

# ST. ANGELA MERICI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## HEART OF A SHEPHERD

*Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.*

### Heart of a Shepherd at St. Angela Merici Parish

*This Fall, St. Angela Merici is joining with all the parishes of the Diocese and is launching a new initiative to support our parish, our clergy, and our seminarians!*

St. Angela Merici is delighted to announce that our parish has partnered with the Diocese to support the *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign. This is an extraordinary effort to raise funds for our own parish, as well the future needs of St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries, current seminarians, and our newly-ordained and retired clergy. This campaign will support our Diocese's mission to create an environment that fosters spiritual, social, academic growth and accompaniment.

### Join us to learn more!

**Sunday, October 3**

After the 9:30AM Mass and prior to the 11:30AM Mass in the Church

OR

**Thursday, October 7**

From 7:00PM to 8:00PM in the Social Hall

All are welcome! Guest speakers will include a current seminarian.  
For more information, call the parish office at (440) 333-2133.

**REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021****Offertory and Special Donations**

My sincere thanks to all parishioners who through their offertory, special gifts, and time ultimately allow St. Angela's to provide our numerous ministries and support for Catholic education including our Upper School, Lower School, PreSchool, Sunday School, and PSR programs. As all are aware, this again has been a difficult year due to the Covid-19 environment in which we live. I am happy to report that our positive report to the Diocese is in part due to our SBA/PPP loan, which has been totally forgiven by the government. To safely ready the school environment for students, teachers, and staff required an expenditure of more than \$50,000. This investment resulted in a successful school year without many Covid cases. As for our school, our PreSchool, Lower School, and Upper School enjoy the same enrollments as last year. In addition, generous donations to our Guardian Angel Tuition Assistance Fund have allowed St. Angela's to increase tuition assistance to parents who sacrifice and desire to provide a Catholic elementary education for their children. Along with the enclosed report for fiscal year 2020-21 (ending June 30, 2021), I would like to make all aware of the following successes to our facilities and parish:

**Repairs and Improvements**

In the 2020-21 fiscal year, in addition to normal maintenance, a sample of our major improvements completed included:

- Covid-19 preparation to church and school
- Replacement of one A/C unit in the church with a unit with combined AC/HVAC capabilities
- Carillon replacement (thanks to the generous donation of Dr. Ed and Mrs. Mary Beth Mansour)
- Acquisition, installation and implementation of live streaming capability in the church
- Replacement of campus-wide phone system
- Fifth year transition of lighting in school/Rini Center to energy-efficient LED
- Refinish of gym floor and addition of new scoreboard (with generous donation from Sports Boosters)
- Replacement of hard floor surfaces in the Rini Center and cafeteria
- Carpet replacement in three classrooms
- ActivPanel installation in "special" classrooms (e.g., art)
- Necessary painting in the school
- Acquisition of additional Chromebooks for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the school
- Acquisition of additional iPads for Lower School students
- Replacement of carpeting in the Parish Center common areas
- Parking lot maintenance to Lorain Road entrance and exit drives and W. 210 lot
- Normal grounds maintenance

**Special Outreach**

In addition to special Diocesan collections throughout the year, St. Angela's is fortunate to support through our pink envelopes the following: St. Vincent De Paul Society, Birthright, the West Side Catholic Center, and Social Justice Concerns.

**A Word of Thanks**

Thank you to all parishioners who so generously supported St. Angela's. Thanks to all who so diligently assisted me with prayers and guidance on numerous issues which affect the financial health of our parish. We are fortunate that the enclosed financial report and 2021-22 budget have been approved by the Diocese of Cleveland. Special thanks to our Parish Finance Council. 2020-21 members included: Bob Latsko (Chair), Brigid and Connor Chambers, Jackie and Bob Keim, Elaine Stephens, Paul Wilson, and Tamara Zawodny. Special thanks to Paul Wilson and Brigid Chambers, whose terms have expired.

Once again, I am humbled and honored to be pastor of such a giving community.



Fr. Michael J. Lanning, Pastor



**ST. ANGELA MERICI**  
**STATEMENT OF CHURCH REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

<b>CHURCH REVENUE</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Budget</b>
	<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Year Ending June 30,</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Offertory Collections	\$1,152,928.33	\$1,155,235.61	\$1,120,000.00
Other Collections	\$30,077.50	\$37,504.01	\$30,000.00
Donations & Bequests	\$215,506.05	\$231,189.14	\$145,000.00
Net Bingo Proceeds			
Net Fund Raising Income	\$16,049.57	\$28,329.08	\$24,000.00
Income from Parish Programs	\$22,566.75	\$28,431.54	\$28,000.00
Investment & Endowment Income (Loss)	\$41,993.56	\$8,677.17	\$6,000.00
Rental Receipts	\$12,525.09	(\$17,934.80)	\$25,000.00
Contributions from Parish Organizations	\$5,650.00	\$4,465.00	\$8,674.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$20,572.75	\$23,297.32	\$140,667.00
Designated Collections	\$6,886.28	\$15,240.41	\$15,000.00
Extraordinary Receipts	\$543,769.72	\$33,732.52	
<b>TOTAL CHURCH REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,068,525.60</b>	<b>\$1,548,167.00</b>	<b>\$1,542,341.00</b>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$742,494.03	\$753,013.46	\$750,000.00
Rectory & Household	\$38,892.43	\$36,367.28	\$38,000.00
Parish Office & Administration	\$132,073.28	\$118,316.90	\$108,500.00
Altar, Sanctuary & Liturgical	\$45,943.73	\$49,024.18	\$40,000.00
Community Outreach	\$27,447.54	\$49,217.02	\$24,500.00
Religious Education	\$8,465.67	\$12,664.51	\$12,000.00
Stewardship & Evangelization	\$3,588.52	\$12,841.12	\$68,333.00
Utilities	\$33,540.79	\$33,956.12	\$35,000.00
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$32,815.20	\$32,109.30	\$34,000.00
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$1,314.95	\$2,803.45	\$6,000.00
Diocesan Assessments	\$136,518.00	\$144,330.00	\$137,857.00
Payments to Other Schools			
Designated Collections	\$6,893.28	\$15,240.41	\$15,000.00
Capital Expenditures	\$105,212.63	\$71,704.42	\$64,451.00
Intra Parish Transfers & School Support			
Extraordinary Expenses	\$3,563.00		
<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,318,763.05</b>	<b>\$1,331,588.17</b>	<b>\$1,328,636.00</b>
<b>NET CHURCH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$749,762.55</b>	<b>\$216,578.83</b>	<b>\$213,705.00</b>

<b>SIGNS OF PASTORAL LIFE</b>	<b>2021</b>
Registered Households	2,720
Weekly Parishioner Envelopes and Electronic	
Donations	375
Baptisms	60
Marriages	23
Funerals	79



**ST. ANGELA MERICI  
STATEMENT OF SCHOOL REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

<b>SCHOOL REVENUE</b>	Actual		Budget
	Year Ended June 30,		Year Ending June 30,
	2021	2020	2022
Tuition & Fees (Includes Tuition Assistance)	\$1,470,557.54	\$1,339,007.54	\$1,432,450.00
Government Assistance	\$202,473.34	\$110,304.96	\$225,000.00
Donations & Bequests	\$170,070.99	\$124,654.23	\$172,500.00
Net Fund Raising	\$25,358.19	(\$2,172.27)	\$12,000.00
Net Pre-School & Latchkey	(\$44,370.81)	(\$43,243.12)	(\$67,000.00)
Other Student Receipts	\$139,917.39	\$115,302.30	\$116,000.00
School Support from Parish			
Interest & Endowment Income			
Other Income	\$6,043.81	\$8,467.08	\$7,500.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,970,050.45</b>	<b>\$1,652,320.72</b>	<b>\$1,898,450.00</b>
<b>SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2022</b>
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$1,539,456.42	\$1,587,296.21	\$1,651,703.00
Instructional	\$20,476.96	\$35,082.41	\$25,000.00
Library & Technology	\$2,149.13	\$4,943.75	\$3,000.00
Utilities	\$54,380.09	\$51,280.02	\$52,000.00
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	\$210,248.75	\$205,164.32	\$182,000.00
Insurance & Property Taxes	\$26,533.69	\$26,159.86	\$28,000.00
Student Services	\$68,621.18	\$67,988.28	\$57,000.00
Administration	\$115,728.78	\$96,962.21	\$91,000.00
Faculty Residence/Convent Costs			
Capital Expenditures	\$79,553.03	\$44,605.33	
Extraordinary Expenses			
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,117,148.03</b>	<b>\$2,119,482.39</b>	<b>\$2,089,703.00</b>
<b>NET SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$147,097.58)</b>	<b>(\$467,161.67)</b>	<b>(\$191,253.00)</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE  
CHURCH, SCHOOL & CEMETERY**

	Balance as of June 30,	
	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS		
Checking Account Balances	\$269,587.94	\$356,945.55
Savings and Investment Account Balances	\$1,028,875.60	\$867,913.09
<b>TOTAL CHECKING, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,298,463.54</b>	<b>\$1,224,858.64</b>
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$45,344.88	\$49,300.57
OTHER ASSETS	\$610,118.00	\$611,163.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,953,926.42</b>	<b>\$1,885,322.21</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES		
Payable to Diocese of Cleveland	\$23,896.95	\$25,917.00
Other accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$140,893.00	\$175,990.84
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$164,789.95</b>	<b>\$201,907.84</b>
INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	\$242,148.78	\$211,208.82
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING		
DEFERRED RESTRICTED SUPPORT	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
LOANS, NOTES AND MORTGAGES PAYABLE	\$252,434.64	\$780,317.47
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$671,873.37</b>	<b>\$1,205,934.13</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR	\$679,388.08	\$929,970.92
Net Surplus (Deficit) for Fiscal Year		
Parish	\$749,762.55	\$216,578.83
School	(\$147,097.58)	(\$467,161.67)
Cemetery		
Net Surplus (Deficit) for Fiscal Year	\$602,664.97	(\$250,582.84)
<b>FUND BALANCE, END OF FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,282,053.05</b>	<b>\$679,388.08</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,953,926.42</b>	<b>\$1,885,322.21</b>

Dear Friends,



**A blessed weekend to all, the first weekend of Autumn!** God has certainly blessed us with the beauty of our area, so spectacular during this most favorite time of year for so many. We continue to thrive even in the midst of the pandemic with fall activities and sights, with school and sports, with drives and walks in the Metroparks, visits to colleges – so much to admire in God’s gifts to us! The harbingers of autumn are upon us as the days grow shorter. In the United States and the rest of the northern hemisphere, the first day of the autumn season is the day of the year when the Sun crosses the celestial equator moving southward. This is the day known as the autumnal equinox. Thank you, Lord, for the marvels of creation and your universe!

The  
Blessing  
of the  
Pets



**This week is rather coincidental when you think of the 26<sup>th</sup> day of the month is also the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time!** A remarkable uncalculated and unexpected fun point for the day!

This week and next, we have some important message for you re the coming weeks, e.g., the annual budget report, the Heart of a Shepherd initiative, etc. So I’ll keep my thoughts brief, succinct, and crisp – like the season of Fall! LOL.



**Woof! Meow! Arf, Arf, Arf! Here are some thoughts for you:**

**Don’t forget our PET BLESSING scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>.** A joyful day for us all as we again remember the love we receive from devoted pets of every stripe and background. I think it’s fun to sprinkle a kitty with holy water!

