St. Angela Merici Catholic Church

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020

Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm (open during lunch hour)
Closed Saturday
Open Sunday 9:00am to 1:30pm

Parish Clergy
Pastor: Very Rev. Father Peter Crivello, Vicar General, ext. 22.
In-Residence: Father Miguel Grajeda, Vicar for Clergy
Deacon David Ford , Director of Diaconate & Ministry Formation

Liturgical Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12pm
Daily Mass Tuesday-Saturday: 8am
Reconciliation Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

Parish Office Staff:
Bookkeeper and Office Manager:
Jeannette Marrujo, ext. 23
Director of Faith Formation and Liturgy Coordinator:
Jordan Lewis, ext. 25
Director of Liturgical Music and Choir:
Lana Poklad, ext. 26
SOAR & EM to the Homebound:
Betsy Messman, ext. 24,
Maintenance Manager:
Tommy Gomez, ext. 27
Parish Secretary:
Lorie Ford, ext. 20
Preschool Director:
Heather Diaz, 831.372.3555
St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Line: 831.915.0415

Celebrating Sacraments:

Baptism
Call the Parish Office, 655-4160

Faith Formation
K-8 Weekly Youth Classes, First Communion, Confirmation, Small Christian Communities
Contact: Jordan Lewis jordan@stangelamerici.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
For those interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation
Call Barbara Wright–277-9186

Marriages*
Call the parish office-655-4160, ext 20
*Begin instruction six months before the intended date of the wedding.

Our Parish Community Mission Statement
We, the family of St. Angela Merici, a welcoming community with a rich heritage, live out our Baptismal call to become the Body of Christ through Eucharist, Evangelization and Stewardship.

NEW TO THE PARISH? MOVING? NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ON FILE?
Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return to the parish office.
I am: __ -New to the parish __ -Updating Information __ -Would like to receive envelopes? __-Receive event info via text msg
Please circle: Mr. or Mrs. Or Ms. Name:_____ Phone:_____
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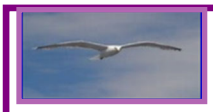
Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

Readings for February 24th - March 1st	
Monday Seventh week of Ordinary Time	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Ash Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



SOAR
Stations of the Cross and Lunch

You are invited to Stations of the Cross followed by lunch on **Monday, March 2nd** at 11:30a.m. in the church.

Please RSVP to Betsy Messman,

This week at St. Angela Merici

Tues 02/25	8:00a 11:00a 1:00p 3:30p 5:30p	Morning Mass Small Christian Community SVDP Food Cupboard Faith Formation 40+ Singles Pancake dinner	Ch Lib SmHall LgHall LgHall
Wed 02/26	8:00a Noon 6:30p 7:00p	Ash Wednesday Mass Ash Wednesday Mass Ash Wednesday Mass RCIA	Ch Ch Ch Vic
Thurs. 02/27	8:00a 1:00p 6:00p	Morning Mass SVDP Food Cupboard Choir	Ch SmHall Ch
Fri 02/28	8:00a 8:30a Noon 1:00p	Morning Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross Best Lent Ever reflections	Ch Ch Ch Lib
Sat 02/29	8:00a 4:00p 5:00p	Morning Mass Reconciliation Mass	Ch LgHall Ch
Sun 03/1	 8:00a 10:00a Noon 5:00p	OLF Filhos Sale after all Masses Mass Children's Liturgy (Mass) Mass 7th/8th Faith Formation & Confirmation Session	LgHall Ch Ch Ch LgHall

Our Annual Ministry Appeal began last weekend!

This is our major Fundraiser supporting the Diocese and our Parish. If we each participate, together we achieve so much. We can have a successful, helpful and shared fundraiser! Be sure to Join In!

