

Church of the Holy Angels

March 18, 2018, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,
 Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

James Nolan, Chairman, Joseph Meyer, Vice-Chairman, Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo, Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger,

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17
 8:00am Carmen DeFrancesco
 5:30pm James Valania

Sunday, March 18
 8:30am Deceased of Kurland and Budjko Families
 10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, March 19
 8:00am Joseph P. Foris

Tuesday, March 20
 8:00am Parish Cooks and Workers

Wednesday, March 21
 7:00am Michael M. Breskiewicz

Thursday, March 22
 8:00am Clara B. Postal

Friday, March 23
 8:00am Rosaline E. Palovick

Saturday, March 24
 8:00am Wayne Confair
 5:30pm Diane White

Sunday, March 25
 8:30am People of the Parish
 10:30am Nancy & Roy Deitrich

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rose Marie C. Marquette** and **Michael P. Nemeth**, 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

Weekend of March 11, 2018
 Sunday Offering Envelopes \$5,377.00
 Youth Offering \$74.00
 Loose \$122.00
 Energy \$184.00
 Initial Offering \$7.00
 Ash Wednesday \$77.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00
 Amount Contributed \$5,841.00
 Weekend of March 11 -\$2,492.00

Votive Candles \$133.00
 Air Conditioning maintenance \$317.00

Improvement Fund
 Previous Balance \$13,840.00
 Weekend of March 11 +\$245.00
 Balance \$14,085.00

Diocesan Collections
 Poor Missions \$20.00
 Propagation of the Faith \$20.00
 Catholic Relief Services \$53.00

A Dime at a Time
 Current Debt \$109,948.10
 Dime at a Time \$28.68
 Plus 1 (+1) Contributions \$46.00
 Debt Reduction \$122.00

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal
 Goal \$19,800.00
 Contributions \$8,024.00
 Balance \$11,776.00

Lenten Fish Dinners
 Holy Angels Activity Center
 Fridays during Lent
 Dinners will be served from 4:00-6:00PM
 \$9.00/adult, \$5.00/child
 Dinner includes: Baked Fish, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, soup, salad, bread, dessert & beverage.
 Eat-in or Take-out!

Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know!

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"

An "Active Member" is:

- 1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.*
- 2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.*
- 3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.*
- 4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations. These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member." Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.*

Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues.

BINGO

Bingo will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Doors open 4:30PM. Game begins 6:00PM.

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

Vigil Lights

March 18 thru March 24

Sanctuary Light: *Special Intention*

St. Anthony: *Special Intention*

St. Anne: *Special Intention*

St. Casimir: *Special Intention*

St. Theresa: *Special Intention*

St. Kateri: *Special Intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of*

Elaine Duran by husband, Michael

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of*

Stephen Maciejewski by Jack & Catherine



PREP

PREP Classes will be held Sundays, March 18, 25 at 8:30AM for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8.

PREP Classes will be held on Mondays, March 19, 26 at 5:30PM for students in Grades 1 thru 5.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:15PM

Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 for Adult Choir

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 24

5:30PM Emma Shimko, Noah Shimko,
Daniel Vincenzes, Grace Vincenzes

Sunday, March 25

8:30AM Philip Kenenitz-Hutnick, Zachary
Smith, Jeremiah Sheganoski, Jacob
Zarski

10:30AM Gregory Troutman, Michael
Wasilewski, Bobby Schoppy,
Brooke Schoppy

Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Services

"Christ On Trial"

Wednesdays during Lent 6:00PM

at the following location:

March 21 First United Methodist Church
Mount Carmel

Kulpmont Sportsmans Fish Fry

Good Friday, March 30, 12:00PM

Breaded Haddock, Mac & Cheese, Stewed
Tomatoes, Cole Slaw

\$8.00 per platter. For tickets call 570-373-1400

Guardian Angels Greetings

We need your help! Do you know someone who is homebound and in need of a message from an angel? Sign him/her up to be included in HALO's Guardian Angel Greeting program. HALO members would like to spread some cheer by sending greeting cards throughout the year. The recipients will receive at least three cards per year. If you know of anyone who would benefit from being included in our program, please fill out a form and place it in an envelope, then place the envelope in the Guardian Angel "Mailbox" in the back of the church. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact a HALO member. Thank you very much for helping HALO spread some cheer!

