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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 10:30 am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Tuesday– Friday 9:00am

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday – Friday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:**

9:45 – 10:00am, every Sunday prior to Mass

**PRAYER CHAIN:**

Call Audrey Little @ 690-1536 Or email  
Karen Crapps @ crappspk@gci.net

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENECTION:**

First Friday of each month, 9:30am – 8:00pm.

**PRAYER MEETING:**

Please contact Janice Wilsack for more information.

**BULLETIN & INSERT DEADLINE:**

Articles for the weekly bulletin must be in by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

# Our Lady of the Angels

~Archdiocese of Anchorage~

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**DECEMBER 24, 2017**

**OUR MISSION:**

As Community,

We celebrate Christ through the Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacraments of the Church.

We educate and enrich through worship, faith formation, and living out our faith rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We welcome and reach out to members of our local community through sharing our many and varied gifts, and practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

We commit to building parish community by welcoming, embracing, and serving all.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:**

- ✚ Dec 24 Children's Christmas Eve Mass @ 5:00 pm
- ✚ Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00 pm.
- ✚ Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30 am
- ✚ Dec 26 Parish Office Closed. **No** 9:00 am Mass.
- ✚ Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God @ 1:00 pm
- ✚ Jan 2 Parish Office Closed. **No** 9:00 am Mass
- ✚ Jan 5 Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction 9:30 am to 8:00 pm
- ✚ Jan 12 Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner
- ✚ Jan 15 Sole Hope shoe cutting service project 9am
- ✚ Jan 15 Family Communications by Roy Petitfils, LPC presentation @4pm and dinner at 5pm
- ✚ Feb 9 Mardi Gras fundraiser
- ✚ Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

The Blessings Of  
*Christmas*  
PEACE★HOPE★JOY★LOVE

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

As you contemplate donations this holiday season, please keep Our Lady of the Angels in mind. Please be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the year ahead. For the convenience of parishioners, we offer electronic giving. Please visit [www.kenaicatholicchurch.org](http://www.kenaicatholicchurch.org) to register for electronic giving. Contact the parish office for more information or if you have any questions.



Honoring Our Past, Continuing Our Legacy Capital Campaign. **Kick off Pledge Dinner will be Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Committee Members:

Robin Feltman  
Pako Whannell  
John Williams  
Tim Navarre  
Tim Agosti  
Fr. Tom Rush, OMI  
Deacon Kevin Woodvine

A Call to Contribution:

- ✦ Would you like to meet with someone from the Capital Campaign Committee to learn more about the campaign?
- ✦ Could you host a small Capital Campaign informational/commitment dinner party?
- ✦ Do you have professional experience that could assist in the building improvements?
- ✦ Would you like to assist with other fundraising opportunities?

If you have additional questions or would like to discuss the upcoming Capital Campaign please contact one of the committee members.

## LOCAL FOOD DRIVE

The second Sunday of the month is our monthly food drive. Nonperishable food items can be brought in that weekend. All items go to the Kenai Food Pantry located at the Methodist Church in Kenai. Most needed items: peanut butter, canned fruit, canned tuna, & Mac & Cheese. Please consider helping our neighbors in need. This is a great opportunity to practice the Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed the Hungry!

**Stewardship Opportunity:** Would you like to take on the task of delivering the food to the food pantry? If so, please contact Deacon Kevin

## STEWARDSHIP & THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

### Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

### A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR...

Sts Dominic, Francis and Ignatius of Loyola are transported back in time and place to the Birth of Our Lord. St Dominic, seeing the Incarnation of the Word, is sent into ecstasy. St Francis, seeing God become a helpless child, is overcome with humility. St Ignatius of Loyola takes St Joseph and Our Lady aside and asks "Have you given any thought to His education?"



Our parish will once again be hosting a Sole Hope shoe cutting party. Due to the abundance of jeans leftover from last year we should not need any more denim this year. Also, Sole Hope will no longer accept shoes that do not come with \$10. The \$10 covers shipping to Uganda as well as hiring local labor to finish the shoes. We allocated half of the money raised by Cookies "Buy" the Pound to go towards this service project. Therefore, we will be making 39 pairs of shoes. If you wish to donate towards this service project it will need to be done prior to Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and checks need to be made out to Our Lady of the Angels, earmarked for Sole Hope

The shoe cutting party will be held on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. Please note that Monday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal and state holiday.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FAITH FORMATION

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Fridays of the month 7:00-8:00 pm  
Saturdays before Mass 4:45-5:15pm  
And by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism:

By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Six month preparation. Please contact the Parish Office.

### Faith Formation Classes:

K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, Sundays 11:45 am to 12:45 pm  
*Wednesday Night Live:* 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Wednesdays 6:00-8:30 pm.

### Confirmation Class:

Please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA Class:** For individuals who are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Please contact the Parish Office

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

- \*Children's Christmas Mass Sun, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
- \*Christmas Eve Mass Sun, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 pm.
- \*Christmas Day Mass Mon, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am
- \*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mon, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 pm.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Children who will be performing in the children's choir at the 5pm Mass on December 24th are asked to be at Church for warm up and rehearsal no later than 4:40pm. Thank you

## RETRouvaille

Married Singles Lifestyle –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the spring program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 16 to 18, 2018 call 907-863-8000 or email: [anchorage@helpourmarriage.com](mailto:anchorage@helpourmarriage.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## REMEMBRANCE

Please keep the family and friends, as well as those who went before us in eternal life in your thoughts & prayers in this month we remember the passing of:

- ✠ Ramona Efta
- ✠ Tom Carter
- ✠ Gordon Spaulding
- ✠ Robert Booth
- ✠ Ethel Groleske
- ✠ Charles Foy
- ✠ Bill Wheeler

\*If you wish to remember a loved one, please contact the parish office.