Thanks to an anonymous generous parishioner if we meet our goal they will

Remember, $27,300 is given to the Diocese and the rest stays right here at St. Angela Merici

OUR PARISH TOTAL FAMILY GOAL FOR 2020 IS $109,500.00

$110,000	
$100,000	
$90,000	
$80,000	
$70,000	
$60,000	
$50,000	
$40,000	
$30,000	
$20,000	
$10,000	$1,150.00

Ash Wednesday

February 26th

Mass with distribution of Ashes

8:00am, Noon, 6:30pm

Parish Lenten Resource

The Little Black Book

Six– minute meditations on the Sunday Gospel of Lent

We have large print books this year. Books are available in church this Saturday and Sunday

Lent: A Time for Inner Cleansing

Kathy Kuczka

Every year my mother would rearrange the furniture in the living room and family room and change the drapes. Then she would open the cupboards and drawers in the kitchen, remove all the dishes, glasses, cups, goblets, plates, pitchers, platters, bowls, casseroles, china, and silverware to clean them. It was as if we were preparing for the biggest banquet of the year. She called this cleansing fury "spring cleaning."

Every year at this time the Church gives us the opportunity to do some inner spring cleaning. In fact, the word *Lent* is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring." Lent is a prime time to rearrange our priorities, to open the cupboards of our hearts and hold our egos to the light to see those areas that need to be cleaned and polished. Inner cleansing, or conversion, has always been at the heart of Lent. In the early Church, Lent was the final leg of the journey for the catechumens preparing for Baptism. It was also a time when already baptized penitents, isolated from the assembly because of their sins, would prepare to be reconciled to God and the community. The journeys of the catechumen and the penitent were related in that both embraced conversion. As the catechumen looked forward to Baptism, the penitent looked forward to reconciliation. To this day, the focus of Lent remains both baptismal and penitential.

Return, repent, reconcile, and renew are words that we hear in the liturgies of Lent. A common factor among these words is the prefix *re-*. That prefix expresses the meaning "again," as in words such as *redo*, *remake*, and *revise*; but it also indicates withdrawal or backward motion, as in words such as *return*, *revert*, and *remember*. During Lent, we are called to change by going back to childlike innocence, simplicity, and joy.

Prayer helps us to return to childlike innocence. Prayer prompts us to withdraw. As Jesus said, "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret" (Matthew 6:6, *New American Bible, Revised Edition*). Prayer nurtures our relationship with God. Prayer also nurtures our relationship with ourselves. Prayer peels away the masks we wear and the layers of ego defenses we think we need to survive. Prayer tells us that it's okay to be who we really are. Prayer changes us.

Fasting helps us to return to childlike simplicity. Fasting challenges us to trust that God will provide all that we need. Fasting helps us to sort our priorities. Because the digestive system doesn't have to work as hard when we fast, we have more energy to focus on what matters. Fasting creates a hunger for God. Fasting changes us.

Prayer helps us to return to childlike innocence.

Almsgiving helps us to return to childlike joy. Almsgiving moves us to acknowledge how much we have been given and that fills us with gratitude and praise. Almsgiving frees us from fear by compelling us to surrender what we have and who we are to others. Almsgiving requires humility. As Jesus said, "When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret" (Matthew 6:2). True humility always leads to joy. Almsgiving changes us.

It is God who calls us to conversion, and it is God's transforming grace that accompanies us on the Lenten journey as we pray, fast, and give alms. Let us pray for the courage to be open to this grace that we might come to Easter, the biggest banquet of the liturgical year, with hearts cleansed and spirits renewed.

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Lenten Menu of Options

Additional Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection during Lent

Wednesday, March 4th - Eucharistic Adoration 7pm
Tuesday, March 10th - Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick 11am and 6:30pm
Tuesday, March 17th - Prayer around the Cross 7pm
Tuesday, March 24th - Parish Reconciliation service 7pm
Tuesday, March 31st - Talking through the Triduum 7pm

Weekly Stations of the Cross—Fridays noon in church
Best Lent Ever reflection—Fridays 1pm in library

Ideas for making Lent a Season of Mercy - Using Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry **-** bring some food to donate for the food pantry; encourage children to do so

Give drink to the Thirsty **-** transition to a reusable water bottle; donate bottled water to local shelters. Make efforts not to waste water.