Fish Dinner Donations

Anyone organization or family who would like to donate towards the cost of the fish for our Lenten Fish Dinners is asked to please call the rectory at 570-373-1221.

Baked Goods Donations

Ladies (and men) of the parish are asked to share their culinary skills by providing a baked good for our Lenten Fish Dinners. Desserts can be dropped off at the Activity Center during the day on Fridays.

Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish at a significant savings. Gate admission for Regular is \$67.80; our price is \$34.85 (ALL ages 3+) Add-on discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices-\$11.99 each and Add-on Snack Vouchers \$3.25 each.

Orders MUST be received at the parish office by Monday, April 30, 2018. Tickets will be available by May 26. Order forms are available in the back of the church.

Sights and Sounds Theatre

The Catholic Daughters of Americas Court of Victory #588 from Our Lady Parish are sponsoring a Trip to see "Jesus" at the "Sight and Sounds" Theatre on Monday May 30th. For information call Mary Snyder @ 570-339-0420

Holy Angels Holy Name Society

"All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, March 25, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Homemade Sauce, Meatballs, Salad & Dessert

\$7.00/Adults, \$3.00 /Children under age 12

**Tickets available at the parish office or at the door
Eat-in or Take-out (containers will be available for
take-outs)**

"Born for This"

Lift your Spirits Performing Arts will be presenting

"Born for This" Sunday March 25th 2018

at 6:00 PM At Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

47 South Market Street Mount Carmel, PA

Doors open at 5:00, Admission is \$10.00 and

Children are Free if accompanied by an adult.

Tickets available at the Parish Rectory. For

information call 570-339-1031.

Lenten Penance Services

**Penance Services will be held throughout the area
during the week of March 18. If you are unable to
attend the service at Holy Angels please attend
one of the other services in the area. All services
begin at 7:00PM.**

Sunday, March 18, Mother Cabrini, Shamokin

Monday, March 19, Holy Angels, Kulpmont

Tuesday, March 20, Holy Rosary, Elysburg

Wednesday, March 21, Our Lady's Mount Carmel

Thursday, March 22, St. Patrick, Trevorton

50th Wedding Anniversary

Were you married in 1968? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office.

Chinese Auction

**Holy Angels Ladies Organization (HALO) will be
sponsoring a Chinese Auction to be held on April 22
in the Activity Center. Doors will open after 10:30AM
Mass and auction will start at 2:00PM. Please help
again in making this a huge success as it was last year.
We are asking for either a NEW item to be auctioned
or a monetary donation. NO clothing of any type
please. Please call Ann at 570-373-5741, Millie at
570-875-9799 or Catherine at 570-373-5752. Together
we can make this another huge success!**

Spaghetti Dinner

**The Our Lady's Festival Committee will be hosting a
Spaghetti Dinner Sunday March 18th 11:00 AM to 1:00
PM at the Parish Hall Located at 47 South Market Street
Mount Carmel. Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Roll,
Dessert and Beverage. Cost: \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00
for Children. Take outs available**

Rob Smith Juggler

**sponsored by Kulpmont Centennial Lions Club and
St. Pauline Center Sunday, March 25, 2018 at
1:00PM Mount Carmel Area High School
Auditorium. All children admitted free, but must be
accompanied by adult. Adult Admission \$8.00**

Mahoney Brothers

**The Mahoney Brothers present-The "World's
Greatest Musical Impersonation Show" on Saturday,
April 7 at 7:00PM at the Mount Carmel Area High
School. They will honor all area school districts and
honor all of our Vietnam War Veterans. Tickets can
be purchased at Academy Sports in Mount Carmel
and the Subway at Walmart. Call Joe 570-373-3561.**

