

ST. ANGELA MERICI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKET!

St. Angela Merici Parish

5050

DRAWING

\$100 per ticket. Only 300 tickets to be sold.

Tickets are available in the Parish Center Office and in the sacristy on Sundays after 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. masses.

Guaranteed prize of \$10,000. Maximum prize of \$15,000 if all tickets are sold.

Drawing will take place at the School Welcome Back Day, Sunday, August 29, 2021 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Winner need not be present.

Proceeds help to support all of our parish ministries.

Corporal Works of Mercy

To Feed
the
Hungry

To Give
Drink to
the Thirsty

To Clothe
the
Naked

To Shelter
the
Homeless

To Care for
the
Sick

To Visit
the
Imprisoned

To Bury
the
Dead

Dear Friends,



Next week we welcome Bishop Edward Malesic to St. Angela Merici Parish!

It is always an honor and privilege to welcome our shepherd, especially his first visit. He's a busy man with such a large diocese, and he is our pastor truly and the successor to the apostles for us, the man appointed by the Pope for our diocese! So I hope you can stop by to greet him at 9:30 Mass or at the parish Welcome Back Day and Parish Picnic gathering.



This week, we are beginning to think about something you may have heard about in the diocese: The Heart of a Shepherd

Campaign. This is a multi-part endeavor to plan for the future, especially for our seminary and for future priests, something the diocese is asking us to reflect on as the future unfolds in this 21st Century.

Today is an exciting time for the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland – a time to recommit ourselves to our future and present priests who lead us in faith. Your support of this important campaign is essential to encourage vocations, support our priests, and continue the long history of faith built by those who have come before us. In the coming weeks, we will tell you more about it and how our parish can help. And at the same time, for us at SAM, it will help us locally as we look forward to our centennial.

The Heart of a Shepherd initiative is an extraordinary endeavor designed specifically to strengthen and better meet the needs of the Saint Mary and Borromeo Seminaries, its seminarians and our newly-ordained and retired clergy. In addition, this effort will aid our parishes in recovery from the economic impact of the pandemic. You will learn much more about it on the diocesan website at catholiccommunity.org/heart-of-a-shepherd. Together, we will explore what this undertaking is and how very successful it has already been in the diocese.

Obviously, these are trying times for many. Thus, we know that not everyone will be able to participate in this experience. But the diocese would like us to think about it over the coming weeks and years. Thanks for keeping an open mind and heart! It's a great tradition of northeast Ohio and especially of St. Angela Merici Parish!

To get started, here are some quick facts provided by the diocese:

PART I: RENOVATE OUR SEMINARIES

\$20 MILLION

The interior renovation of Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology is long overdue; the building is over 70 years old. The holistic formation of priests in our Diocese requires renovations of the building to provide suitable physical space for:

- Liturgical worship, prayer, and reflection
- Fostering formation and human development
- Encouraging relational and vocational growth
- Private study
- Inviting safe social interactions

Renovations will include renovated student rooms for all students with individual bathrooms for graduate students, individually controlled heating and cooling, ADA accessible rooms, faculty and guest suite renovations, new furniture, an upgraded elevator and new elevator connecting all floors, common lounge area and study space, laundry rooms and an updated Reconciliation Chapel.

Resurrection Chapel, a prayerful space where seminarians gather five times a day for prayer and discern their vocation, will also be renovated with a new double door entryway, installation of a Baptismal font, refurbished pews and kneelers, pipe organ restoration, new lighting and new liturgical furnishings.

PART II: CARE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

\$7 MILLION

In our Diocese, we are fortunate to have 258 active priests and 97 retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving us. Many priests continue to serve our community of faith after retirement, and we are called to do what is necessary to provide them with adequate care. However, the Retired Clergy Pension Fund is not yet fully funded, placing more of the burden on parishes to ensure that priests receive adequate pensions. To secure proper care for our clergy, while reducing annual premiums for parishes, this initiative will allocate \$7 million to meet this important obligation.

