

Church of the Holy Angels

DECEMBER 13, 2015, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 5:30PM

SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00PM-5:00PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Conlin

Mary Kay Bartol, Secretary, Organist, Choir Director

Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist

Robert Balonis, Maintenance

Joseph Litchko, Church Care-taker

Elaine Lutz, Office Volunteer

Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.

Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, December 12

8:00am **Anna Gozanles**
5:30pm **Ann Deptula**

Sunday, December 13

8:30am **People of the Parish**
10:30am **George Leshock, Sr.**

Monday, December 14

8:00am **Ann Bator**

Tuesday, December 15

8:00am **Lorraine Wasilewski Beissel**

Wednesday, December 16

7:00am **Charles F. Bolesta**

Thursday, December 17

8:00am **Paul A. Birster**

Friday, December 18

8:00am **Elizabeth Lentini**

Saturday, December 19

8:00am **John Laukaitis**
5:30pm **Elizabeth Stillo**

Sunday, December 20

8:30am **John & Antoinette Bach**
10:30am **People of the Parish**

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Buchkowskie, Voilet Feudale, Carolyn Dworak, Theresa Novakoski**, members of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace

Sacrificial Offering

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Weekend of December 6, 2015

Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$4,940.00
Youth Offering	\$69.00
Loose Cash	\$142.00
Energy	\$140.00
Thanksgiving	\$154.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$5,445.00
Weekend of December 6	-\$2,888.00

Christmas Flowers	\$579.00
Air conditioning maintenance	\$274.00
Votive Candles	\$130.00

Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$7,592.00
Weekend of December 6	+\$ 412.00
Current Balance	\$8,004.00

Diocesan Collections	
Matthew 25	\$29.00

Vigil Lights

December 13 thru December 19

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Angelo D'Alexander by wife, Minnie*

St. Anthony Vigil Light: *In loving memory of Albert Hrapowicki by Children & Grandchildren*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Helen Cupsta by Robert Cupsta*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of George Leshock, Sr. by wife, Kathie & Children*

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael & Family*

St. Kateri: *In loving memory of Vendal Petrovicz by wife, Pearl*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Anna Buchinski by Family*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Aaron Ziegler by Cpt. Michael, Steven, Damian & Mary Rosalie*

A Dime at a Time

Current Debt	\$221,093.32
Dime at a Time	\$27.11
Plus 1 (+1) Contributions	\$67.00
Balance	\$220,999.21

BINGO

Bingo will be held Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Doors open 4:30PM. Game begins 6:00PM.

Bingo Workers & Bakers

Cakes or pies are always needed for Bingo on Tuesday evenings. Drop off your baked goods at the Activity Center during the day on any Tuesday. Men and women are most welcome to assist with working the floor!

Baptism Classes

Expectant parents are required to attend one Pre-Baptismal Class prior to the Baptism (preferably before the birth of their child.) Classes will be held on the second Sunday of each month at 11:45AM. Pre-register by contacting the office at 373-1221 at least 2 weeks prior to scheduled class.

Presentation of the Gifts

If a Mass is being offered for your loved one, and family members would like to present the gifts at that Mass, we ask that you please call the rectory ahead of time to let us know of your intentions. 373-1221.

The Greatest Prayer-The Mass

Please remember that the greatest prayer that our Lord has given to us is the Mass. When a loved one departs from his or her earthly home and begins a new life with our Lord, let us consider celebrating this new life with a Mass of Christian Burial.

Holy Angels Parish Pool Winner

December 1, 2015
Irene Derr \$69.00

Eucharistic Adoration

Come to the Adoration Chapel at the St Pauline Center on Friday from noon until 10 PM and Sat from 5 AM to 7 PM. Jesus awaits you! The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed in the chapel on Fridays at 3 PM.

PREP

Holy Angels Parish Religious Education Classes will be held on the following dates:
December 13, 20 for Grades 6,7,8
December 14, 21 for Grades 1 - 5

Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7:00PM for Adult Choir. Choir Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 1:00PM at Village Town.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:15PM

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, December 19

5:30PM Zachary Zvoncheck, Bryson Zvoncheck, Austin Cole, Philip Kenenitz-Hutnick

Sunday, December 20

8:30AM Skylynn Janoka, Nicole Komara, Mary Frances Komara
10:30AM Angel Barwicki, Rosalie Mitchell, Liam Bradley

Kulpmont Lions Club BIG Coloring Books

The Kulpmont Lions Club are selling BIG coloring Books at this time. Three different books are available. Donation \$7.00 each and can be purchased at Holy Angels Parish Office or by calling Michael Fantanarosa at 570-274-7710.

Upcoming Activities/Events

- Sunday, December 13, Holy Angels Choir Christmas Party at Village Town 1:00PM
- Sunday, December 13, Children's Christmas Party 1:00-3:00PM in the Activity Center
- Monday, December 14, Advent Penance Service at Holy Angels 7:00PM
- Sunday, December 20, Sacred Scripture & Sacred Song. A parish Advent Service with Jacob Frasch, classical pianist, performing at 2:00PM in Holy Angels Church Advent Prayer Service

Bingo Help Needed

We are in need of bingo callers and kitchen help! Any man or woman who is interested in helping us out at our Tuesday evening Bingo is asked to please contact Father Andrew at 570-373-1221.

Children's Christmas Party

Holy Angels Parish will host a Christmas Party for the children of our parish, age 8 & under on Sunday, December 13 from 1:00-3:00PM in the Activity Center. A sign up sheet is available in the vestibule for those planning on attending. Also on the sign up sheet, we ask that you write in a few gift suggestions for your child.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Bishop Gainer will solemnly open the principal Diocesan Door of Mercy at Saint Patrick Cathedral on **Sunday, December 13, 2015** at 4 PM in the context of Solemn Vespers for the Third Sunday of Advent. All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend. The prescription for the solemn ritual involves gathering at a stational church with a procession to the Door of Mercy: we will gather at Saint Lawrence Chapel, State Street, and process together to the Cathedral where Bishop Gainer will solemnly open the Door of Mercy and lead us through into this year of grace. Participants able to make the small pilgrimage are asked to gather at St Lawrence Chapel by 3:50 PM. Those unable to walk in process are invited to go immediately to the Cathedral. The South Street Parking Garage is available free of charge to all participants.

Giving Tree

A Giving Tree for needy children in our area is available in the front of the church. Please take a tag if you wish to shop for gifts for a needy child. Be sure to sign your name on the sign up sheet and take an instruction sheet with you.

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)

Christmas wafers are available in the back of the church. Wafers are packaged 6 per pack. Donation is \$3.00 per pack.

Advent Penance Services

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Advent Penance Services which will be held throughout the area. All services begin at 7:00PM. If you are unable to attend the Penance Service at Holy Angels, please try to attend one of the others in the area.

Sunday, December 13, Our Lady of Hope, Coal Township

Monday, December 14, Holy Angels

Tuesday, December 15, Holy Rosary, Elysburg

Wednesday, December 16, Divine Redeemer, Mount Carmel

Thursday, December 17, St. Patrick, Trevorton

ART CONTEST

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites girls in grades 9 - 12 in the Diocese of Harrisburg to enter an art contest. The task: design the cover for the 91st Annual HDCCW Convention on April 11, 2016. The art work should be an original drawing or painting for a 9 x 12 folder and based on the Convention theme "Sowers of Hope: Opening Our Hearts". The grand prize is \$150, second prize is \$75 and third prize is \$50. The deadline to enter is January 15, 2016. For complete details and Contest Guidelines please refer to the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com/>. Contact HDCCW at 717-860-0700 or hdccw1@gmail.com with questions."

Rosaries for France

A neighboring church from Berwick is asking your help with collecting extra rosaries you may have around your home. They will be sending them to a Catholic church in France that is located close to the Bataclan, in Paris where the terrorist attacks took place. If you have any rosaries you would like to donate, please bring them to the church. A box will be located in the back of the vestibule for your contribution. Thank you in advance for your help to Keep the Faith.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2015 Christmas Eve Masses
4:00PM, 6:00PM, 9:30PM
December 25, 2015 Christmas Day Mass
9:30AM

New Year's Mass Schedule
December 31, 2015, 5:30PM
January 1, 2016, 9:30AM

It's Your Catholic Connection – During the day Holy Family Radio AM 720, WHYF announces parish and community events as part of their service to the local Catholic community. Tune in to Catholic Radio for the Diocese of Harrisburg and hear what is going on. The Parish Bulletin Board is sponsored by the Catholic Communication Campaign of the Diocese of Harrisburg. You can also listen on line at www.720whyf.com

Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Birthright of Sunbury

Birthright of Sunbury, serving Northumberland, Union, Montour and Snyder counties is in need of baby items for the poor and working-poor mothers and infants throughout the area.

Items which are needed and would be appreciated are: disposable baby diapers size 3, 4, 5 and 6, baby bibs, crib pads, baby toiletries, baby sleeper gown boy/girl, baby brush and comb set, Desitin rapid relief cream, crib sheets, baby sleep and play outfits, baby medium onesies, baby wipes, baby bulb syringes, hooded baby towel and washcloth, baby socks, and any monetary donations.

If you would like to donate any of the above items, please contact Birthright at 570-286-8560 or email: birthrightofsunbury@evenlink.com.

Flash Drives

The VA hospital in Wilkes-Barre could use some help to support the veterans who are trying to get back on their feet. They are in need of new USB flash drives. They don't have to be expensive, only 1g. The veterans will use these to create resumes. If you are able to purchase a flash drive for a veteran, please bring that to the back of the church. We will be delivering them to our contact person as we get enough to send them to Wilkes-Barre. Thank you in advance for your help.

Pierogie Orders

Those who have ordered pierogies are asked to please pick them up on Tuesday, December 15, from 4:00-5:30PM in the Activity Center.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass and Rosary Procession -

The Pro-Life Mass will take place on Sunday January 17, 2016 at Saint Patrick Church, 219 South Beaver Street, York, PA 17401. Mass begins at 10:45 AM. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant and homilist. Following Mass, there will be a rosary procession from the church to Planned Parenthood. All are welcome





December 13, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,
Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Thursday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Friday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday

DECEMBER 19

Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday

DECEMBER 20

Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

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Why do we celebrate feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe?



I never used to hear about Our Lady of Guadalupe, but now every year my parish celebrates the feast. Why?

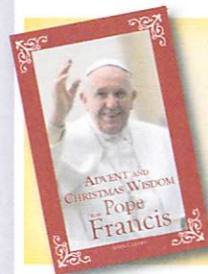
In 1531 the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in the form of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him to the bishop to ask that a church be built where she appeared so all may see and know her compassion. As a sign, she left her image on his cloak. This cloak is still venerated in Mexico and is as bright as ever, defying scientific explanation.

Devotion to Mary under this title began almost immediately. Pope Leo XIII made her celebration a memorial for the universal Church. During the twentieth century, she was proclaimed the **Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas**. In 2002, John Paul II canonized Juan Diego. Since then the growing Hispanic population in the United States has made her feast increasingly visible and popular.

In his 2014 homily on the feast of Guadalupe, Pope Francis reminds us why this feast is so relevant to the Advent season: "In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son's manner and mode of conduct in salvation history. Overturning worldly judgments, destroying at all costs the idols of power, wealth and success, denouncing self-sufficiency, arrogance and secular messianism which distance people from God." Guadalupe lifts the lowly and draws all to her Son and his Church.



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During this Advent season, "remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?"

—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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Advent

December 13, 2015 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

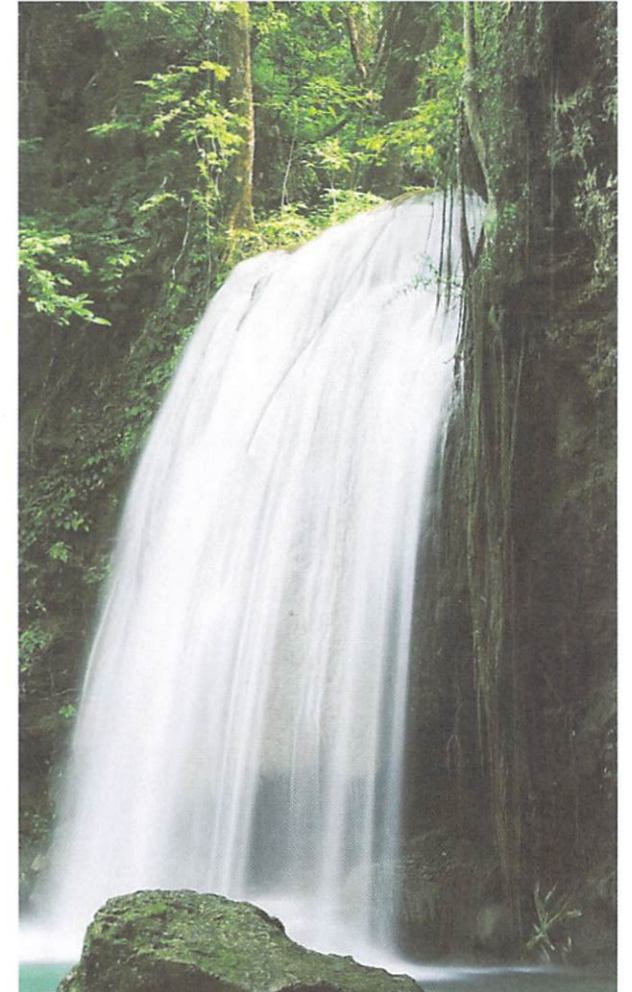
Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

I love waterfalls. When I am out hiking, I will take any side path that leads to a waterfall. The first time I swam in a waterfall pool was memorable. I am not sure where this love came from, but there is something about the motion and sound of the water as it is falling that soothes my mind and enlivens my soul. I also know that waterfalls can be dangerous: The force of the water can sweep everything over the edge. Still, when Jesus refers to his living water in the encounter with the woman at the well (John 4), I immediately think of water falling into a pool and the abundant life that grows around the area.

For Christians, water signifies both life and death. At creation, God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures" (Genesis 1:20). God then used the waters of a flood to destroy wickedness on earth (while saving Noah and others). Water washes us clean and keeps us alive. On a recent trip to Israel, I had an opportunity to stand in the Jordan River and renew my own baptismal vows. I was struck by the power of the words and the coolness of the water. It also occurred to me that simply renewing my vows was not enough. Our promise, inherent in the Creed, is that we will live a life transformed by grace with the help of the Holy Spirit. That is both comforting and challenging. But Jesus, who is living water, whose Spirit brings us life and whose fire is ready to purify and make us ready, is with us now and forever.

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A Word From Pope Francis
"In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son's manner and mode of conduct in salvation history."

—2014 homily on the Feast of Guadalupe



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