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal

**As we contemplate our Lord's loving sacrifice on the
cross, the source of our salvation, we realize also
that Jesus has left us an example. He calls us to
follow in His steps in faith, hope, and charity.
Through our sacrifices in the Bishop's Annual Lenten
Appeal, we can share in the Church's mission of
making His salvation and love known, particularly
here in our own Parish. Generosity to the Lenten
Appeal, motivated by faith, is a gift of charity and an
expression of the Lord's gift of salvation. Once more,
thanks to all of you who have already participated in
the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. To date we
have raised \$8,024.00 toward our goal of \$19,800.00
**REMINDER: EVERY DOLLAR THAT WE EXCEED
OUR GOAL IS REFUNDED TO OUR PARISH,
UNRESTRICTED.****



The Anniversary of our Diocese - Part I by Father Edward Quinlan

**This year we will observe the 150th anniversary of the
founding of the Diocese of Harrisburg. It is a good
time to ask how we got here. In one sense the story
always begins with Jesus' call of the Apostles and the
founding of the Church. But what about the Church in
our country?**

**The first parish in what will later become the United
States is founded in the city of St. Augustine in Florida.
With the arrival of Spanish settlers and accompanying
priests, Mass is offered and a church built. Both the
city and the church are named for the saint on whose
feast day the voyagers first sighted land a little further
down the Florida coast. The first Mass will be
celebrated with land fall there on September 8, 1565,
the birthday of Mary.**

**In the original 13 colonies the story is different. Many
early settlements were created by different Protestant
groups fleeing persecution in England and Europe.
The most familiar were the Pilgrims who settled in
Massachusetts. Unfortunately, while seeking religious
freedom for themselves they were not often prepared
to extend it to others. Catholics were decidedly not
welcome in these settlements, and the presence of the
Catholic Church was formally forbidden by English law.
The exceptions to this were in Maryland, the colony
founded by the Calvert family, who were devout
Catholics and other place Catholics were welcome was
in our own state of Pennsylvania. William Penn and
the Quakers who establish our state were very
respectful and tolerated other faiths.**

**In 1720 a Jesuit priest was sent to Maryland for
Catholics in the central colonies. Eventually he will
move to Philadelphia in order to establish missions for
Catholic families in Pennsylvania and beyond. He will
build what is affectionately called "Old St. Josephs"
near Independence Hall in 1733. This is the first public
Catholic church in the colonies and remains in
operation today. A few years later he will request the
assistance of German speaking Jesuits to help with the
significant German Catholic population in the state. St.
Mary's Church in Lancaster and Sacred Heart Church in
Conewago, both started as mission chapels, also date
to the mid 1700's and will serve as bases for the wide
ranging missions extending throughout central and
western Pennsylvania.**

Calendar

Monday
March 19

St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or
Lk 2:41–51a

Tuesday
March 20

Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday
March 21

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday
March 22

Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday
March 23

Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday
March 24

Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday
March 25

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mk 11:1–10 or
Jn 12:12–16
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mk 14:1–15:47 or
Mk 15:1–39

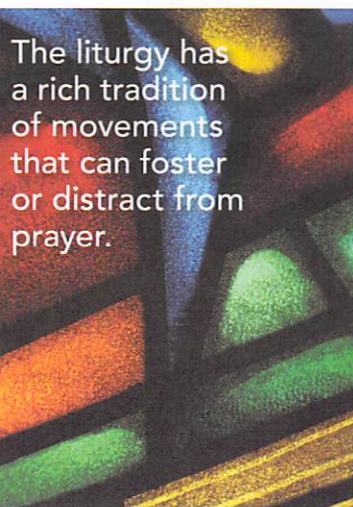
Dear Padre,

I feel self-conscious striking my breast at Mass. Isn't this gesture rather exaggerated?

The Roman Missal proscribes that the assembly strike their breasts at “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault” during the Confitere. It doesn't specify striking three times. Later in Eucharistic Prayer I, the priest strikes his breast with his right hand, saying, “To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners....”

Clasping our hands in front of our breast is a recognized gesture of prayer; striking the heart or breast is an ancient penitential expression. It calls to mind Jesus' parable of two men who prayed in the Temple, a prideful Pharisee and a humble tax collector who “beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner’” (Luke 18:13).