PART III: SUPPORT FOR NEWLY-ORDAINED CLERGY

\$3 MILLION

When seminarians are ordained, many are burdened with financial hardship. A seminarian graduating today may have accumulated between \$8,000 and \$112,000 in education debt, for an average of \$38,000. Support is needed to ensure that these priests can dedicate their lives to the Lord and serve our communities without the weight of financial hardship. Our goal is to invest \$3 million in an endowment dedicated to loan repayment assistance for newly-ordained priests.

PART IV: SUPPORT TO OUR PARISH

The many vibrant parishes that comprise our Diocese of Cleveland serve as a pillar of faith, hope and charity in our communities. In direct response to the challenges set forth by the COVID-19 pandemic, this

campaign will provide an opportunity for our parishes across the Diocese to raise funds for pressing local needs. This means we will raise money and keep a large percentage of the money here in our own parish. Again, as we unfold the campaign initiative, you will learn more about this. Interestingly enough, parishes that have already done this have been wonderfully successful. But again, we need to reflect on this for our own situation and for the households in our own parish.



Luckily, we have two parishioners from SAM who serve on the seminary boards. They will help us to get more acquainted with the needs of the future.

It has been a long time since we had priests from our suburban west district of the diocese. Perhaps this venture will instill some spark of interest for future vocations.



And lest we forget this weekend amidst the blitz of media, let's remember:

during these 'post protocol times' we have the bishop's directives for getting back on track; and we continue to pray for the whole world that we may begin anew and grow deeper in our love for Jesus at Mass and the celebration and reception of Holy Communion.

We all know: the pandemic is not over across the globe, so we're not out of the woods yet.

Thus we ask God to bless all who are still working on health care issues and fighting disease and viruses as these challenges to our health appear to mutate and confound our most dedicated attempts to eradicate them. Thank God that so many are committed to helping one another as the Body of Christ in the world.

Here is the latest communication from our diocese:

As COVID-19 seems to be resurging and new variants of the virus emerge in Northeast Ohio, it is necessary once again to offer recommendations and reminders based on the latest guidance from federal, state and local public health agencies for the safety of all who worship at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

Pope Francis reminds everyone that "Vaccines are an essential tool in this fight" against the virus. Those who are eligible should talk to their health care provider and seriously consider getting vaccinated to protect their health, the health of others, and to ease the increased burdens on our healthcare system and those who work there, many of them who are heroes to us.

All ministries of the Diocese of Cleveland, including parishes, schools, PSR, youth ministry and the like, are collaborating with and considering the various recommendations of public health authorities as they continue in their efforts to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for those they serve.

All persons - whether vaccinated or unvaccinated - should consider wearing masks when in close

proximity to others. Frequent hand washing and practicing social distancing also are strongly encouraged. Health professionals say that these steps, along with regular disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, will help prevent the spread of the disease.

It is inevitable that people will make different choices about masking and other public health recommendations. Everyone is reminded to show kindness and respect to one another, especially those who may be taking an approach different from their own. Individuals and families must decide for themselves how best to respond to the current situation taking into consideration information from credible health authorities while following our Lord's command, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

Remember that the situation continues to be fluid. Stay connected to information coming from national, state and local health authorities and stay home and get tested for COVID when you are not feeling well. Following these recommendations will go a long way in helping to keep you and others around you safe.

Jesus reminded his Apostles in the Gospel of Matthew to "take courage and do not be afraid" when facing the storm. Jesus remains with us today and through our faith in him and our love for one another, we too can endure the trying challenges facing us today.

Thanks to all who have done their part to reduce the risk of infection for themselves and others. May God bless and watch over us in our time of need.



Let's keep our hopes high and our loving actions at the forefront of our daily prayers and service. Perhaps a

prayer to Mary, Health of the Sick, Patroness of our Country, Mother of the Church might bring us comfort and consolation as we ask her intercession for the whole world and especially all those we love. And may she be with those who are working so hard in health care to bring solace to the sick and dying and inspiration to those in the realms of medical research. Amen!

Now here are some reflections for your personal prayer this weekend, the first from Fr. John Foley, S.J.:



Here is Food for You: *The Third Person of the Trinity is going to dwell within any people who believe.*

For the last several weeks Jesus has been using his words to distress the disciples. Yes. We heard in the past weeks he said that if they want eternal life they have to eat his flesh and drink his blood! His followers could not possibly have understood this.* They muttered. "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" And they left.

