

PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Tom Rush, OMI, (Lead Pastor)
Rev. Roger Bergkamp, OMI (Asst. Pastor)
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PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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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 & BENEDICTION:

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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 21st, 2018



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.

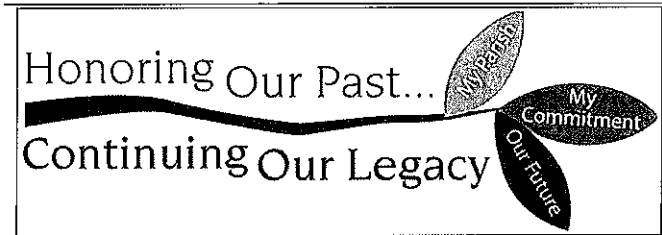
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- ✠ Jan 21 Parish Pancake Breakfast
- ✠ Feb 6-9 OMI Convocation
- ✠ Feb 7 No Daily Mass
- ✠ Feb 9 Mardi Gras fundraiser
- ✠ Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Mass at 6pm
- ✠ Feb 16 Meatless dinner at 6pm and Stations of the Cross at 7pm
- ✠ Feb 19-22 Alaska Priest Convocation. No Daily Mass

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving! OLA wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience, as well as providing a much-needed donation consistency for our parish.

Go to www.kenacatholicchurch.org at any time to set up and maintain your automatic donation plan. Questions or assistance please contact the parish office.



Thank you to everyone who made our Capital Campaign Kick-off a wonderful event on Friday, January 12th. We are well on our way to meeting our goal to make the needed repairs.

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.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

STEWARDSHIP & THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR...

Strange Math

After the wedding, the little ring bearer asked his father, "How many brides can the groom marry?"

"One," his father said. "Why do you ask?"

Because the priest said he could marry sixteen," the boy said, puzzled.

"How'd you come up with that?" his father asked.

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the priest said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."



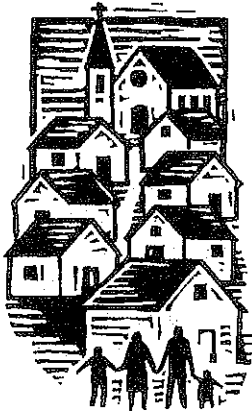
Thank you for everyone who came out and made our Sole Hope Shoe Cutting service project a success!! Clothes Quarters donated funds for an additional 10 pairs of shoes to be cut.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, February 14th Mass at 6pm

No daily Mass on Wednesday, February 7th

No daily Mass February 20th-22nd



Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 21, 2018

The Power of Christ's Invitation

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Whether he knew it or not, Jonah was one of the most powerful prophets in Israel. He had scarcely started on his journey through Ninevah when the entire city under the direction of the king expressed sorrow for their sins and turned God's judgment to mercy. I think we all hope we might be that effective in our jobs.

If we to continue to read the Book of Jonah, though, we find that he wasn't so happy about this turn of events—he felt it

made him look weak. Did he not predict the destruction of Ninevah if they failed to repent?

But for now, we see a people so moved by the word of God that they immediately change their behavior. In Mark's Gospel, Christ's invitation is just as compelling for the four fishermen who abandon their nets and their father by the sea and immediately change their direction and their lives.

I have a hard time imagining the words that would make me drop everything to follow a completely different path. Certainly I've taken the advice of friends and family or have responded to circumstances that demanded a new direction, but only after reflection and prayer—but it took considerably longer than a single moment.

The power of the good news, however, is unlike any other to those who are open to it. When we really hear God's voice, our hearts yearn to be in his presence and, though not always easily, our souls and minds bend to his will.

How is God's word calling you to change today?+

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A Word From Pope Francis

For every Christian, the proclamation and witnessing of the Gospel is never an isolated act. This is important.... No evangelizer acts, as Paul VI recalled, "in virtue of a... personal inspiration, but in union with the mission of the Church and in her name."

—Address to International Union of Superiors General, May 8, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I understand that putting off the voice of God is also putting off all the good, joy, and peace he wants to bring about by what he is asking?

Sunday Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

They proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

For the world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.



Seven Divine Works of Art

By Fr. Thomas Richstatter, OFM

One thing you can say about Catholics: We aren't afraid of things. In fact, it's the opposite. We know that creation is good and that created things can serve as a window through which we see something of God. For us, things are not an obstacle to grace but a means of grace. This is true in those celebrations we call sacraments.

Humans are body, mind, and spirit, and we Catholics come to God with our whole being—not with words alone. We do not simply say, "Jesus is my Savior." We Catholics do more.

We go into the baptismal tomb where we die with Christ, then plunge into the waters of birth in him. We come up from the Church's womb with rebirth and new life to be oiled and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and fed on the Body and Blood of Christ at the Eucharist. Catholicism is an incarnated religion. It uses the ordinary stuff of this world to touch the world beyond.

An artist is always somehow embodied in his or her work. We can look at a painting and say, "That is a Picasso." We hear a piece of music and say, "That's clearly Beethoven."

In a similar way we can look at the sacraments and say, "That's God!" We

see the artist revealed in the work of art. That's what the sacraments are—seven great artworks revealing the Creator.

Portraits of God

Baptism reveals God as the womb and source of all life. When I see a newly baptized infant in his or her parents' arms, I get a glimpse of parental God embracing us—loving us, not because of what we have done, but because we are God's children. Confirmation reveals our destiny; we are to live to make visible in outward signs the "personality" of our Creator God. We are to be signs of wisdom, judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and awe.

Eucharist says it all: We become present to the Lord who died that we might live—who feeds us with his Body and Blood so that we become one body filled with his Spirit.