**SAFETY FIRST:** This is especially true on our own property. Please make sure you are going in the right direction around the ‘U’ on either side of the church. Obey all signs. Please watch your speed. Don’t speed through or forget to stop. The life you save might be one of our kids or even the life of a priest!

**KEEP OUR SCOUTING PROGRAMS ON YOUR RADAR!** In this day and age, young people need the camaraderie of others their own age, the joy of accomplishing something with the care of trusted adults. Ask Fr. Don, an Eagle Scout from our parish. We are blessed with a program that has so positively affected young people at SAM for decades. Just look at the names and numbers in the vestibule Eagle Plaque.

**AND SPEAKING OF THE CHURCH VESTIBULE, ALSO A WORD OF THANKS TO THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE NOW ON THE GLASS-ENCLOSED CASE IN THE WEST AREA OF THE VESTIBULE.** These are the great folks who helped to care for our *Bricks and Mortar initiative* when the church ceiling needed replacement. God bless them all!

**I hope you are enjoying** watching the masonry tuckpointing on the front of the church. It’s a tough job, but needs to be done. We’ve also been doing masonry

work over the last couple of years on the school, and other parts of the church, and the gymnasium, etc. Never a dull moment! BTW, the lift mechanism is removed whenever there is a funeral or wedding. Likewise, the workers are not able to accomplish anything during the rain, so it takes a bit of time to accomplish the entire job. FYI

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR THINKING ABOUT THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD DIOCESAN SEMINARY INITIATIVE!**

This opportunity will touch your lives and your families’ future lives for decades to come in the training of priests for the foreseeable future. Thanks for your interest and considerations.

**AND NOW, SOME FUN 7 TIPS TO ACING YOUR TIME IN COLLEGE THAT YOU CAN SHARE WITH THOSE YOU LOVE WHETHER AT HOME OR AWAY –** From study habits to time management skills, this advice will set the tone for a strong academic year: procrastination is like a pint of ice cream. Eating an entire container of double chocolate brownie might seem like an excellent idea in the present, but it spells disaster for the future. (Actually, these seven suggestions are good at any time of one’s life. **So share these liberally with all the young folks you know.**

1. **Don’t ignore your faith life! If your faith life isn’t fertile and peaceful, nothing else will fall into place.** Go to Mass; find a church or campus ministry outlet you like; go to mass with someone; remember that God loves you completely and always. **Get a copy of THE CATHOLIC YOUTH BIBLE – IT’S GREAT!** And remember that you can never be unbaptized! Renew your love of God and your relationship with God-who-is-Love and take a moment to talk to a priest in **confession**. It may be more fun that you think. And remember: He’s been there before; he’s heard everything – twice! Don’t worry if you forget the format. He will help you. It’s easier than you think. And . . . don’t forget that the priest cannot tell anyone what you said in the confessional. It’s called the Seal of Confession. So: Pour your heart out. Only God will know! **And God’s not telling anyone either!**

2. **Stay sharp and strong by eating well, exercising, getting help when you need it.** Time management, and not wasting time on pursuing something you aren’t passionate about.

3. **Know your strengths, weaknesses & be honest with yourself about your strengths and shortcomings.** CAVEAT: a 10-page paper due tomorrow that you haven’t even started yet ain’t gonna happen!

4. **Get hands-on experience:** Explore your opportunities. Do as many internships as you can and early in your college career. A great pathway to discovery. Join a choir or an acapella group. Step out of your comfort zone and enjoy! You may discover something you never knew about yourself. Most of us did that and ended up knowing something wonderful that we wouldn't have known without trying! Safely! No sky-diving without investigating it first!

5. **Keep yourself (and others) accountable;** have goal-oriented friends. They are out there!

6. **Work smarter:** Smart devices, like most things in this world, can be used for good or for evil. Be sure you use them for good! Google calendars, phone alerts, budgeting apps can all keep you organized and on time.

7. **Don't procrastinate.** Remember the words of Ben Franklin: "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." It does work well! Why? Because *TEMPUS FUGIT UBI JUCUNDUM EST* – Time flies when you're having fun!

*UBI JUCUNDUM EST* – Time flies when you're having fun!



**And some good words from Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI:**

**MOVING BEYOND BAD HABITS** (Some great advice for a new season!)

 **We all have our faults, weaknesses,** places where we short-circuit morally, dark spots, secret and not-so-secret addictions. When we're honest, we know how universally true are Saint Paul's words when he writes: "The good thing I want to do, I never do; the evil thing that I do not want to do – that is what I do." None of us are whole, saints through and through. There's always something we are struggling with: anger, bitterness, vengefulness, selfishness, laziness, or lack of self-control (major or minor) with sex, food, drink, or entertainment

**And for most of us, experience has taught us that the bad habits we have are very difficult to break.** Indeed, many times we cannot even find the heart to want to break them, so deep have they become engrained in us. We bring the same things to our confessor year after year, just as we break the same New Year's resolutions year after year. And each year we tell our doctor that this year will finally be the year that we lose weight, exercise more, and stick to a healthier diet. Somehow it never works because our habits, as Aristotle said, become our second nature – and nature is not easily changed

 **So how do we change?** How do we move beyond deeply engrained bad habits.

**Saint John of the Cross, the Spanish mystic, suggests two paths** that can be helpful. Both take seriously our human weakness and the unyielding strength of a bad habit inside us.

**His first advice is this:** It is very hard to root out a bad habit by trying to attack it directly. When we do this we often end up unhealthily focused on the habit itself, discouraged by its intransigence, and in danger of worsening its effect in our lives. The better strategy is to "cauterize" our bad habits (his words) by focusing on what is good in our lives and growing our virtues to the point where they "burn out" our bad habits.

 **That's more than a pious metaphor; it's a strategy for health.** It works this way: Imagine, for example, that you are struggling with pettiness and anger whenever you feel slighted. Every sincere resolution in the world has not been able to stop you from giving in to that inclination and your confessor or spiritual director, instead of having you focus on breaking that habit, has you focus instead on further developing one of your moral strengths; for example, your generosity. The more you grow in generosity, the more too will your heart grow in size and goodness until you reach a point in your life where there simply won't be room in your life for pettiness and childish sulking. Your generosity will eventually cauterize your pettiness. The same strategy can be helpful for every one of our faults and addictions.

**John's second counsel is this:** Try to set the instinct that lies behind your bad habit into a higher love. What's meant by that?

 **We begin to set an instinct behind a bad habit into a higher love by asking ourselves the question:** Why? Why, ultimately, am I drawn this way? Why, ultimately, am I feeling this vengefulness, this pettiness, this anger, this lust, this laziness, or this need to eat or drink excessively? In what, ultimately, is this propensity rooted?

**The answer might surprise us.** Invariably the deepest root undergirding the propensity for a bad habit is love. The instinct is almost always rooted in love. Just analyze your daydreams. There we are mostly noble, good, generous, big-hearted, whole – and loving, even when in our actual lives we are sometimes petty, bitter, selfish, self-indulgent, and nursing various addictions. We have these bad attitudes and habits not because we aren't motivated by love but because, at this particular place, our love is disordered, wounded, bitter, undisciplined, or self-centered. But it's still love, the best of all energies, the very fire of the image and likeness of God within us.

 **And so we move to uproot a bad habit in our lives by, first of all, recognizing and honoring the energy that lies beneath it and inflames it.** Then we need to reset this energy into a higher framework of love, a wider, less selfish, more respectful, more-ordered perspective. And that's a very different thing than denigration or repression of that instinct. When we denigrate or repress an instinct this only

increases its power in us and, most often, allows it to wreak even a worse havoc in our lives. Moreover, when we denigrate or repress an instinct that's undergirding a bad habit we are in fact acting against our own health and we will then struggle, perhaps only unconsciously but without exception, to even find the heart to eradicate that bad habit. Energy must be honored, even as we struggle to discipline it and set into a healthier framework.

 **So how do we finally break our bad habits?** We do so by honoring the energies that enflame them and by reordering those energies into a higher love. — Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI



**Wow. Some great advice for any new season!** God bless all that you do and are for our parish community and for your constant support and generosity in all things!

*Oremus pro invicem. Soli Deo Gloria.*

Father Michael J. Lanning, Pastor

**SAM SCOUTING REVIVAL**



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Since 1910, Scouting has been enriching the lives of young people and families nationwide. Times are changing, certainly, but the basic values that help youth and families have never changed. Scouting programs are designed to give youngsters and young adults the skills they need to unlock their full potential and to live life outside – it's bigger and way more fun out there!

The mission of Scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Don't forget, a Scout is **trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.** Why not take a look at the scouting program today?

We are welcoming boys, girls and families to be a part of the revival of the Scouting program at St. Angela Merici Parish. We have a number of upcoming events and activities planned that will be great opportunities to explore and consider joining our Cub Pack or Scout Troop.

Be a part of a great tradition of Scouting at St. Angelas!

For more information contact David Kemme at [trop401sam@gmail.com](mailto:trop401sam@gmail.com) or like the **SAM Parish Scouting** Facebook page to get updates, follow our adventures, and explore Scouting.

**SAM MEN'S FAITHSHARING GROUP**

All men of the parish are welcome to join us **Saturday, October 2nd at 7:00 a.m. at Bohlken Park pavilion.**

Our topic this month is *Spending Time Together: Getting To Know You.*

*Marriage Banns*

II

Emily Rachel Cummings  
and  
Matthew Joseph Roth  
October 9, 2021

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Sidney Denise Schuller  
and  
John Gerard Costello  
October 16, 2021



**ANNUAL PET BLESSING**  
**Saturday, October 2**  
**1:00 p.m.**

A joyful day for us all as we again remember the love we receive from devoted pets of every stripe and background.

We will meet by the St. Francis of Assisi statue. If there is rain we will move to the garages on the west side of the church.

This is an all-species event so for a calm prayer services, all pets must be on a leash or in a safe pet carrier.



**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SVDP**  
**BLANKET SUNDAY**  
**COLLECTION**  
**TO AID THE POOR**

**October 9-10, 2021**

Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, we will gratefully accept your financial donation and do the shopping for you!

You may also donate online at [svdpcl.org](http://svdpcl.org).



**Monday, September 27**—St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30AM Noreen Beardmore

**Tuesday, September 28**—St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM Judge Leo Spellacy

**Wednesday, September 29**—Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30AM Edward Weisbarth

**Thursday, September 30**—St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Rosemarie Boutton

**Friday, October 1**—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Thanksgiving of Joseph Kanaan Family

**Saturday, October 2**—The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30AM Christopher Balsat

4:30PM Ellen A. Ellis

**Sunday, October 3**—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

7:30AM For the Parish

9:30AM Marilyn T. Kennedy

11:30AM For the Unborn Children

5:30PM Donna Charlton



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**SUNDAY:** Nm 11:25-29 / Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**MONDAY:** Zec 8:1-8 / Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23 / Lk 9:46-50

**TUESDAY:** Zec 8:20-23 / Ps 87:1b-7 / Lk 9:51-56

**WEDNESDAY:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a / Ps 138:1-5 / Jn 1:47-51

**THURSDAY:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Ps 19:8-11 / Lk 10:1-12

**FRIDAY:** Bar 1:15-22 / Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 / Lk 10:13-16

**SATURDAY:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 / Ps 69:33-37 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Gn 2:18-24 / Ps 128:1-6 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16



## Adult Spirituality and Faith Formation *The Mass and Eucharist* with Bishop Robert Barron.

Join us for our Week 3 Topic— ***God Speaks Our Story***

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.

For a complete list of session topics, visit [samparish.org](http://samparish.org). All are welcome and encouraged to join us.

## 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.***



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## Wine & Cheese Kick Off Event

Sunday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m.  
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This is a NEW group for couples and singles over 50 years old who want to connect with others in the parish, socialize, volunteer and have a good time. Bring your suggestions and a friend! No dues.

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Friends in Christ,

Since our parish founding in May 1923, eight priests have served as pastors at Saint Angela Merici Church for nearly a century. I am proud to serve this wonderful, faithful community.

Today, we have an opportunity to encourage vocations, support the lives of our seminarians and newly-ordained priests, and provide proper care for our senior priests who have dedicated their lives to the people of our diocese. Through the Heart of a Shepherd campaign, we have an opportunity to ensure Saint Angela Merici has a priest to serve this community for a century more. In addition, we have an opportunity to eradicate our debt and ensure our facilities remain pristine as we approach our very own centennial celebration.

In Christ,

Father Michael Lanning



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**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, Patricia Hesland, Hank Hout, Megan Keefe, Richard Kubicina, Barb Loyer, Fr. Jim Lee, Robert Lynch, Maureen Materna, Jim McIntyre, 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 Stomp, Matthew Yaroma, Kimberly Yaeger, Charlotte Zak and Daniel Zak.

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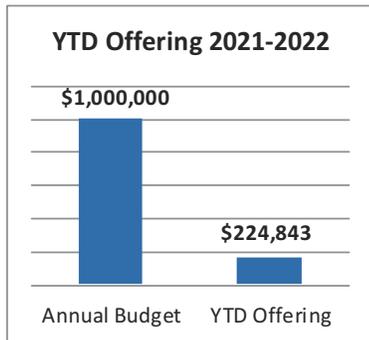
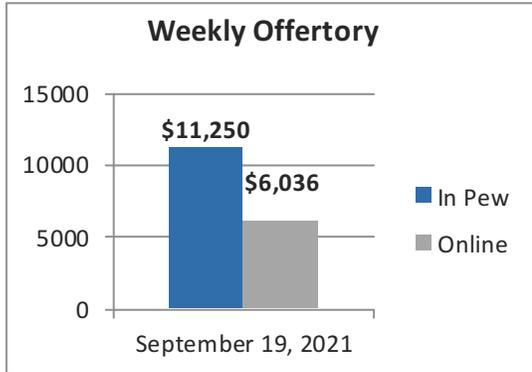
Please pray for David A. Bassi, Cecily Hope Berkopec and Helen P. Zingale. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**PARISH GOAL: \$404,333**

*50% of goal will be used at the parish for:*

- 1) **Eradicating our debt** as we approach our centennial celebration and;
- 2) **Ongoing maintenance projects** to keep our parish facilities pristine.

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## Birthright Celebrates 50 Years of Services

Birthright of Cleveland is celebrating 50 years of serving the pregnant women and their babies in the community. To mark the occasion, we are holding a banquet on October 14, 2021 at Brennan's Party Center.

The keynote speaker for this event will be Reverend Donald Dunson. We would like to invite all who support our mission of caring for women throughout their pregnancy and beyond to join us in celebrating our life-giving work.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Carol at (440) 333-4228.

For online giving, scan the QR code.



## Avilas of St. Angela Merici

The Avilas of St. Angela Merici will resume our Holy Hour of prayer before of Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 1st from 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. in the Church. Please come and pray with us in this important ministry.

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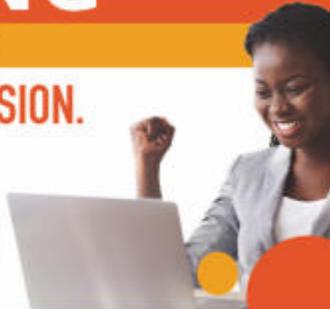
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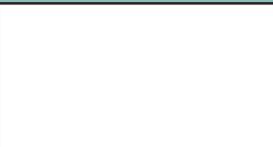
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