 **This Sunday he makes it even harder.** Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them,

"Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. ..."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. (Gospel)

 **A sad scene, and puzzling too.** Why is Jesus saying such things to his followers, and how is anyone supposed to understand it?

The following unwritten guideline might help in reading the Gospel of John, from which our Sunday reading is taken. In Scripture, whenever an event or saying does not seem to make complete sense, we can understand that it is *masking deeper meanings*. In other words, often a delicious significance is hidden behind events that are described in a bewildering way.

 **Let us try to apply this axiom to a saying from this week's Gospel:**

... ascending to where he was before. ... Where was he "before"?

He was in the bosom of the Holy Trinity. God's love leaned out to us in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. He "descended" to us.

He is telling them this: if body and blood shock you, wait till you see me ascend into heaven! And what about the words, *It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is to no avail.*

In the readings from the past few weeks we have seen that Jesus' ascension would never be a desertion of us but would be his presence on earth in a new form. The third person of the Trinity was going to dwell within any people who believe. The third person will dwell in us?

Where will our Jesus be? Well, since the members of the Trinity are at one in everything, they are completely

present within each other. So Christ is within the Holy Spirit. That Spirit offers to live deep within each believer, within each person who says yes to its presence. The same thing can be said for the Father.

Ok, but how do we acquire this Holy Spirit? Definitely through Baptism. And, of course, as in Jesus' command from last week, through eating and drinking his body and blood. Communion makes us "become what we have eaten," the body of Christ. We are to let Christ have flesh again, in our hearts and in our actions. The Spirit is to be the soul of the Body of Christ, and we are to be the body.

 **When we are part of the "Body of Christ," we therefore have eternal life, as he told his followers.** Peter sums it up. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Mass this Sunday will be meant to give us the power to live the Body of Christ into the world. – Fr. John Foley, SJ

How true it is that discipleship is not easy! How do we understand the tough selections we hear proclaimed from the Bible? Here is a good reflection for us all:

 **Good News, Tough Choices** *We may have something to learn by looking carefully at the letter's language of submission.*

Jesus' talk of eating his body and drinking his blood, John says, was a turnoff for "many of his disciples." "This saying is hard," they said. "Who can accept it?" Even when Jesus makes it clear that he was not inviting them to cannibalism, he does not back off from demanding the total commitment of faith. And from this time on, "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." This passage serves us a stunning reminder that the life of faith—vividly exemplified in our participation in the Eucharist—is always a radical choice.

 **Joshua confronts the people of Israel with the same kind of choice.** Addressing the assembly of all the tribes at Shechem he says, "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve" (Josh 24:15). But if the readings from Joshua and from John highlight the need for radical choice in the life of biblical faith, it may be the Second Reading, the one from the letter to the Ephesians, that best illustrates the demands of faith for us today.

In the 1970 version of the New American Bible, the reading from Ephesians begins, "Defer to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be submissive to their husbands as if to the Lord because the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of his body, the church, as well as its savior." The language of submission is the last thing most people, male or female, want to hear in our culture today. It has led some couples planning their wedding service to seek a substitute reading for what has served for centuries as a standard reading for wedding Masses. Has the growing sensitivity to gender language and the Christian "discipleship of equals" suddenly rendered invalid and irrelevant the teaching of Ephesians on the sacrament of matrimony? I think not. But we may have something to learn by looking carefully at the letter's language of submission.

 **First, we need to be fair to the original language of the text.** The Greek does not say, in so many words, "Wives should be submissive to their husbands ... " That phrasing comes from the honest efforts of the English

translators to break up a long Greek sentence to make for easier reading. The thought really starts with the preceding verse (Josh 24:21), "Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ," and that imperative governs everything that follows. In other words, the primary mandate is to mutual subordination out of reverence for Christ. Then the sentence continues by spelling out that mutual submission with "wives ... to their husbands as to the Lord." In their attempt to break the sentence into smaller units, the translators chose to repeat the verb from verse 21 ("be submissive" [1970] or "be subordinate" [1986]) in the next verse, giving us "Wives should [be submissive/subordinate] to their husbands," causing many readers to be distracted from the fact that this clause is simply beginning to unfold the mandate to mutual subordination that governs the whole passage.