Shelter the Homeless **-** Consider volunteering as our parish participates in helping to house the homeless; bring socks or other goods to support the I-HELP efforts.

Visit the Sick **-** Take time to visit someone who has been ill; donate blood; check in on elderly neighbors; call someone who lives alone.

Bury the Dead **-** send a card to someone recently bereaved; take time to honor the final resting places of family or friends.

Give to the Poor **-** skip coffee and give the money to the poor; clean our your closet and donate to organizations that provide assistance to the poor.

Test Your Lenten I.Q.

1. What do the ashes on Ash Wednesday signify?

2. Where do the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from?

3. Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

4. Do you have to be Catholic to receive ashes?

5. How many days are there in Lent?

6. What is the origin of the word *Lent*?

7. Does Lent always begin on Ash Wednesday?

8. When does Lent end?

9. What is the traditional three-fold discipline of Lent?

10. On what Lenten days are Catholics required to fast?

11. Why don't we eat meat on the Fridays of Lent?

12.What texts of the Mass do we not sign during Lent?

13. Why do we remove the water from the font and the holy water dishes during Lent?

14. What is the official liturgical color of Lent?

15. Who is believed to have originated the devotion of the Way of the Cross?

16. How many stations of the cross are there?

BONUS: What is the earliest possible

Lenten Food Drive - 2020 Dear St. Angela Merici Parishioners,

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Our Parish Food Cupboard is conducting a Food Drive to help supply non-perishable food for the hungry families or homeless individuals who come to our Food Cupboard. Each week we suggest one or two items that we need. Of course you may donate any of the items at any time and they will be gratefully accepted.

There is also a sign with "Items Always in Need" on the food donation boxes. There will be a follow up reminder in each week's bulletin. If many of us take part in the project think of how much food we will be able to give to the needy!

All of your donations will be used to feed the hungry that come to our distribution center in the Parish Small Hall staffed Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 - 2:30 pm by dedicated volunteers from our parish.

Food donations may be placed in the containers provide at the entrances to the church.

Please bring on **Sunday, March 1st Canned Tuna and Peanut Butter.**

May God continue to bless you for your concern for the needy and for your faithful generosity.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society
of St. Angela Merici Parish

Filhos (donuts) Sale next Sunday

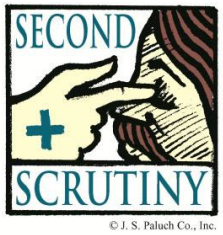
Our Lady of Fatima's ***Filhos (donut)*** ***Sale is*** *next Sunday, March 1st, 2020 after all the Sunday Masses.*

Hurry in before they are all sold out and do take some home! Filhos will be sold in the parish hall!

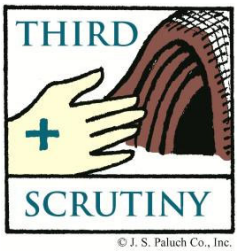
Scrutiny Sundays

Celebrate those who are moving toward full Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil

March 14th -
Third Sunday of Lent 5pm Mass
The Woman at the Well



March 22th -
Fourth Sunday of Lent 12pm Mass
The Man Born Blind



March 29th -
Fifth Sunday of Lent 10am Mass
The Raising of Lazarus

ICF Scholarship

Attention Parents and/or Grandparents

If you have a graduating senior with a 3.5 GPA or higher an have been a member of the ICF Branch #36 for at least one year (since January 1, 2019 or longer), your student may be eligible for a scholarship. The purpose of the Italian Catholic Federation Monterey Branch #36 is to encourage, promote and support students pursuing a college degree. Students should have some service with the ICF Branch #36 and be at least 17 years of age upon graduating from high school. Scholarships are only available to graduating high school seniors who reside in the Monterey Peninsula or Salinas areas. Scholarship deadline is March 13, 2020. Guidelines and application are accessible on www.montereyicf.org/scholarship. For more info, you may contact Sandie Russo, Scholarship Chairperson at 831-521-4866 or email at sandie.russo@comcast.net.

