



The Angelus

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The Angelus is back! Many long-time members of Queen of Angels may remember that there used to be a quarterly newsletter sent to parishioners to allow for expanded information about what is happening in our parish, and it's a lot! This new Angelus will be an **online** newsletter that will be sent straight to your email, making information just a click away. We hope you will enjoy and benefit from the return of The Angelus!

News on Father Dennis!



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DENNIS ROBB...

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Dear Parishioners,

It sure seems like it has been quite a while (Wow! It was at the end of September) since I make the important decision to take a medical leave of absence in order to attend exclusively to my heart failure problem. I know the pain and disruption that this decision has caused in our parishes, and I am proud of your acceptance of "the way things have to be" and your willingness to carry on!

I still have a way to go, but I am improving and feeling much, much better. I don't think I need to go into all the details, but my heart is doing somewhat better, although it's not like a bump on the arm, I should improve to some degree and hopefully return to a scaled-back schedule sometime in the not too distant future.

I offer my gratitude to Father Leonardo who has taken upon himself a lot of extra work! I called him last Tuesday to see if he was still alive after Christmas - and he said he was! Thanks Father Leonardo. Thanks also to my primary care doctor and the three specialists (four when I count the prosthesis specialist) who have been doing a great job keeping me busy with appointments and tests and blood draws and cat-scans and x-rays, and etc. Thanks also to all of you for your cards, your kind words, and especially your prayers. I have been reading the bulletin regularly and using it as my source for both information and for my prayer as I pray on a regular basis for individuals and groups within the parishes. A special thanks to my dear cousins - Steve and Karen Anderson and their family for being there for me with help, support, and transportation to all my appointments! I have greatly enjoyed having tea with Cathy Wiswell from time-to-time as she kept me up to date with what is going on, and I am thankful that things are going as well as they are! And finally, I know I haven't been around much because I have been very busy avoiding all the germs that have been going around

My best wishes to all of you and may God bless you!

Father Dennis - Pastor (the last time I checked!!)

Hear ye, hear ye... Q.A. NEWS!!

- **ALPHA For Catholics** is back! If you have not experienced this dynamic program for yourself, make it your new year's gift to you! It is a video series that will strengthen, inspire, and make you better dedicated to your faith. It begins on *Saturday, January 25th at 12:30* in the St. Ann Room and will run every Saturday at that time for the next 11 weeks. Lunch IS provided! Make growing in your personal faith a priority this year and join us at **ALPHA for Catholics**, presented by the Evangelization Commission. For any questions, contact Harley or Janice Robinson 360-457-7057.
- **Coffee Hour Mardi Gras Style** – Don't miss this fun and festive Coffee Hour Sunday February 23rd after the 11:00 Mass sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul!
- **Please Mark Your Calendars...** the *Q of A School Task Force* will sponsor the 32rd annual **Touch a Truck Event** on Saturday, April 25th from 10 AM to 2 PM on the Queen of Angels School playground! Kids of all ages are welcome at this free community event. Bring your kids to see emergency vehicles, logging trucks, construction vehicles, etc. It is a fun-filled day for the whole family. Food and activities available.
- The new Queen of Angels **Angelus** will come out three times a year and a great way to be in the know. If you are interested in joining the staff please contact Julie Fisher 360-457-0815 or Casey McInnes 360-808-2601.
- Queen of Angels **St. Vincent de Paul** Conference, which was founded in 1986 to provide emergency aide to those needing food, housing, or financing, has a special new program called "Systemic Change" to help folks move up from one level of poverty to a better standard of living. When individuals and families are warm, safe, and fed, life improves, children learn and people have hope. Please keep them and the people they assist in your prayers and remember all food and financial donations are greatly needed. For any questions contact Barbara Townsend 360-457-5804.
- All women of Queen of Angels, **You Are Invited** to a "*Tribute to Mary*" Luncheon and Program May 5th from 11 AM to 1:30 in the St. Anne Room. Included will be a complimentary LUNCH, Mary crowning at the Grotto, Mary songs, Honoring women in Ministry, memorial service for women who have died in the last year, and wonderful food, fun, and fellowship. Sponsored by QA Catholic Women.
- **Divine Mercy Novena** will be prayed at Queen of Angeles this year! The Novena begins at 3 PM at on Good Friday and continues daily for 9 days at 3 PM at the church and will culminate on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th this year. Reminders will be in the bulletin. For more information, contact Donna Wiese 360-457-6733.

Take a Peek at what is happening at QA....

The RCIA program provides instruction for those who have an interest in becoming Catholic or are seeking Confirmation. This year there are eight candidates at Queen of Angeles. Please keep this people in your prayers as they grow in faith and understanding and commitment. Seen here are six of the eight enrolled.



Kids Vegetable Garden Grant Opportunity!

Hey kids, this is your chance to see what it takes to grow fresh vegetables! February 12th is the deadline for applications for a grant to learn how to grow vegetables and help your community at the same time. St Vincent de Paul is providing grants for three children between ages 9 and 16 who are interested to learn how to grow a vegetable garden and willing to commit to the project. On average, half of the fresh produce from your garden will be used to help reduce hunger by donating it to service organizations in the community. The other half is for you and your family!

Do you know a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew who is interested in this garden opportunity? If so, contact *Bill Klover*, 360461-8836 or at William.klover@yahoo.com for more information or an application!

Get your COOKBOOK while they last!

The Queen of Angels Catholic Women & Queen of Angels School Cookbook is still available for purchase! They have a wonderful range of time-tested favorite recipes as well as entertaining school and parish history and memories! Also included are many helpful cooking hints. Nearly 130 people contributed over 300 recipes! Cookbooks cost \$15 each. If you need one shipped to a friend or relative, the cost is \$19. The committee sincerely thanks all those who contributed to and helped make this cookbook happen. All proceeds go to Queen of Angels School!



For questions, contact Barb Townsend 360-461-0642 or Casey McInnes 360-452-8838. Checks payable to QA Catholic Women (QACW). Cookbooks are available in school office.

*****QA MINISTRIES INFORMATION*****

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

Our ladies' Bible Study has been meeting for over 40 Years! We now meet in the St. Benedict's Room on Tuesday mornings, 9-10:30 AM from September to May. All women are welcome. We recently completed the ninth of Stephen Ray's ten-part DVD series, Footprints of God. We've studied the Gospels and other books of the bible as well as series by Bishop Robert Barron, Father Dave Pivonka, Scott Hahn, Jeff Cravins, Tim Gray, Dr. Grant Pitre, Women of the Bible, and more. We are a diverse group and allow time for lively discussions. For more information please call *Betty Halberg 360-461-9240*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are a group of women who have a passion for knitting or crocheting and who were inspired to share their talents by creating Prayer Shawls. We knit and/or crochet Prayer Shawls and Baptismal Shawls to be distributed to anyone whether they are a member of our parish or not. The recipients may have physical, emotional and/or spiritual needs. This gift provides warmth, comfort, and blessings through the prayers said by the shawl makers. They are meant to act as loving arms enfolding and embracing, and to remind the recipient of God's daily blessings and continual love. We meet regularly the third Tuesday of each month in the Mary Room from 1 to 3 PM. Yarn, patters, knitting needles, crochet hooks are provided, so there is no expense! We welcome any new members! *Contact Connie Miller 360-808-1106*

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

This long-standing Bible study for adult men and women meets Wednesday mornings 9:30 to 11 in the St. Anne Rm in the spring and fall for the duration of each session, between 5 to 11 weeks. Most topics are selected from the Little Rock Catholic Bible Study Program and include reading, discussion and videos that are designed to increase knowledge and understanding of the bible. Snacks and coffee are included as well as an opportunity to go out to lunch afterwards! *Contact Eve Farrell 360-417-6633 or Helen Schaaf 360-457-6772 for more information.*

MIX-UPS!

Is a most fun type of supper/lunch club! Four different couples are grouped together twice a year, in the spring and fall. They meet four times with each one taking a turn to host while each couple makes part of the meal. Singles are invited, too! It's a great way to get acquainted with your fellow parishioners! If you are interested *Contact Barbara Moritz 360-452-123.*

Queen of Angels High School Scholarship Committee

Our Parish has a **Scholarship Committee** which helps support our graduating seniors who are going on to a community college, a four-year college, or a trade school. Typically, scholarship applications are available at the Rectory during the month of March. Once the student picks up the application they usually have until near the end of March to return it. Students are asked to write a small essay about their faith and another about their involvement at church. Seventy-five percent of the decision is based on their church involvement and twenty-five percent on their academics and extracurricular activities. The Committee is always looking for donations to help some of the outstanding seniors in our parish! *Contact Casey McInnes Chairman 360-452-8838 for more information.*