“Gestures, language, and actions are the physical, visible, and public expressions by which human beings understand and manifest their inner life”



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(Built of Living Stones, NCCB/USCC, 2000). The liturgy has a rich tradition of movements that can foster or distract from prayer. “When the gestures are done in common, they contribute to the unity of the worshiping assembly. Gestures which are broad and full in both a visual and tactile sense support the entire symbolic ritual” (*Environment and Art in Catholic Worship*, 56).

Thus, at Mass we bow our heads, bend our knees, and beat our breasts out of humility and reverence for God, “for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:14).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

If God could weep, then I too can weep, in the knowledge that he understands me. The tears of Jesus serve as an antidote to my indifference before the suffering of my brothers and sisters. His tears teach me to make my own the pain of others.

—Prayer Vigil to “Dry the Tears,” May 5, 2016

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Jer 31:31–34

Heb 5:7–9

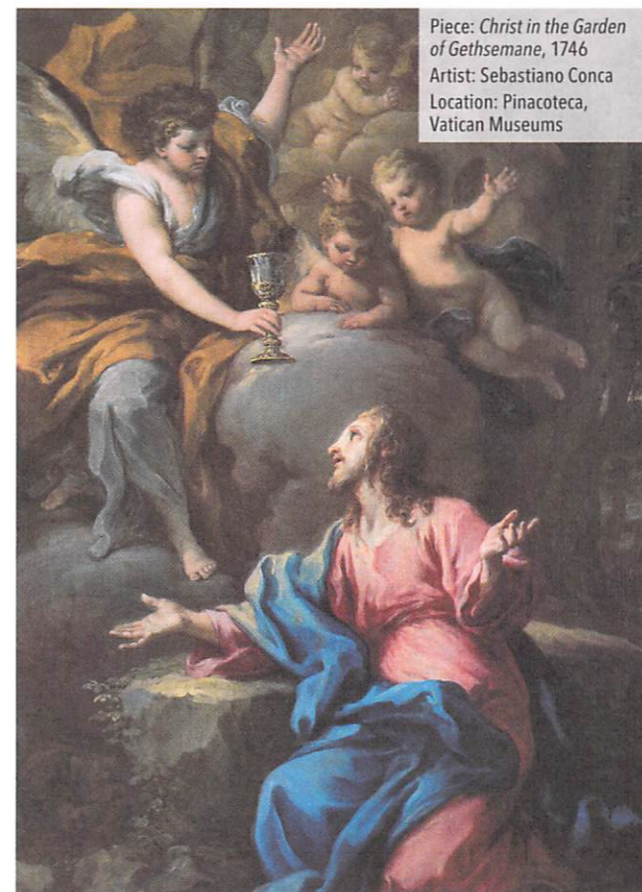
Jn 12:20–33

The Meaning of the Gardens of Scripture

Focus on this painting and you will be drawn across the space between the gaze of Jesus and the chalice the angel offers. Sebastiano understands the essence of the agony in the Garden—the loneliness of Jesus before the bitter cup the Father extends to him via the hands of an angel.

Jesus' attitude in receiving this passion is evident in his open arms. Like the posture he will assume when nailed to the cross, he shows his humble acceptance and abandonment.

Gardens don't appear often in Scripture, but they are important. There is the Garden of Eden, the place of God's



Piece: *Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane*, 1746
Artist: Sebastiano Conca
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

creative love and man's original sin. There is the garden in the Song of Songs—a garden of passion, possession, and life-giving union. Where is Jesus' tomb, and where does Mary Magdalene, the transformed lover, find Jesus on Easter morning? In the Scriptures, gardens are a place of new life, sin, and redemption. It's where lovers go; where love is declared and tested.

This is important in understanding the drama of our Lord's agony in the Garden. It is the drama inside of love. It is the drama of acceptance and abandonment, trust and generosity, life and death.

Jesus knows this and goes into the Garden to do what Adam failed to do in the first Garden. He goes to pay the price of love. He engenders new life by giving his own. He looks at the chalice, the price of our salvation, and with a heart full of generous, uncomplicated love, accepts the Father's invitation. “Not my will but yours be done.”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How can I receive Jesus' self-giving love for me more deeply?

How should I imitate Jesus' self-giving love in my relationships?

[Christ Jesus] offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears.

Hebrews 5:7