Mass Intentions for the week of February 22nd - March 01

Sat 02/22	8:00am	+	Vicky Sullivan - Knutson Family
		+	Frank Crivello- Kathleen & MaryEllen Ryan
	5:00pm	+	Fr. Edward Haskins, former Pastor
		+	Frank Crivello—Bud & Cecile Biery
		+	Rito Carlos - Barbara & Elizabeth
Sun 02/23	8:00a	+	Frank Crivello - Terrence & Laura Coen
		+	Frank & Ethel Rebelo - Agnes Rebelo
			Pray for all souls plus healing for Eric
	10:00a		Charles Minnihan
		+	Fr. Paul Minnihan
		+	Peter, Angela, Eleanor, and Jack Balesteri
	12:00p	+	Janet Canning - Canning Family
		+	Maria Neves - Goretti Soares & Family
		+	Eddie DaSilva - Joe & Emily Ribeiro
Tues 02/25	8:00 a	+	Vicky Sullivan - Knutson Family
Wed 02/26	8:00 a	+	Frank Crivello - Harold & Sheery Cook
	Noon		Parishioners of St. Angela Merici
	6:30p	+	Msgr. William Lane, former Pastor
Thurs 02/27	8:00 a	+	Eddie DaSilva - Antonio & Helena Dias & family
		+	Frank Crivello - Anna Catalano
Fri 02/28	8:00a	+	Margarito DeLa Victoria - Family
Sat 02/29	8:00a	+	Vicky Sullivan—Knutson Family
	5:00p	+	Eddie DaSilva - Ilidio Tavares
		+	Frank Crivello - Barbara Furtado
			Gordon Hazard - Ernie Hazard
Sun 03/01	8:00a	+	Frank Crivello - Bobbie Morrison
		+	Brigid Mannion - The Martin Family
		+	Emily Cabral - Relatives of Emily Cabral
	10:00a	+	Peter, Angela, Eleanor, and Jack Balesteri
		+	George De Leon - Barbara Furtado
		+	Susan Jacoby - Gerald Williams
	Noon	+	Eddie DaSilva - Goretti Soares & Family
		+	Frank Crivello - Dorothy Fagundes
		+	Joe Neary - Paul & Eileen Klein

Please keep in your prayers

Alexandre, Rachael & Family
Butch Albrecht
Baby Aleman
Juanita Alvarez
Marie Andrade
Stacy Andrews
David Avnaim
Connie Bettencourt
George Brewster
Salome Cabral
Gabrielle Canadas
Usha Canning
Michael Carlos
Josh Carter
Gino Castro
Manuel Costa
Angelica DeSando
Michael Dicus
Moojan Donaldson
Gregory Dow
John Dugan
Jimmy Espinoza
Debbie Fishell
Julie Forrest
Peg Gerba
Stephanie Hansen
Don R. Harris
Gordon Hazard
Katie Head
Marilyn Kistner
Eileen Klein
Zooey Lober
Dora Lordmann
Enrigue Lopez
Jim Maenner
Paul Jacob Marques
Lisa Martinez
Martha Martinez
Jaime McGuire
Judy Mollner
Rosemary O'Dowd
Corey O'Halloran
William Parham
Karen Perry
James Pond
Theresa Ramsey
Valeria Rangel
Clare Re
Ralph Rodenbaugh
Adriana Roelough
Dee Romig
F. G. Satterthwaite
Carolyn Schenk
Charles A. Schenk
Mickey Scornaienchi
Mandi Stenstrom
Mary Telles
Scott Terry
Clara Torres

Food Commodities
Monday, March 2nd, 9:30-10:30am Small Hall

This government program provides non-perishable food, produce and sometimes meat to qualifying low-income individuals and families.

If you fall into an income level of up to $1485.00 a month for an individual; up to $2002.50 for a two person household, and on up for large families, we encourage you to use this program - the food is great. If you do not fall in this income bracket, please cut this ad out and pass it along to someone who might benefit from this program!

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Special Instructions: