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HAPPY RETIREMENT TO FATHER DENNIS!

It was with great sadness at his departure and great joy for his well-earned retirement after forty-six years in the service of our Lord that we marked the retirement of Father Dennis Robb at the end of June. It was not celebrated with all of us present at a lovely reception as it would have been had it not been for the COVID-19 virus, which has altered all of our lives to one extent or another, but it was still celebrated with a myriad of cards and well wishes from parishioners old and young, past and present.

As a “local boy” we fully expect to see him around from time to time, and we look forward to that! Meanwhile we give him our heartfelt thanks for his love of the Lord, love of his parishioners and students, love of his church, and for his dedication and inspiration to those of us he served. God bless you, Father Dennis, and keep you safe. Enjoy your retirement!

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

YES, there is NEWS, although not as much as there would be if we weren't in the midst of social distancing and restricted gathering! Ministries can't meet as they used to, programs can't be held as they would have, but ministries are finding ways to stay in touch and keep their faith group a part of their daily lives. Included in this newsletter are articles to better get to know different ministries, hear about what they've done, are doing, or have learned. Read on!

Queen of Angels Parish Scholarships Awarded to Graduating Seniors!

Our church scholarships are awarded to high school students based on parish involvement, academic, extracurricular, and community involvement. We are proud to announce scholarships were awarded to:

Kynzie DeLeon, daughter of Dan and Tamie DeLeon. Kynzie received the Queen of Angels Church Scholarship and the *Deacon Peter Flatley Memorial Scholarship*.

Brody Merritt, son of Rob and Kerri Merritt. Brody received the Queen of Angels Church Scholarship and the *Deacon Peter Flatley Memorial Scholarship*.

Isabella "Bella" Money, daughter of Simon and Kara Money. Bella received the Queen of Angels Church Scholarship, the *Francis Thiemann Memorial Scholarship*, and the *Deacon Peter Flatley Memorial Scholarship*.

As always, we were able to offer our applicants funds from the QA Parish Scholarship Fund created by the generous gifts of parishioners, and this year we had two very generous donors donate money to create memorial scholarships to honor two men from our parish, Deacon Peter Flatley and Francis Thiemann. Next year, around the first of March, high school seniors will be able to apply for a QA scholarship. Details will be in the bulletin. We would all like to thank the Scholarship Committee for their dedication in the selection process and the generous parishioners who donated money this year. It couldn't happen without you! Our parish is very proud of all of our graduates who were blessed by Father Leonardo following the recorded Sunday Mass several weeks ago!

An Open Letter from Cody McDonald, QA School Principal...

A new chapter in our history

As the world faces the challenge of the covid-19 pandemic, schools face unexpected difficulties and must adapt quickly to best serve the students and families of their communities. Here at Queen of Angels, the pandemic has presented many challenges, however, the strength and dedication of our faculty enabled us to quickly enact change. While many schools took a hiatus from education for a few weeks, our students did not miss a day of education. With news of the statewide school closures, our teachers quickly put together distance learning plans for their classes and issued to families the materials needed to continue their learning from home.

Online learning possesses its own set of challenges. As the school addressed the crisis by switching to online platforms, teachers, students, and parents all began to adjust to this new way of learning. It has been a steep learning curve for everyone but as we progress, we have all become more adept in our use of online methods of learning and engaging. From Zoom classes and Google Classroom to Facebook live, reading and virtual field trips, the creativity which inspires our teachers' typical lesson planning has well-suited them in their online learning adventure. For some, the change has come gracefully, for others it has been a difficult process. For all, we have missed the daily interactions of community life which make Queen of Angels special.

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Inspired by our school's great history, we continue to look to the future. Queen of Angels School will continue to serve families by offering an outstanding Catholic education. The ongoing spread of Covid-19 leaves open a number of questions for the future, one thing is certain – Whatever the reality we face, Queen of Angels school will face the challenges of the times with creativity, dedication, and passion so that we can carry-on the mission we have received.

Queen of Angels Catholic Women HAVE been busy...

During Covid-19, The Queen of Angels Catholic Women have been placing flowers at the Mary statue the first of May, mailing Mass cards, thanking the women in parish who sang in the choir, meeting and voting via email to OK expenditures, connecting with members via email, text and phones and staying busy!

In the past three months QA Catholic Women have distributed funds to:

QA School tuition \$1,500

High School Scholarships \$450

Human Trafficking \$100

Youth (camperships & etc.) \$1,000

SVDP Memorial Fund \$1,500

St Francis Guild had a socially-distanced-mask-optional Open House/Garden party. The Guild has 3 members on Medical leave, TLC baskets were delivered to them.