## NO 9:00 AM MASS

Please note that there is no 9:00 am Mass on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## NOTICE

The petition to give the downstairs parish hall and gathering space a name and to put up a plaque recognizing the work of the sisters who served the parish has been approved. The hall will be called "Stewardship Hall."

A gathering to formalize this will take place in January (date and hour and other details to be announced).

There are three realities that have served as a basis for the decision that has been made:

1. The sisters did serve in this parish for a number of years.
2. The sisters served under the archbishop and carried out their service as part of the ministry of the archdiocese.
3. Many people were brought into the life of the Church through their service.

I ask for charity on the part of all in accepting this decision.

Fr. Tom Rush, OMI

Pastor

Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Kenai, AK

## PROJECT RACHEL DAY

Project Rachel Day: Luke 11:9, "Ask, and you will receive, knock and the door will be opened to you." held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral, Lunney Center on January 11, 2018 from 10:30AM – 2:00PM. Open to all priests, deacons and wives, lay ministers and laity. Learn about Project Rachel and how to reach out to people whose lives are affected by abortion. Light lunch will be served. Questions? Contact: [projectrachelalaska@gmail.com](mailto:projectrachelalaska@gmail.com) or (907)297-7781.

**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

| <p><b>Saturday @ 5:30 pm<br/>December 30, 2017</b></p>  | <p><b>Sunday @ 10:30 am<br/>December 31, 2017</b></p>   | <p><b>Collection Counters:<br/>(December 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am)</b><br/>Karla Smith<br/>Nancy DuPaul<br/><br/><b>(January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 am)</b><br/>Robin Feltman<br/>Eli Woodvine</p>  |
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| <p><b>Lector:</b><br/>Thi Pijahn</p> <p><b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b><br/>Margaret Simon<br/>Phil Pijahn</p> <p><b>Altar Servers:</b><br/>Danny McIntosh</p> <p><b>If you have any questions or comments regarding all ministry schedules, <u>please</u> contact Fr. Tom.</b></p> | <p><b>Lector:</b><br/>Eileen Bryson</p> <p><b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b><br/>Pako Whannell<br/>Jim Satathite<br/>Nora Satathite<br/>Janice Wilsack<br/>Joan Seaman<br/>Terri Wisniewski<br/>Lucy Ritter</p> <p><b>Altar Servers:</b><br/>Evan Stockton<br/>Katie Stockton<br/>Eliott Stockton</p> <p><b>Hospitality:</b><br/>Carol Hamilton &amp; Janina Efta</p> <p><b>Children's Liturgy:</b><br/>No Children's Liturgy</p> | <div data-bbox="1133 457 1451 552" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1159 615 1425 714" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>Stewardship opportunity:</b><br/>Altar server scheduler<br/>Please contact Deacon Kevin if you would like to take on this ministry.</p> |

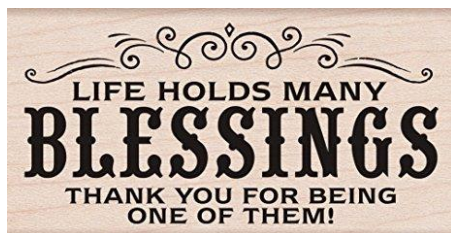
**A NOTE FROM DEACON KEVIN & ELI WOODVINE**

Prayer is a conversation with God that requires more listening than it does talking. Once we have heard God, often we are called into action. This action can be as simple as a conversation with a friend, or warmly greeting a stranger while waiting in the grocery line. However, once in a while this action is a major life changing event.

After much prayer and discernment, Eli and I will be relocating to Houston, TX to assist with Eli's mother. When we were in Houston earlier this month, it came to our attention that Eli's mother needs assistance that requires us to relocate to Houston. Eli will be moving mid-January. Currently, my plan is to drive down in May.

We ask you to please keep us and our family in your prayers.

Deacon Kevin and Eli Woodvine







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December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Dear OLA Parish Members,

When we celebrated the beginning of construction of our church building in October and Archbishop Etienne joined us, we remembered some of the people who were instrumental in undertaking and bringing to complete the structure that continues to serve us now.

I'm pretty sure that those persons who began the effort would not have imagined all those who have benefited from what they were initiating and all the ways the building would serve not only the Catholic community of Kenai, but others as well. Their faith related not so much to what they could predict, but to how God would be able to work in our community through their generosity and hard work. That's one of the key elements of what we now call stewardship: something that's not just actions performed, but a kind of spirituality of acting for the good of the larger community.

I'm sure the construction of the church building asked sacrifices on their part, but they made the sacrifices necessary for completing the project. And we are the beneficiaries.

Now the challenge that is made to us has to do with our willingness to discover in their faith-filled effort an example for undertaking the renovations necessary for our church building to continue to be of service, not just to ourselves, but also to others who come after us.

In many senses the structure itself is not our most important concern. It's the spiritual and pastoral values that matter more than anything else. At the same time, for us to be able to offer the values of our faith to others we have to have a place that serves for gathering, sharing, worshipping, and teaching and learning.

In a matter of weeks we will formally begin our Capital Campaign. It will be carried on over a three-year period. The \$250,000 that we are trying to raise for a new heating system, the reroofing of the building and the replacement of the windows in the downstairs part of the building should serve for another 50 years, we hope.

I'm asking your generous support for this effort with the confidence that what we do now can offer a strong future for our parish.

Many thanks for your support in the past. And may God in his generosity keep you and all your loved ones in his special care.

Sincerely yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Fr. Tom Rush, O.M.I.