"That helps," I hear some readers say. "But how about the 'headship' of the husband over the wife?" The context soon lets us know that being "head" here has nothing to do with domination, for the husband is to be head of the wife as Christ is head of the Church (Josh 24:23). In verse 25, that relationship is spelled out: "Husbands, love your wives even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her." As one commentator has put it, headship here means being the wife's "first servant."

 **Whatever we want to make of the author's assumptions about the distinctive roles of the spouses in their relationship, the overriding message is that, in the body of Christ, the marital relationship is utterly transformed into the life of mutual subordination demanded of all baptized disciples.** In the end, this passage from Ephesians on marriage is simply a spelling out of the teaching of Jesus that his followers are to be characterized by service of one another (Mark 10:43-45) and the laying down of life for one another (John 13:34-35). A hard saying, yes; but the hardness has to do mainly with mutual subordination, not with the gender struggle. And that mutual subordination takes its life from the subordination of each to Christ. Whatever the role expectations of spouses in a particular culture, baptism into the Christian covenant transmutes them absolutely. – Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ

Another writer says about difficult passage: "The very idea that we must give ourselves to another, defer to another! If we love each other as we propose, we assuredly must die to ourselves. The first casualty of real commitment is the imperial ego we are so reluctant to tame. "Decide today whom you will serve." In marriage, as in life, we serve not only each other, but our very God, who wants of us not slavery, but the free gift of our love." – Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—CYCLE B

RITUALS OF RENEWAL *The Texts: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; John 6:60-69*

National Public Radio recently broadcast the story of a 34 year-old woman in California who was under study for the past nine years by researchers

at the UCLA because of her prodigious ability to remember her past. She can recall precise details of every day of her life since she was 5 years old! Researchers say they have never seen anything like it. Give her any date in the past 29 years, and she could tell you what day of the week it was, what the weather was like where she was living on that day, and a summary of the news, including small insignificant details, like what she wore to school, or what she ate that day for lunch. Amazing! She did not just have photographic memory, she had encyclopedic microchip memory!

 **But for mere ordinary mortals like the rest of us, hindsight is not 20/20, or at least not for long. The truth is, memory slips and fades over time.** This is most tragically and painfully evident for those suffering with various forms of dementia or Alzheimer's disease. But all of us bump into those little reminders that our memories are not perfect, such as when we forget the name of someone we should know, or misplace our sunglasses (even when they are on the top of our heads!). As much as do not want to admit it, all of our memory buckets have leaks.

And that is why we have developed methods to strengthen memory, like rhyming or mental-association techniques to recall names and other raw data, or even various mental exercises or prescription drugs that claim to enhance memory muscle. But it is also the reason we take photographs of vacations, to relive those special moments when we return. It is the reason we erect national monuments, to help us remember our history and provide a tool to teach that history to future generations. It is the reason we place granite tombstones at the gravesites of our loved ones, not because we might forget their names, but because we want to have a place to return from time to time, and more often in our memory, to recall their lives, and thank God for the love we shared with them.

 **Our faith is also imbedded with rituals that help us recall our commitments to God, to renew our sense of identity as the children of God, and to sharpen our discipline as followers of Christ.** When we are baptized we are named as God's beloved child, and we commit ourselves to be faithful members of the community of faith, and to be useful servants of God to help bring redemption and justice to the world. But for most of us, our baptism was long ago, and we may have no memory of it at all. So Christians are called back to that distant and fading memory by rituals designed to renew and refresh that baptismal covenant. Every time we participate in the Eucharist, we are called to remember. "Do this in remembrance of

me," Jesus said. But we also do it in remembrance of who we pledged ourselves to be.

 **These rituals of remembrance are vital touchstones to strengthen our spiritual memories.** A pilgrimage to a holy place is just such a ritual, allowing us to focus and renew our commitment to God by walking where saints have trod. Who can visit the Holy Land, or St. Peter's Square, and fail to have his or her spiritual batteries recharged?