St Martin de Porres Guild lost a dear member and friend, Lori Johnson, RIP. There will be a gathering in memory of Lori soon.

We gathered signatures for Referendum 90 with drive-by signings. The Referendum will go on the ballot in November. Over 266,000 signatures were gathered. Thank you, QA parishioners and others! *For more information, call Barb Townsend 209-326-7413.*

What's New at the School?

Queen of Angels School is gearing up for a new year! The 2020-2021 school year may be a bit different from what the traditional program has been, and it may be fluid with changes during the year, but it *will* be the same outstanding education in a dedicated Catholic environment. The Diocese of Seattle is establishing the procedures based on the most up-to-date information designed to keep all students and staff safe. Our church and our community are blessed to have this local educational option. To find out more specifics, get up-to-date information, or enroll you child, call the school at 360-457-6903.

St Vincent de Paul in the time of Covid-19 ...

SVDP has been operating pretty much as usual during the virus, although with some members unavailable. Since there have been a lot of resources of money and food available in town and gas requests were down since doctor and other appointments were cancelled, the requests for assistance from SVDP were down until the last couple weeks.

We were able to assist those with other needs. Motel requests were up prior to the opening of the Social Distancing Center due to the need to isolate from others. We had one person with Covid-19 virus who was put in a motel with a SVDP member calling her daily and networking with medics who checked on her. She was quarantine for 11 days. Thanks Be to God this did not spread into the homeless community.

For 3 weeks, a total of 13 nights, a fellow on kidney dialysis needed a place to isolate. SVDP provided a room at the motel to help provide a safe environment for couple days a week prior to his treatment. We have helped families with children living in cars get into a safe place to isolate themselves. We were able to help these folks and more due to our parishioners' generous donations. Motel expenses were total of \$6,889.00.

From January through May 2020, we had 639 calls for assistance. We provided \$36,718 in assistance for Emergency Shelter, Rent, Utilities, Food, Auto repair, Funeral, Ferry and more. Approximately 2500 volunteer hours were given. Yes, SVDP continues to operate and be a force for good in our community, especially during the time of COVID!

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

A Simple Way to Holiness, the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a proven school for saints. The founder, Frank Duff, once said, "The Legion makes saints and makes them by the bushel!" When we consider that an organization not yet a hundred years old already has three members up for canonization, it is truly amazing. Legionaries, by their faithful membership, should be aware that they are linked to and are in the company of these three "Saints-in- Waiting" as well as their some thousand heroic brothers and sisters in China who, between 1949 and 1953, were martyred for their Catholic Faith and Legion membership. The Legion is not just an organization but a way of life, a vocation of the lay apostolate and a school for sanctity. Legionaries should be especially grateful for the opportunity to attend this "school".

If we want to become good at something, we have to practice it every week - a sport, a hobby, a musical instrument.

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Legionaries "get good" at holiness by being "practicing" legionaries - faithfully keeping up the weekly praesidium and assignment exercises and following the prescribed instructions. It is an ideal expression of the lay vocation for Catholics in all walks of life - a real vocation for the married, the single, the separated, and even for a priest, deacon or nun.

We know Frank Duff never married, devoting his whole life to serving God and "persevering to the end" in the Legion that he founded. The story is told that he was once asked why he didn't marry one of those admiring secretaries of his; he replied, "Why should I make one woman miserable when I can keep at least a half dozen waiting in hopeful expectation!" *For more information about the Legion of Mary, please contact Jessica Grable 360-4171885 or 360-461-5318.*

Seminarian Mass Cards

Father Leonardo is saying Mass one day a month for the intentions from the Seminarian Mass Cards. Donations for the masses are used to provide extra TLC for our seminarians. It's been difficult for them the last few months as everyone. Please support this effort on behalf of our seminarians. For Mass Cards, call, text or email Barbara Townsend 209-326-7413, bmeehan36@olypen.com, or contact Judy Hubbard 360-457-4316.

The Queen of Angels COOKBOOKs!



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 or Casey McInnes 360-452-8838 or Barb Townsend 360-461-0642. Checks payable to QA Catholic Women (QACW). Cookbooks are available for **free** home delivery in Port Angeles, Sequim, or Joyce!

- The new Queen of Angels newsletter, the *Angelus*, is a great way to be in the know! If you are interested in joining the staff, please contact Julie Fisher 360-457-0815.

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

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

BEFORE Covid-19 hit our country, the *Tuesday Morning Bible Study* completed Bishop Barron's video series *THE MASS* which greatly inspired them all. Below is a recap of what they learned...