Reconciliation reveals a God ever ready to forgive and embrace us. Anointing shows us a God who heals, longing for the end of sickness, pain, and disease and calling us—along with all creation—to wholeness. Holy orders provides a glimpse of a God who shepherds the flock, leading and sanctifying all into the kingdom.

And what a powerful sign we have in marriage! In the faithful, total, through-thick-and-thin, for-better-or-worse love the couple promises each other in the rite of marriage, all who witness the sacrament can glimpse how God loves us:

faithfully, totally, through thick and thin, for better or worse. At their wedding, the bride and groom receive many wonderful gifts. But the gifts they receive are not as wonderful as the gift the couple gives us. They give us a sacrament, a sign of who God is.

Seeing More

As Americans, we value efficiency and production. We like getting to the point and getting the job done. Sometimes this can blind us to the symbolic function of things and events.

Sacraments "produce" through symbols. Sacraments help us see more. They help us see God in a baby's smile or in the touch of a loved one; they help us to find God in the "I'm sorry" of someone who has hurt us. The sacraments, and all of creation, reveal the divine Creator artist. +

PRAYER

Lord, you call me to do the work of God in the world. Help me to say yes to your work of peace and reconciliation.

From Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time,


Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 22–27

Mon. Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: 2 Sm 5:1–7, 10 / Mk 3:22–30
 Tue. Weekday: 2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19 / Mk 3:31–35
 Wed. St. Francis de Sales: 2 Sm 7:4–17 / Mk 4:1–20

Thu. Conversion of St. Paul: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 / Mk 16:15–18
 Fri. Sts. Timothy and Titus: 2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5 / Mk 4:26–34
 Sat. Weekday: 2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17 / Mk 4:35–41

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 January 21, 2018

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Pastoral Council
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church

Meeting Agenda
January 28, 2018

1. Opening Prayer - Deacon Kevin
2. Review and approve previous meeting minutes
3. Old business
 - Review council members interviews with parishioners
 - Updates on 2018 Peninsula wide mass and picnic hosted by OLA
4. New Business
 - Capital Campaign update
 - Parishioners' letters to Council
 - Review resumes for Parish Secretary/confirm job description
 - Faith formation update - Teen/Confirmation
5. Executive session
6. Schedule of council meetings for 2017 (all meetings 1 PM, except as listed)
 - January 28, 2018
 - February 25, 2018
 - March 25, 2018
 - April 22, 2018
 - No May meeting
 - June 24, 2018
 - No July meeting
 - August 26, 2018
 - September 23, 2018
 - October 28, 2018
 - November 18, 2018
 - No December meeting
7. Comments from council members
8. Closing prayer – Fr Tom Rush

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-6th grade, Sundays 11:45 am to 12:45 pm
Wednesday Night Live: 7th – 12th 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

RETRouvaille

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. 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 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.comprogram

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

The parish is accepting applicants for the position of secretary. Job description is available in the OLA parish office upon request. If you are interested in applying, please submit your résumé and cover letter to the OLA parish office. Thank you

A NOTE FROM FR. TOM

Dear Friends,
Before we get too far into 2018 I want to offer a word of thanks to all of you who at Christmas offered your good wishes, prayers and gifts to me and the other priests who serve here. May you receive many blessings during this still New Year.
Fr. Tom

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:

- † John Ritter
- † Alicia Heath
- † Ryan Hakkinen
- † Vincent O'Reilly, Jr
- † Sister Joan Barina

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

OLA SERVICE AWARDS

The application for the 2018 OLA Service Award for graduating high school seniors is available to be picked up on the corner bulletin board at the top of the stairs. You may also request an application from the parish office. Completed applications will need to be turned into the parish office by noon on Friday, March 23rd, 2018.

Our Lady of the Angels offers our sincerest gratitude to the O'Neal family whose generous donation made this service award possible.

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!

PROJECT RACHEL



Suffering, sad, or confused because of an abortion – you or a family member? Whether recently or long ago, consider grieving your loss through the Archdiocesan-supported Project Rachel healing group. It is free and confidential. For further information or to participate phone our confidential phone line: 297-7781 or Toll Free 1-866-434-3344 (outside the Anchorage area).



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR
MARDI GRAS

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 9TH

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

| <p>Saturday @ 5:30 pm January 27, 2018</p> | <p>Sunday @ 10:30 am January 28, 2018</p> | <p>Collection Counters:</p> |
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| <p>Lector: Thi Pijahn</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Groleske Pako Whannell</p> <p>Altar Servers: Julianna Hamilton Jordyn Whannell</p> <p>If you have any questions or comments regarding all ministry schedules, <u>please</u> contact Fr. Tom.</p> | <p>Lector: Linda Zimmerman</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Deacon Kevin Lucy Ritter Tim Agosti Janice Wilsack Joan Seaman Terri Wisniewski Nancy DuPaul</p> <p>Altar Servers: Sam Anderson Julia Anderson Maria Anderson</p> <p>Hospitality: Nancy DuPaul</p> <p>Children's Liturgy: James & Amy Adcox</p> | <p>(January 23rd @ 2:30 pm) Karla Smith Nancy DuPaul</p> <p>(January 30th @ 10:00am) Rose Henry Terrya Gabriel</p> <div data-bbox="1101 520 1414 615" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  Invite friends with Facebook </div> <div data-bbox="1125 678 1390 772" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Stewardship opportunity: Altar server scheduler Please contact Deacon Kevin if you would like to take on this ministry.</p> |

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Altar Server scheduler
- ✓ Hospitality minister (coffee and donuts)
- ✓ Collection counter
- ✓ Sacristan for Saturday evening Mass
- ✓ Someone to organize the reception after Mass on Easter Sunday
- ✓ Someone to organize the Easter egg hunt

Please contact Deacon Kevin at the parish office if you are interested helping in one of these ministries.



Stewardship
a way of life