

Church of the Holy Angels

January 15, 2017, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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

Saturday, January 14

8:00am Marion Angelo
 5:30pm Rose E. Bango

Sunday, January 15

8:30am Robert Russin
 10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, January 16

6:30pm Florence Frye

Tuesday, January 17

8:00am Irene T. Mirarchi

Wednesday, January 18

7:00am Anna Yastishak

Thursday, January 19

6:30pm Agnes Avellino

Friday, January 20

8:00am Bernard Gidaro

Saturday, January 21

8:00am Lorraine Beissel
 5:30pm Julia Staniszewski

Sunday, January 22

8:30am Anthony Martino
 10:30am People of the Parish

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Martha Savitski**, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

A Dime at a Time	
Current Debt	\$166,394.23
Dime at a Time	\$20.14
Plus 1 (+1) Contributions	\$45.00
Debt Reduction	\$119.00
Balance	\$166,210.09

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of January 8, 2017

Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$4,572.00
Youth Offering	\$55.00
Loose	\$113.00
Energy	\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$216.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$303.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$5,279.00
Weekend of January 8	-\$3,054.00

Votive Candles	\$139.00
Air Conditioning Maintenance	\$290.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00

Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$10,480.00
Weekend of January 8	+429.00
Current Balance	\$10,909.00

Christmas	
Previous Christmas	\$15,574.00
Additional Christmas	\$265.00
Total Christmas to date	\$15,839.00

Diocesan Collections	
Religious Retirement	\$15.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$131.00

Vigil Lights

January 15 thru January 21

- Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*
- St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Joseph Motyka by Wife & Children*
- St. Anne: *Special intention of Joan Roberts*
- St. Casimir: *Special intention of Joan Roberts*
- St. Theresa: *Special intention of Joan Roberts*
- St. Kateri: *Special intention of Joan Roberts*
- St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Florence Repella by husband, Pete*
- Sacred Heart: *Special intention of Cindy Bartol*

BINGO

Bingo will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2017. 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!

Adoration at St. Pauline Center

Eucharistic Adoration is held at the St. Pauline Center Fridays from noon until 10:00PM and Saturdays from 5:00AM to 7:00PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed in the chapel on Fridays at 3:00PM

Holy Angels Pool Winner

January 3, 2017

Alex Clayberger \$58.00

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 21

5:30PM Rosalie Mitchell, Liam Bradley, Sean Bradley

Sunday, January 22

8:30AM Angel Barwicki, Emily Olszewski, Tanner Greco

10:30AM Philip Kenenitz-Hutnick, Zachary Smith, Jeremiah Sheganoski

Adult Choir

Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00PM.

PREP Classes

**Sunday, January 8, 15, 22, 28, 2017
for Grade 8 at 9:00AM**

**Sunday January 8, 22, 29, 2017
for Grades 6 & 7**

**Monday, January 9, 23, 30, 2017
for Grades 1-5 at 5:30PM**

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:15PM

Chinese Auction

Holy Angels Ladies Organization would like to hold a Chinese Auction on April 22, 2017 in the Activity Center. This will be a fun time for everyone. We are asking you, our parishioners to help out with either a new gift to be auctioned off or a monetary donation for us to shop for a gift. Together, this can be a huge success. Please call either Millie at 570-875-9799 or Ann at 570-373-5741 if you can help out in anyway. As the date gets closer, we will keep you updated. Thank you!

Cemetery Clean Up

With the holiday season coming to an end, the Cemetery Committee is asking all parishioners with loved ones buried in our cemeteries in Kulpmont and Marion Heights to have all holiday related items removed from grave sites by January 31, 2017. We are also asking all who remove items from grave sites not to throw unwanted items or dead plants in the surrounding areas of the cemeteries. With your cooperation this will help maintain a clean and groomed area on this holy ground.

Thank you,

The Cemetery Committee

Student Offering Envelopes

Students attending Mount Carmel Area High School are asked to pick up their box of 2017 Offering Envelopes in the vestibule. PREP students received their envelopes in class, and students attending Our Lady of Lourdes received their envelopes in school. If your child has not received a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Winter/Spring Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

The Diocesan Institute schedule of Winter/Spring adult education offerings is now available. Visit www.hbgdiocese.org/institute to access the schedule and registration information. Numerous courses and sessions are also available via webinar, allowing you to participate from home. Contact Ryan Bolster at rbolster@hbgdiocese.org or (717) 657-4804, ext. 225 for information.

Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino

Divine Redeemer Parish is sponsoring a "Mardi Gras" Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino, Wilkes-Barre, PA, on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Cost of the trip is \$22.00. There is a \$25.00 rebate plus a \$5.00 food coupon. Reservations can be made by calling *Janice Kozlowski* at 570-339-2579. Payment is due by Tuesday, February 14th to *Janice Kozlowski* or the *Parish Office*. *Bus Trip Reservation Money is non-refundable*. The bus will pick up at 8:30 AM at the BB&T Bank in Kulpmont; 8:45 AM at the Atlas Legion; 9:00 AM at Divine Redeemer Church, 300 West Avenue, Mt. Carmel; 9:10 AM at Fifth & Market Sts., (old Moose Bldg.) Mt. Carmel; 9:15 AM at Mt. Carmel Apts., 315 S. Hickory St., Mt. Carmel; and will depart from Mohegan Sun at 5:00 PM. *Any questions, contact Janice Kozlowski at 570-339-2579*. Proceeds will benefit Divine Redeemer Parish.

Lottery Calendars

During the month of January, Lottery Calendars will be available in the vestibule after the weekend Masses and in the parish office during office hours. Donation is \$5.00 for 2 winning numbers! Please support this fundraiser.

Holy Angels Holy Name Society Soup and More Sale

Order forms are available in the back of the church for anyone who would like to order soup (vegetable, ham & bean, chili, clam chowder), stuffed cabbage, meatballs or sauce thru the Holy Name Society. Orders with payment are due by Sunday, January 22. Pick up is Saturday, January 28, 9am-12pm in the Activity Center.

Bible Study

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. This study makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you make sense of the Bible and how it relates to your everyday life. You will discover connections between the Old and New Testaments and come to see how the sacraments and our Faith are rooted in the Scripture.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible begins on Sundays from Feb 19 through April 2. Further details are located on posters and flyers in the back of the church. To register contact Kathy 570-205-4704 or Debbie 570-274-5861. Deadline is February 8

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

This Valentine’s Day why not give your spouse a gift that lasts, one that you can both enjoy day after day? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is returning to the Diocese of Harrisburg on Valentine’s Day weekend, February 10 – 12, 2017. Thousands of couples from across the country can attest that a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will enrich both you and your spouse, giving you a happier, more fulfilling marriage. The weekend gives you both the time and tools to revitalize your romance, deepen your communication, and nourish the spirituality of your marriage.

Time: Friday evening, February 10th to Sunday, February 12th.

Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. There is a \$100 application fee to reserve your spot. Please go to www.yourmarriageisworthit.org for more information or to register, or call us at 412-635-7775.

Fresh Expressions

On March 16 – 17, 2017, Bishop Gainer and the Diocese of Harrisburg will be co-hosting a conference on evangelization and family life with an ecumenical group called "Fresh Expressions." The sole purpose of Fresh Expressions is to help Christian churches of all denominations to rethink their approach to evangelization, and to help reach people on the periphery. They have been working closely with a Catholic project in Italy called the "Amore Project" led by Monsignor Renzo Bonetti. Monsignor Bonetti challenges churches to stop thinking about the family as the target of the New Evangelization, or the "problem" to be solved, and to instead think of the family as the solution to the New Evangelization. Put succinctly – a family on fire, a family on mission, is our greatest resource for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Come to the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg on March 16 – 17, 2017 to join Bishop Ronald Gainer, Monsignor Renzo Bonetti, Christopher West, Reverend Tory Baucum, and a host of other Catholic and Protestant thinkers who will discuss how we can reimagine our ministry to families, youth, and the New Evangelization. This conference offers a unique opportunity for refreshing our own faith while simultaneously gaining wisdom for all the people we minister to. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more details, or go to FreshExpressionsUS.org/AmoreLaunch to register. (Use the code HBGDiocese to receive a 20% discount.)

Lamb at the top of the church: A tourist visited a Church in Werner, Germany and was surprised to see the carved figure of a lamb at the bell tower of the church. He asked why it was there and was told that when the bell tower of the church was being built, a workman fell from a high scaffold. His co-workers rushed down, expecting to find him dead. But to their surprise and joy, he was alive and only slightly injured. How did he survive? A flock of sheep was passing beneath the tower at the time, and he landed on top of a lamb. The lamb broke his fall and was crushed to death, but the man was saved. To commemorate that miraculous escape, a fellow stone artist carved a lamb on the tower at the exact height from which the workman had fallen. This statue of the lamb expresses a tiny bit of what John the Baptist means when he introduces Jesus to his disciples saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world." Much deeper and more meaningful must be our gratitude to *Jesus the Lamb of God* for saving us from the eternally fatal fall from grace.

"Come and see". The essence of our witness-bearing is to state what we have seen and believed and then to invite others to "come and see." For John, Faith begins by responding to the invitation to "come and see." Three times Andrew brings someone to Jesus! First, he brings his brother, Simon (1:40), then, a boy with five barley loaves and two fish (6:8); and finally, "some Greeks" (12:20-22), who want to see Jesus, which signals the hour for the Son of Man to be glorified. We tell others about good restaurants, barbers, optometrists, etc. Why isn't there the same fervor over inviting and encouraging people to come and participate in our Church activities? Often we hesitate to do so because of the false notion that talking about religion is taboo in our culture, or that religion is a private matter and shouldn't be shared with others, or that we don't have much of a personal Faith to share, or that our worship services would not be appealing to others. One of the differences that Faith should make in our lives is the desire that others -- especially those without a religious Faith -- might also share in and benefit from the relationship God offers through Christ. If we are not willing to invite others into this experience, what does that say about our experiences with Christ and with our Church?

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION RECORD

NAME _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF- ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH REQUEST

Calendar

Monday

January 16
Weekday
Heb 5:1–10
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

January 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot
Heb 6:10–20
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

January 18
Weekday
Heb 7:1–3, 15–17
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

January 19
Weekday
Heb 7:25–8:6
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

January 20
Weekday
Heb 8:6–13
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

January 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
Heb 9:2–3, 11–14
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

January 22
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23–9:3
1 Cor 1:10–13, 17
Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

Dear Padre,

This semester, my class adopted “the fruit(s) of the Spirit” as its theme. I have read Galatians 5:16–26 but am not sure what St. Paul means. How does the theme relate to daily life?

In that passage, notice how Paul distinguishes between the “flesh” and the “Spirit” and says they are opposed to each other. Here, “flesh” does not refer merely to the human body nor to impure desires but rather to the state of unredeemed human nature in its earthly or secular condition. The term “spirit” refers to the “new self” brought about by Christ’s redemption and governed by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10).

You can tell the difference between these two by looking at their results—their “fruits.” The flesh gives rise to immorality, impurity, rivalry, selfishness, and so on (Galatians 5:19–21). The Spirit gives rise to love, peace, kindness, self-control, and the like (Galatians 5:22–23). These fruits emerge from good works, manifest God’s presence in the person doing them, and edify those who observe them. In other words, they are the visible ways in which the Holy Spirit guides and directs us and through which the Spirit touches others.

The *Catechism* defines the fruits of the Spirit as “perfections,” “the first fruits of eternal glory” (CCC 1832). The more we renounce ourselves, our “flesh,” in imitation of Christ, the more we can bear good fruit (CCC 736; see also John 15).

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

“The lay faithful, in virtue of their Baptism, are protagonists in the work of evangelization and human advancement. Incorporated into the Church, every member of the People of God is an inseparable disciple and missionary.”

—Message, March 7, 2014

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 49:3, 5–6

1 Cor 1:1–3

Jn 1:29–34

New Life

This fresco by Perugino, Michelangelo’s art teacher, is found on the wall of the Sistine Chapel. Like the other frescoes in this sacred space, this panel contains multiple scenes. The central scene is the baptism of Jesus. The viewer clearly sees Jesus standing in the water, with John the Baptist next to him, pouring water over his head.

God the Father is above, ready to declare that this is his beloved Son. The Holy Spirit comes down upon Jesus in the form of a dove. It was the Spirit who helped John know that this was the Messiah, the one sent by God to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

After his baptism, Jesus is sent out to preach and teach. The fresco reveals that Perugino has read his Bible: the scene to the right Jesus is shown preaching to the multitudes. John the Baptist’s mission changes, too. He goes from preparing for the coming of the Messiah to following and testifying about him. This is what the baptized do: the new life we are given calls and strengthens us to offer that new life to others.

At our baptism, we were sanctified, forgiven our sins, incorporated into the body of Christ, and given



Piece: *Baptism of Christ*, circa 1482
Artist: Pietro Vannucci (Perugino)
Location: Sistine Chapel

a mission to share this baptism with others. In fact, the last words of Jesus before his ascension were, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19–20).

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How willing am I to share about Jesus and what he means to me? Do I have family or friends in doubt about baptizing their child? How can I kindly encourage them?

*“I saw the Spirit come down like a dove
from the sky and remain upon him....
Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God”
(John 1:32, 34).*