have been diagnosed with Breast Cancer.

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