Insights from The Tuesday Ladies Bible Study on Bishop Barron's The Mass

The Mass at Queen of Angels and St. Joseph is the closest thing to heaven on this side of eternity! What an impressive idea! It fills the heart with curiosity and wonder, and these ideas of curiosity and wonder about the Mass were the recent topic of the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Group. We examined the structure and the beauty of the Mass over several weeks by viewing Bishop Barron's video series, **The Mass**. In creating this article, we touch upon just some of the highlights. We prayerfully hope that you will read our observations below and will be inspired to view the Mass with a deeper perspective and an emboldened heart to visit our Lord more often.

Preparing to attend the Mass... We Catholics have gone to Mass all our lives and yet, we know so little of what it means. Driving or walking to Church for Mass can help set the tone and mind-set. If we're going to our friends' house to have dinner, we're excited on the way there and even more excited when their door is opened and we enter their home, anticipating all that is ahead of us. We should be just as excited as we head to church, enter God's house, anticipating our participation in the Lord's Supper. We bless ourselves with holy water from the baptismal font recalling our Baptism. Don't just make a tiny thoughtless gesture, it has a greater meaning! The first part of the Mass is a "getting together" with God, and we're conversing with each other, just as guests do before a meal they've been invited to.

Entrance and Veneration of the Altar... The entrance procession, which is based on the Old Testament, is led by the altar servers, followed by the lectors, the deacons, and finally the priest because he is the most important person. Singing connects us with the heavenly hosts and reflects the harmony of God so music is an integral part of the entrance as we join our voices with the angels.

The Opening Prayers... In the opening prayers we again make the sign of the cross, we belong to Christ. The Amen is a sign of our commitment and acceptance. We acknowledge our sins and ask for God's mercy. Then the Gloria is a joyful acclamation that we are forgiven of sins and give glory to God! The Collect is the gathering of prayers that have been introduced where we praise God recalling His great works and confidently ask that he might intercede for us. This is directed to the Father through the Son and in the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy of the Word... God speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures. The readings are usually but not always from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Epistles, and the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read we joyfully rise and enthusiastically respond with *Alleluia*, with this response we are participating. We make a small sign of the cross on our forehead, our lips, and over our heart as we say *Glory to you, O Lord*. With the triple cross we are asking the Lord to bless our minds and our hearts that they will be open to the Gospel, and our words so we might proclaim them.

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Our Prayers of the Faithful... It is at this time that we entreat God for His intercession with the needs of the world, our nation, our community, for individuals, etc. This concludes the Liturgy of the Word.

Liturgy of the Eucharist... In the Offertory we offer our monetary gifts and the gift of ourselves as all things are from God. The Preparation of the Altar takes place; presentation of the Gifts; the prayers at the Presentation of these Gifts; the mixing of the water and wine; washing of hands and prayer over the offering are parts of the presentation. Throughout this part of the Mass we should be involved in watching and listening to what is happening on the Altar especially during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer... This Prayer begins with an exchange between the priest and the people as all lift up our hearts to the Lord. Participants proclaim it is right and just to give thanks to the Father. *Holy, Holy, Holy*, we join with the joyful heavenly celebration! We kneel since this is one of the highest holy parts of the Mass. The Priest calls on the Father to send the Holy Spirit to make present the Son. The Transubstantiation occurs, and the body and blood of Christ created, when the Priest proclaims, in the person of Christ, "Take this, all of you, and eat it, this is my body that will be given for you." He then elevates the host and chalice. This elevation of the body and blood of Christ is offered in the sacramental form to the Father which will be returned to us enhanced.

Intercession for the Church... We are linked to every other person in the world, living and dead, throughout time by our Baptism. Prayers are offered for the Pope, our local bishop(s), and those in Purgatory. The Virgin Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and all saints are invoked.

The Doxology... When the Priest announces "Through Him, with Him and in Him..." This is the Sacrificial offering of the Son to the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit to give glory to God followed by the Lord's Prayer. We greet one another with the Sign Peace. God is the God of Peace and we offer peace to our neighbor.

The Mass is a sacred banquet as God wants to feed his people with this super-substantial bread. The word Mass means *sent* and we are now sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. "We are gathered, we are fed, and finally we are sent, back into the world to evangelize." The Mass is a great prayer and adoration. It is a mystery that puts us in direct contact with the Divine Reality.

The Tuesday Ladies Bible Study encourages anyone who has yet to experience Bishop Barron's **The Mass** to do so. They will be informed, inspired, and will be awed each time they go to Mass! *Jindy O'Donnell*

For more information about the Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study please call Betty Halberg 360-461-9240 or Jindy O'Donnell 360-457-1672