The Home-Bound Ministry

For any parishioner who finds themselves unable to regularly attend Sunday Mass due to illness or injury he or she may call on the **Home Bound Ministry**. This ministry is a bridge between the homebound or those in the hospital or a health or rehabilitation facility and the larger church community. The ministers share the Holy Eucharist, the Word of God, and the news of the parish. In this way, homebound keep their link to the larger church community. Ministers listen and are sensitive to their needs and help give the homebound the opportunity to contribute to the mission of the church by facilitating their ability to support and pray for the needs of the church. *Please contact Donna Wiese 360-457-6733.*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – Queen of Angeles Conference

Our Conference was founded in May 1986 and formed out of love, compassion, and a prayerful call to serve our neighbors in our community. We provide food, emergency housing, utility payments, rent, telephone cards, public transportation tickets, and gas along with paying for education, funeral, medical, and dental expenses. Approximately 20% of our food deliveries are to people in cars, tents, or living on the street. Some individuals and families are just awaiting a home or apartment, others are living one day at a time. St. Vincent de Paul received 2,280 phone calls for help, supported 4,566 adults and children, handed out coats, socks, gloves, etc., and gave out \$91,000. The new “Systemic Change” program underway is designed to help folks move up to a better standard of living. We ask for your support with prayers and donations of food or money. We Vincentians are able to help those in need because of your continued support. *For more information, contact Barbara Townsend 360-457-5804.*

The Knights of Columbus

The **Knights of Columbus** is an organization for Catholic men which is very active within and outside the parish in a wide variety of ways. They offer world class life insurance and investment options, they have contributed millions of charitable dollars and millions of volunteers service hours worldwide. In our parish the Knights provide a monthly Parish breakfast; cook for the annual Parish Picnic and the dinner for BASH; paint houses; do blood drives; support Right to Life, school scholarships, and numerous other projects that support our church and our church community. *Contact Bill Trodahl 360-457-1638.*

******* COMMISSION REPORTS! *******

Every single ministry in our church has been grouped with other goal-similar ministries and those groups are called Commissions. The hope is that every ministry will have the chance to share what they are doing, encourage membership, and be better promoted in our church. The various Commissions are: Service, Parish Life, Youth, QA School, Communication, Faith Formation, Liturgy, and Evangelization. Here are some Commission Reports...

The School Commission Report ~ According to the national and archdiocesan guidelines the purpose of the School Commission is to assure appropriate policies are in place and has the responsibility of advising the school principal, especially in areas impacting the budget. At Queen of Angels School, the School Commission has assumed additional responsibilities. One of the sub-committees, the Task Force, has been creating events which are intended to increase awareness of the school and raising funds for the school. **Adopt-A-Student**, **BASH**, and **Touch A Truck** are some of them. A summer golf tournament is in the planning stages. The Commission is seeking additional involvement from our parish communities. Attendance any or all of these events not only provides financial support for the school, they are great fun and share enthusiasm for the school. We hope many will get involved and support our wonderful school!

The Evangelization Commission ~ The mission of the **Evangelization Commission** is to facilitate evangelization efforts in the Parishes and community. The Commission serves those who do not know Christ, those who are on a journey to learn more about faith and the Catholic Church, and for former Catholics who are considering a return to the church. We offer a variety of Programs in each of these three areas. Currently we have an **ALPHA for Catholics** video series set to start on Saturday, January 25th at 12:30 in the St Anne Rm with lunch provided. The 1 ½ to 2- hour sessions include lunch, video and discussion. There's a lot of fun and inspiration in a relaxed environment. Also, the **Monday Morning Men's Group**, whose goal is to increase each individual's personal faith life, includes coffee and meets in the St. Benedict Room at 7 AM. *For more information please contact Harley Robinson 360-477-5803.*

Communication Commission ~ Members of this Commission have had a busy and productive year. Working to improve internal and external communication, the Communication Commission is responsible for new signage in front of the church (on the corner of Sequim and Maple). They have also worked intensely to improve the parish bulletin and create a more user-friendly website (clallamcatholic.org). Their most recent communication tool was the approval of this parish newsletter and one for St. Joseph. Ray Daignault represents the Pastoral Council on this commission.