



THE BETHLEHEM

Hebrew for "House of Bread"

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We Come with A Thankful Heart

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. Psalm 95:1-3

For those who make Morning Prayer a daily practice, this familiar selected pericope comes from the well-known canticle called the *Venite*. It is a part of a liturgical chant that starts each day out with our *coming* to God with our whole hearts, and with a voice of thanksgiving.

It is a spiritual practice to begin anew with a mindset that we share our thankfulness by song; to also mindfully genuflect and kneel before the Lord our Maker of all Creation. There is only one God, for we are the thankful people of God's pasture and the sheep of His hand. Oh, that today we would deeply listen to our one true God's voice and fully function in His perfect will.

During this month of our Stewardship campaign, we need to truly reflect on our sincere gratitude and express why we give thanks through such a *faith-filled generosity*. In every moment and in all things, we practice coming before the presence of the Lord, giving thanks to God and giving back with thankfulness and praise. It is a paradigm that takes spiritual nourishment and to be deeply rooted in prayer and God's holy Word. Therefore, daily prayer and worship are so important to all believers.

In this challenging and troubling time in our lives, some would have great difficulty sharing such joy to the Lord with thanksgiving and singing songs of praise. Yet, it is this very Thanksgiving that we are to come even more humbled before the presence of God;

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continually coming to live our lives in Christ, rooted and built up in Love, strengthened in the faith as we have been taught, and overflowing with thankfulness in all circumstances.

We are called to come and listen to God like never before, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and wonder where would we all be without our faithful relationship within our gracious and loving God? This day and every day, we need to come forth, giving thanks to God for providing us such abundance; God's healing and transformative bounty made manifest in a plethora of blessings that should never be overlooked. In all things, we give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; God's love endures forever.

During this month, we need to come and bend the knee before our Lord and Maker, and rediscover what it means to be good Stewards; to be agents of healing, reconciliation, and change through our time, talent and treasure combined. More than ever, we need to express with a thankful and generous heart how we must continue to take care of the Other, how we are called to distribute the blessings from Almighty God, for as much that is given to us, much is required.

Within true thanksgiving every moment of our lives, may we all be drawn to come together, united as God's thankful people, and express our faith-filled generosity in such increased ways that will build the reign of God with an attitude of gratitude. And whatever we do, whether in thought, word or deed: do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen!

Fr. Barrett+



What are YOU Thankful to God for in your life?

Patty Bell: Most importantly, I am thankful for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and for God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I am thankful for my family and friends. Life can be difficult at times and because of the grace of God, family and friends have helped me in innumerable ways. So very grateful for these people in my life.

Adrien Roberts, our Bookkeeper: I am grateful for my parish family and friends.

Dick Reimers: Thankful for my family and my Church family.

Carol Ann Miller: I am very Thankful and feel Blessed to have walked into Blessed Sacrament last year. The first person to come up to me was Marion Lee. with her sweet smile and very petite voice. She Welcomed me by handing me a small bag with items and saying, "Hello and Welcome to Blessed Sacrament". As I continued to attend each week, I became more and more confident we were in the right church for my husband and myself. I slowly got involved in Ministries and met more of the parishioners. A real joy!

Father Barrett was and is such an engaging person, a "loving man of the cloth". In that I mean, his Prayers, his Celebration of the Mass, and his Heart warming personality are that of a **True Priest**. A man following Our Lords words "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me". Psalm 51:10

Thank you Blessed Sacrament Parish for accepting us and giving us a Warm and Loving Home!

Father Barrett: For being the Rector of our wonderful BSC family and for my own family.

JoAnne Powers: Two roommates with a sense of humor to keep us going during time of COVID.

Darlene Reimers: Thankful for the many blessings that come with old age.

Joe Arnold: My wife, children, and grandchildren.

Kamil Asfour: My wife and children, church family and having been born a Christian.

Sandra Bergert: The Lord's healing powers.

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Allyn Lean: My wife and children, our church family, and to be of service to the church.

Toni Spinogotti: Family and friends.

Diane Compton: Life and the people around me.

David Freeman: Vestry meetings that last less than two hours.

Dominique Piper: My family and my four-legged fur babies, and also my employment with people I really like, and a wonderful Church home.

Kyle (Fr. Barrett's Son): I thank God for opportunity and healing, and I also thank God for Blessed Sacrament praying for me.

Penny Van Buren: I am very grateful for my family, friends and good health.

Beverly Cardwell: I am thankful that I found my way back to church five years ago and for the warm welcome I received from Blessed Sacrament.

Anita & Chris Cruz: Our health, reuniting with our son and grandkids. We are so grateful for all that God has given us.

Midge Birky: Thankful to God for feeling well and strong. I am so grateful for the support of the parishioners. And I am very thankful for my dog, Lucy, and Christina's dog, Brownie!! And thanks be to God for my Caretaker, Christina.

Ashley Mangino: I am grateful for a life lived in a community that lives to praise God. I am grateful for the blessings of 2020—greater flexibility and a reassessment of what are the “bare necessities” of life. And, most especially, I am grateful for the gift of Ivy Ray and the light and hope she will bring and all that I will learn from her.

Devín Fryling: I am thankful for my church/spiritual family, of which Blessed Sacrament is a big part and, also for my temporary family.

Coren Kittredge: I am thankful to God for God. I am so glad that I can pray and talk to Him all day long. I am thankful to have Jesus in my life, my family who are so thoughtful. I am also thankful for being in my own home for 59 years. For sure, I am also very thankful for Blessed Sacrament and for all the friendships I have and for good health.



.....AND MORE THANKS

Marion Lee: I am most thankful for my husband, my sons, grandchildren, and in-laws. I am also thankful for Blessed Sacrament and its caring rector and parishioners. I feel most blessed to be living in Orange county and the United States.

Marion Hetherington: I am thankful to God for the many blessings I have received and for being the Outreach Coordinator of such a caring and responsive congregation to the needs of others., especially those less fortunate.

Doug Lee: Thanksgiving might be my favorite holiday. Before the pandemic, my family went to my cousin's house for Thanksgiving. I loved to get together with everyone there. I am thankful for Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey was amazing, with moist white meat., and Marion's sticky rice stuffing, and the homemade dessert were all delicious.

I am thankful to God for Blessed Sacrament and our Rector and Deacon. They lead or join us in activities that I enjoy, including mass, morning prayer, Laundry Love, Feeding God's Children, Eucharistic Visits, Eucharistic Ministry, bible study, baptismal preparation class, coffee hour, etc. I am thankful for the people, who are devout and friendly, and put up with my foibles. I am thankful for our Wardens, Vestry, Treasurer, and Clerk, who also serves at the altar with resumption of in-person services. I am thankful for the music and musicians, Tuesday Task Force, our secretary and bookkeeper, the CLC staff and children.

I was in a traffic accident with a motorcycle near Fr. Charles' apartment, on the way to give him Holy Communion on Father's Day 2019. The motorcyclist was injured quite badly. He sued me and the Church. We recently came to a settlement, with only our insurance companies having to pay. He is recovering after many surgeries. I am thankful to God for his recovery, our settlement, and for support from Fr. Barrett and Beverly Cardwell, who was Senior Warden then and experienced in the insurance business.

I am most thankful to God for my family: my wife, two sons, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren. The Lee Family is incredibly lucky to have them.

IN ALL THINGS
give
THANKS

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER STAFF
ARE THANKFUL FOR:**

Tracie: I am thankful for my family, good health and being a part of B.S.C.L.C for the last 22 years.

Alissa: I am thankful for my family & health

Anita: I am thankful for my family, my puppy, Tio, my health and my close friends.

Diane: I am thankful for my family and health and all the ways God blesses me every day.

Amy: I am thankful for my family and all my pets at home and at school.

Paige: I am thankful for my family and all the things I have had the opportunity for.

Tara: I am thankful for my family & friends. I am also thankful for all the doors that you close and those that you open for me and my family and friends. I am thankful for all the things that you did not give me.

Hailey: I am thankful for my friend & family and my home.



REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

The Following is an email we received from Jacquee Virgen, Donor Resources Development American Red Cross Blood Services.

CONGRATULATIONS BLESSED SACRAMENT!

Thank you so much for the support this past month of October. Below are the blood drive results:

10/11/2020 The Episcopal Church of the Blessed Sacrament

Goal: 18
Scheduled: 24
Registered: 21
Deferrals: 2
QNS: 0 (Means we had to pull the needle out/couldn't fill bag; normally caused by dehydration.)

Products Collected: 19 units **Up to 57 lives saved!**

Efficiency: 105% of goal. (We aim to have this in the 90%+ range for it to be cost effective).

We have tentatively picked a date in March, 2021 for the next blood drive at your parish. Thank you, for all the ways you have given to save so many lives and that have given the greatest gift of all.

LAUNDRY LOVE

An update from Doug Lee, Facilitator, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love



On October 15, Blessed Sacrament Laundry Love served 30 people, doing 326 loads, spending \$499.00. Parishioner, Marcy Koch continues to give two buckets of Sam's Club "WindFresh" detergent each month. Our hours are being extended to 4-10 pm at the suggestion of Maria, the attendant, to better serve the people. She does a great job in the absence of Blessed Sacrament volunteers. Thanks to all our supporters!