Our scripture lessons from the Old Testament and the Gospel today remind us of the importance of these rituals of renewal for the people of God. In the story of Joshua, at the very end of his long career of leadership over Israel, he called the people of Israel together at the holy site of Shechem. This was the place Abraham first saw the Promised Land and received the promise from God that this land would be the home of his offspring. Shechem was the place Jacob renewed his vows to serve God, and where he called his family to strip themselves of all other competing deities. It was at Shechem that the bones of the patriarch Joseph were buried when they brought his body back from Egypt to the Promised Land. And now, at Shechem, Joshua called the people of Israel to renew their identity as the people of God, and to commit again that they would serve Him, and Him alone, as they settled into the Promised Land.

Joshua offered those wonderful words, "Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." And the people answered likewise, committing themselves to love and serve God throughout their generations. It was a splendid moment indeed! But Joshua knew a thing or two about memory, and how short-lived it can be. So he set up a great stone at Shechem, and called the people to remember their commitment on that day every time they passed that great stone pillar. Shechem became a place of holy pilgrimage for Israel, one of the places that they could visit to renew their own faith commitment, and pass that faith to the next generation after them. We all need such places, such reminders. Where is your "Shechem?" Where can we go, what can we do, to remind ourselves of our best moments of faith? Find that holy place, and visit there often.

 **And for all of us, one of those renewal places is at the Lord's table.** Here we have visual and tactile and taste stimulation for our slipping memory, we have the words of invitation from our Lord himself, and the great mystery of His body and blood transformed and surging within us again, strengthening us for the work of God out in the world. Where else could we go, where else could we turn, to remember our true identity and our true mission in life, if we did not have the sustaining reminder of the presence of Christ unique to this table? As the apostle Peter said to Jesus in our Gospel lesson today, "Master, where else could we

go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have come to believe, and are convinced, that you are the Holy One of God."

So, come to the table of the Lord, to taste and see that the Lord is good. But come also to brush the cobwebs off our spiritual memories. Come and remember who we are, and to Whom we belong. The table of remembrance invites us all.



Amen to that! Once again, what's left on your 'Summer To-Do Checklist'? Here are a few things still on my mind, in case you are interested!

- **Remember: We are constantly looking to invite folks to be extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, ushers, etc.** If you feel the call, give us a call! Not everyone has gifts for every ministry. But you may have a gift for one or the other. And reaching out to those in need and being an active member of the community is not only enriching but helps others. And it gives a chance to meet others in the parish family. A good, good thing!
- **RCIA—the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way folks join our faith.** Please see Fr. Don if you are interested in becoming Catholic, coming back to the Church after many years, have never made your First Communion or Confirmation but are baptized, or concerned about confession, issues of marriage, etc. We are here to help you come close to the Lord and 'fix' what might have been 'broken' in your life. **It's really much easier than you might imagine.**
- **The school and other parish buildings have been washed and cleaned; replacement carpets, fixing broken problems such as doors and toilets, etc.** Our maintenance gang is working feverishly during the fast summer months.
- **Bushes and trees do not last forever; in fact, they may become hazards after awhile.** We need to clip a few overgrown trees and bushes when we get a chance. Some trees and shrubs have been growing for twenty years and have weak, shallow roots. They need replacing, especially the fir trees so that they don't damage your car – or my car – in a fierce windstorm.
- **We will welcome Bishop Malesic to our parish in August, the 29th for his first visit to our community.** This will also be Welcome Back Day and the Parish Picnic Gathering. Mark your calendars. On this occasion, which is also the Parish Picnic and Welcome Back Day, we are also hoping to dedicate and bless the plaque to honor our former pastor, Msgr. Bob Wolff. Hope you can be part of this tribute!

- **We are thinking about our Centennial as a parish in 2023.** More about that as time unfolds. Now with live-streaming, we will be able to reach out to alums and families from our history across the globe! Question: would you like a picture book/coffee table book about our parish? Would that interest you? Someone posed the idea, so let me know what you think.
- **We are also fixing/replacing/updating our HV/AC heating and air-conditioning systems as needs arise.** This is a plant with buildings that are good but in need of updating as technology zooms ahead. Just like at your house, nothing lasts forever nor can it always be fixed. Remember radios and TVs with tubes! Same with all manner of building issues and everything that goes with them. Thanks for your great support and generosity in keeping things in good order. God bless our business office and maintenance staff for their dedicated and selfless care of our community and our grounds and buildings. Not an easy job!

Thank God they are here and so steadfast, committed, and faithful.

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- **Our school, PSR, and Pre-School staffs have been working hard all summer to make sure our young ones and their families are being taken care of.** God bless their enthusiastic pledge to education and faith formation!

- **And always remember:** *Audentes (or fortes) fortuna iuvat!*
Fortune favors the brave!

There aren't many left. So thanks for thinking about the 50/50 drawing. It really helps us to move through the summer and care for needed repairs, etc. God bless you.

Oremus pro invicem. Soli Deo Gloria.

Father Michael J. Lanning, Pastor



Adult Spirituality and Faith Formation Series

SAM is offering an Adult Spirituality/Faith Formation series, **The Mass and Eucharist with Bishop Robert Barron.**

The sessions will include twelve different weekly topics, with three opportunities to attend each week:

Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Each session will be held in the Seminar Room and will last about 45 minutes. There is no obligation to attend every week.

The series will begin the week of **Tuesday, September 7th** with the topic *A Privileged Encounter*.

For a complete list of session topics, visit samparish.org

All are welcome and encouraged to join us.



**OREMUS PRO INVICEM**

(Pray for one another)

*In your prayers, please remember those in need**of healing, especially:*

Frances Allington, Maureen Ashdown, Donna Bartos, Beverly Baum, Paul Boscoe, Grace Bostwick, Ella Burns, Alice Cameron, Lainey Chisholm, Levi Chisholm, Maddy Coughlin, Joseph Crupi, Ken DeCrane, Deacon Kenneth DeLuca, Francisco Deras-Solits, Jean DiRuggiero, Peggy Drew, Aranka Gajzer, Woody Granger, Ann Hawk, Frank Hawk, Hank Hout, Megan Keefe, Richard Kubicina, Barb Loyer, Fr. Jim Lee, Robert Lynch, Maureen Materna, Imelda Moenter, Deborah Mortack, Mike O'Donnell, Mary O'Hern, Frances Parcaro, Michael Pitts, Marion Rich, Ed Saunders, William Schmidt, Margaret Simmons, Donna Smith, Ann Stromp, Matthew Yaroma, Kimberly Yaeger, Charlotte Zak and Daniel Zak.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Maureen Brogan, Kathleen Gunning, Nora Marshall, Diane Rolfe, and Glen Tucker, father of Glen and Debbie, May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Marriage Banns

III

Melanie Susan Trefny
and
David Owen Bogdas
August 28, 2021

II

Mary Carol Whitmore
and
Nathaniel David Frye
September 3, 2021

II

Grace Elizabeth Durbak
and
Joseph Patrick Palmer
September 4, 2021



Join Fr. Rob Ramser as we shuffle off to Buffalo, New York for a day of faith and fun!

We will visit St. Stanislaus Church with the celebration of daily Mass. For lunch we dine at Pearl Street Grill & Brewery (lunch is covered in the cost of the trip – any beverages besides soft drinks and water are the responsibility of the pilgrim). After lunch we will visit the breathtaking St. Louis Church in downtown Buffalo before a stop at the Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica.

Wednesday, September 29th—We will leave St. Angela Merici's at 7:00 a.m. and return by 8:30 p.m. (please park on the W. 210th lot).

Cost is \$65 per person (check made out to St. Angela's). Payment can be dropped off/mailed to the Parish Center or put into the collection basket in an envelope marked *Bus Pilgrimage*.

Due to logistics of the bus rental, there can be no refunds. If you are unable to make it after your reservation is made, please find a replacement. Contact Fr. Rob at (440) 333-2133 with any questions.



FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Lord, we pray for all family members in the armed services, especially those who have asked for prayers:

Jason Actis, Liam Anglin, Captain Kevin Comiskey, Patrick Corrigan, Brent Cox, Patrick Elfers, Michael P. Gallagher, James Graham, Ron Grethel, Shane Hillman, Michael Hills, Derek Lisowski, Coulton Manning, Reese Marsh, Matthew Martis, Dan Meleason, Joseph O'Malley, Andrew Pipak, Captain Christopher Salisbury, and Jonathan Traczyk.

Please keep all of our armed forces stationed here and in foreign lands including those disabled by war in your prayers.

WORD OF GOD



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Ps 34:2-3, 16-23 / Eph 5:21-32 / Jn 6:60-69

MONDAY: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b / Mt 23:13-2

TUESDAY: Rv 21:9b-14 / Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 / Jn 1:45-51

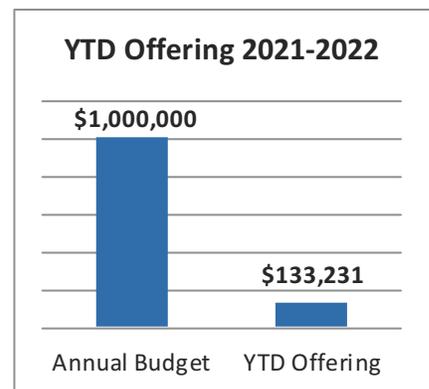
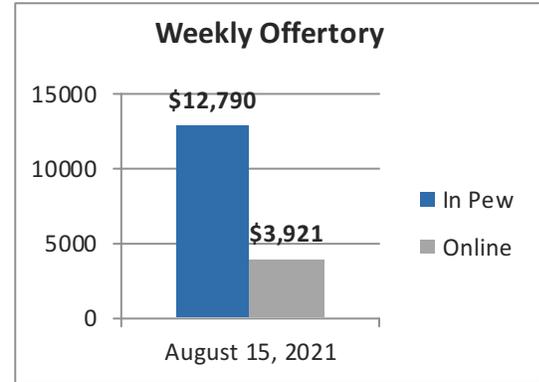
WEDNESDAY: 1 Thes 2:9-13 / Ps 139:7-12ab / Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY: 1 Thes 3:7-13 / Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17 / Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY: 1 Thes 4:1-8 / Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12 / Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY: 1 Thes 4:9-11 / Ps 98:1, 7-9 / Mt 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 / Ps 15:2-5 / Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 / Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Monday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
8:30AM Mary & Harry Vande Velde

Tuesday, August 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8:30AM Kyle Patrick Smith

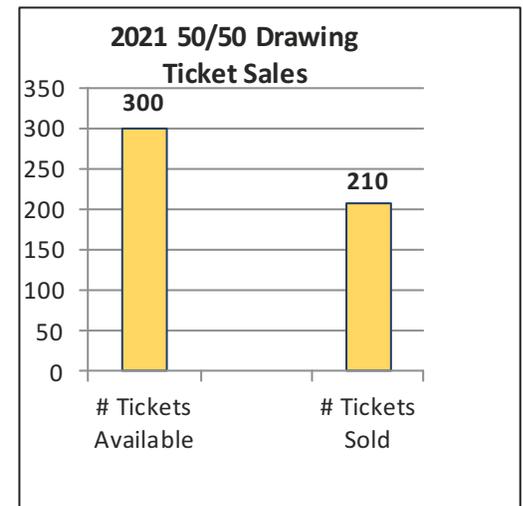
Wednesday, August 25—St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
8:30AM Eric Dohm

Thursday, August 26
8:30AM Peggy & Carl Ditzel

Friday, August 27—St. Monica
8:30AM John & Katherine Caja & Family

Saturday, August 28—St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30AM Richard Minnich
4:30PM Margaret Dolly Szunyog

Sunday, August 29—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30AM For the Parish
9:30AM Michael Hout
11:30AM John Donelon
5:30PM Timothy O'Malley



COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

St. Angela Merici is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to assist in the distribution of communion to the homebound of our parish.

If this important and rewarding ministry is calling to you, please contact the Parish Office at (440) 333-2133 for more information or to sign up.



Avilas of St. Angela Merici

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is held on the first Friday of **each month from 9:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m.** in the Church.

Everyone is invited to come in and pray with us.

During this time, because the Eucharist is set out, someone **must** be in the Church at all times. We need more participants in order to continue this important ministry, especially from 11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

For more information and to learn how you can become involved, please contact the Parish Center at (440) 333-2133.

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