THANKS



NOVEMBER FOCUS FOR OUTREACH

Feed a Family and Give HOPE this THANKSGIVING

Prepare a Basket or Box with: (Boxes are preferred.)

- ♥ \$25 Grocery Gift Card to purchase a Turkey
- ♥ 1 Box of Stuffing
- ♥ 1 Can of Cranberry Sauce
- ♥ 1 Box of Dry Potatoes
- ♥ 1 Can of Candied Yams
- ♥ 2 Cans of Green Beans
- ♥ 2 Cans of Corn
- ♥ 1 Jar of Turkey gravy
- ♥ 1 Bag of Rolls
- ♥ 1 Pumpkin Pie (not frozen)



(Should be able to feed a family of five or more)

(Individual items are also accepted. Please give as you are able.)

Please bring your basket/box to mass on **Sunday, November 22nd** as an appointment has been reserved with The Friendly Center in Orange to deliver our donations on Monday, November 23rd.



THANKS to all who gave non-perishable food items during the month of October. Your donations were delivered to the Friendly Resource Center in Orange on Tuesday, October 27 and were received with much appreciation.

If you need further information
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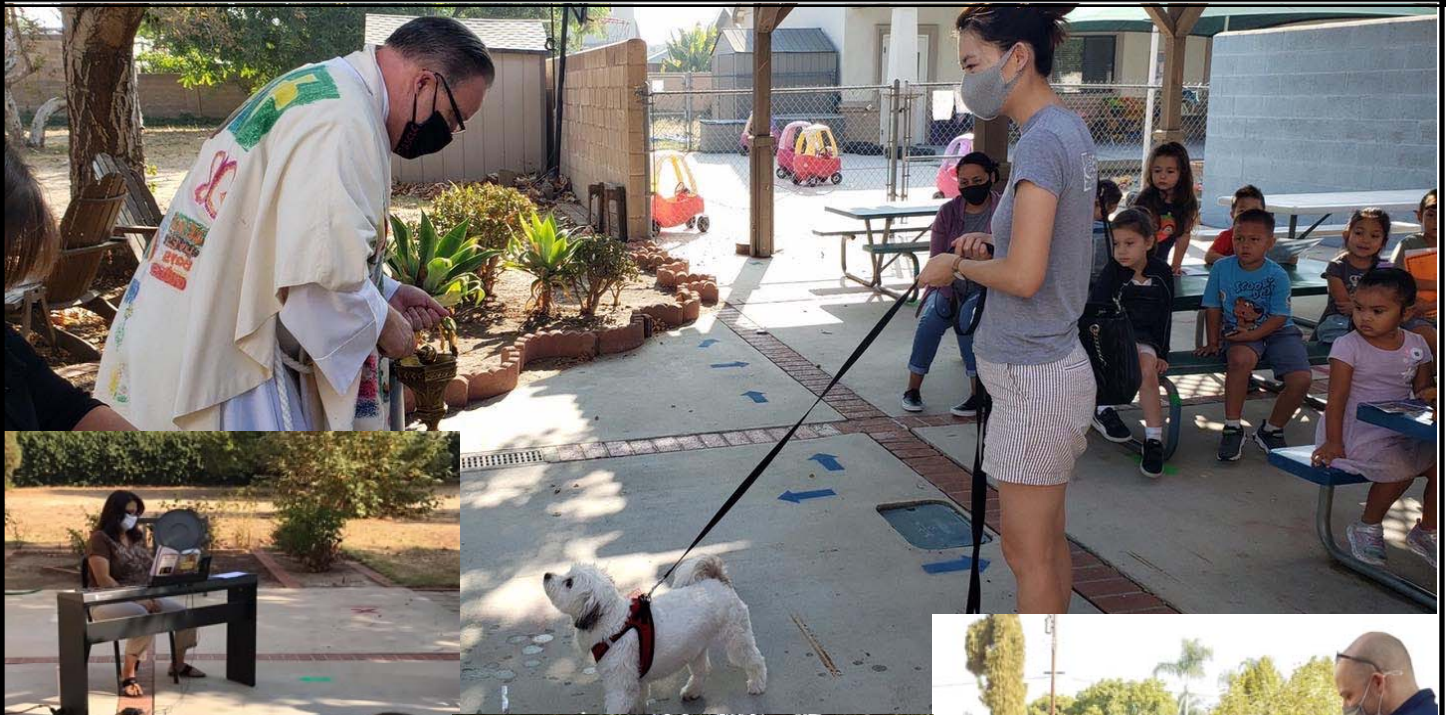
A TRUNK FULL OF CARING AND SHARING

OCTOBER 4 - FIRST MASS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY SINCE MARCH 8



Bottom left: Wendy and Olivia Gray and their dog.
Center: Fr. Barrett blesses the congregation, following the Blessing of the Animals.
Middle bottom: Fr. Barrett blesses Ruth and Linda Govorchin.
Middle right: Anita Cruz & her little dog.
Bottom right: Fr. Barrett blesses the photo of Ashley Mangino's kitty.

DOGS, TURTLES AND SO MUCH MORE



CHILDREN'S
LEARNING
CENTER
BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS



CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER UPDATE

Blessed Sacrament C.L.C started off October with a wonderful Blessing of The Animals led by Fr. Barrett & Patty Bell. We had dogs, turtles, walking sticks and pictures of our animals all to be blessed. We will be finishing off our October with our annual pumpkin patch and petting zoo for all the children, plus our Halloween parade.

We have a busy November coming up as we will be looking at ways to have a modified Grandparents day as it is always a highlight of our year. November also marks the beginning of our Sees Candy fundraiser. You will be hearing about this in the weekly E-Tidings about how to order. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and support our C.L.C at the same time.

Speaking of fundraising please watch E-Tidings about two other fundraisers we are having. First, our Gift Card Extravaganza, for the purchase of a \$5 ticket you would have a chance to win a frame full of gift cards with a value of over \$500.

That is not all. If you have been cleaning house lately, we are looking for donations of clothes, purses, shoes etc. for a fundraiser we are having through "Savers". (See flyer on Page 12.) Please place all items in a white trash bag and feel free to drop off donations at the school by November 19th.

If you ever have any questions about our program or know someone who may be interested in enrolling their child, please feel free to get in touch with us and we would love to help.

Blessings,

Tracie Donaldson, Director.



HELP US RAISE FUNDS BY DONATING CLOTHES, SHOES & MORE!



**Our FUNDrive
will be held at:**

**Blessed Sacrament Children's
Learning Center**

**Drop Off: at the CLC Now through
November 19, 2020**

and will benefit:

**Blessed
Sacrament
Children's
Learning Center**










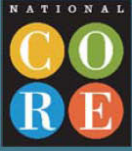
learn more:

Clean out closets, garages, your storage and fill as many 13 gallon, white trash bags as you are able. See the suggested list of items to the right!

FUNDrive


WE EARN FUNDS FOR THESE ITEMS:

-  CLOTHING
-  SHOES
-  BEDDING / TOWELS
-  ACCESSORIES
-  ELECTRICAL ITEMS
-  TOYS & GAMES
-  KNICK-KNACKS



SANTA ANGELINA SENIOR COMMUNITY

1314 NORTH ANGELINA DRIVE PLACENTIA, CA



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

National Community Renaissance, a local 501(c)(3) not for-profit organization, in partnership with the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, is proposing to develop Santa Angelina, a new residential community affordable to lower income seniors. The development will include a variety of recreational amenities, including a senior-oriented community room to serve as a hub for supportive services and programs accessible to all residents. The Project also includes the removal and replacement of a larger parish hall for Blessed Sacrament and the creation of a memorial plaza and courtyard fronting Angelina Drive. Santa Angelina is designed to enhance the church and surrounding community through sustainable design and compatible architectural elements to connect the site to the neighborhood.

PROJECT DATA

Total Residential Units: 65

- 1 studio unit
- 58 one-bedroom,
- 6 two-bedroom



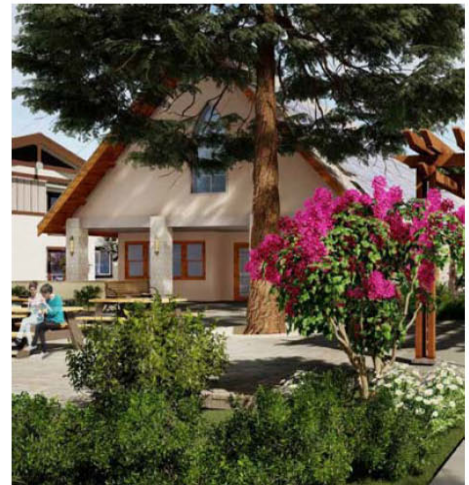
Affordability: 100% affordable for seniors 62+ earning 0-60% of the Area Median Income

Building Height: 2 stories, maximum 35 feet

Parking: 45 new spaces total
65 residential units = 0.7 spaces per unit

Community Amenities:

- Senior community room
- Memorial Courtyard
- Outdoor seating areas
- Community gardens
- Gathering Lawn
- Passive landscaped areas



SITE PLAN & ELEVATION



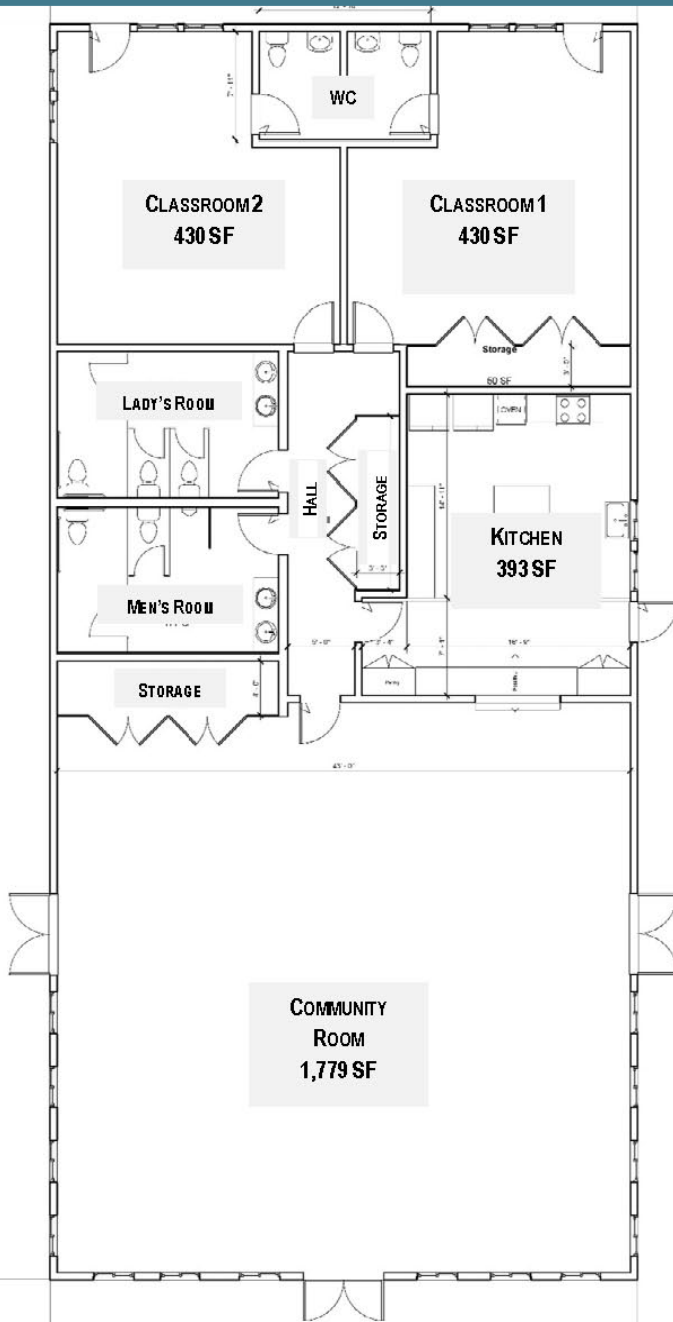
SITE PLAN LANDSCAPE KEY

- 1 COURTYARD GATHERING SPACE
- 2 MEMORIAL GARDEN
- 3 ACCENT TREES
- 4 GATHERING LAWN
- 5 DG SEATING & FOUNTAIN
- 6 BENCHES
- 7 (E) SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUND
- 8 TRASH ENCLOSURE
- 9 COMMUNITY GARDEN
- 10 PARKING LOT
- 11 SITE ENTRY AND EXIT
- 12 COURTYARD AREA
- 13 LOW HEDGE
- 14 BIKE RACK
- 15 MONUMENT SIGN



BUILDING 2 FACING MORSE AVENUE

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH HALL



NEW CHURCH FACILITIES:

- Old Parish Hall (3,472 sf) to be removed
- Temporary facilities will be set-up to allow CLC and Church activities to continue in the interim
- New \$1.1 M Parish Hall (3,974 sf) to be constructed
- New Children's Picnic/Lunch Area
- New plaza area along Angelina Drive
- New roof on the Church Sanctuary



FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROJECT PLEASE CONTACT:

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The Episcopal Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Placentia.



Mission Statement

Answering the call of Jesus to follow the gospel, we honor the dignity of all God's children and strive to grow together in prayer and spirituality.

Vision Statement

Making our Lord Jesus Christ visible to the world through our word and service.

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