

# Church of the Holy Angels

November 24, 2019, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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MASSSES 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

Sister Teresa Catherine, Pastoral Assistant

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

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, November 23

8:00am Melvin Krise

5:30pm Clem & Helen Parker

Sunday, November 24

8:30am Charles Mannello

10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, November 25

6:30pm All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, November 26

8:00am Elaine Greave

Wednesday, November 27

8:00am Michael M. Yonkovig

Thursday, November 28

8:00am Victor Mirarchi

Friday, November 29

8:00am All Souls Intentions

Saturday, November 30

8:00am Mary Ann Glowaski

5:30pm Lori Chesney

Sunday, December 1

8:30am Helen Smith

10:30am People of the Parish

Masses are available for 2020 at this time. Please call or stop in the parish office if requesting a specific date.

## Sacrificial Offering

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Weekend of November 17

Number of registered households 894

275 Sunday Offering Envelopes \$3,932.00

Loose Cash \$55.00

Youth Offering \$32.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$149.00

Air Conditioning \$250.00

Votives \$303.00

Energy \$216.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$4,937.00

Weekend of November 17 -\$3,396.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$21,680.00

Weekend of November 17 +\$68.00

Balance \$21,748.00

Diocesan Annual Campaign Parish Goal \$20,100.00

Contributions to date \$18,333.00

Balance remaining \$1,767.00

Diocesan Collections

Military Collection \$69.00

## Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7:15PM

## Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:15PM

## HALO

*Any members available to help pack the cookies is asked to please come to the Activity Center on Thursday, December 12 at 5:00PM.*



## 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! And if the pastor makes you feel unwelcome, let him 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, November 26, 2019. 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

November 24 thru November 30

**Sanctuary Light:** *In loving memory of Charles & Nettie Pettello by Family*

**St. Anthony:** *In loving memory of Theresa Molesevich Bergonia by Frank & Betty Anne*

**St. Anne:** *In loving memory of Andrew & Dolores Furca by Family*

**St. Casimir:** *In loving memory of Clem & Helen Parker by Children*

**St. Theresa:** *In loving memory of James Korenkiewicz by wife, Theresa*

**St. Kateri:** *In loving memory of Stanley Lazarski by Family*

**St. Marziale:** *In loving memory of Virginia & Pappy DeSantis by Angie*

**Sacred Heart:** *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

### Mount Carmel Area Food Pantry

26 N. Market Street Mount Carmel, PA  
Distribution Schedule

Tuesday, December 3, 5:00-6:00pm

Wednesday, December 18, 11:00am-12pm

### Adult Choir

Practice Wednesday, December 4 & 11 at 7:00PM .

Choir Christmas Dinner: Sunday, December 1 at 1:00PM in the Activity Center.

Choir along with members of the Knights of Columbus will carol on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00PM at the Gazebo in Kulpmont.

Choir will sing at the 8:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Please be present in the choir loft by 7:35PM.

### Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 30

5:30PM Angel Barwicki, Emily Olszewski, Sierra Balonis, Alexa Fariello

Sunday, December 1

8:30AM Jeremiah Sheganoski, Jacob Zarski, Kaden Hine

10:30AM Rosalie Mitchell, Liam Bradley, Sean Bradley

### Holy Angels Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Classes will be held on Sunday, November 24 for Grades 6, 7, 8 at 8:30AM

Classes will be held on Monday, November 25 for Grades 1-5 at 5:30PM.

### First Communicant Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of all First Communicants (OLOL and PREP) on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:15PM in the church.

### Confirmation Meeting for OLOL and PREP Students and Parents

All upcoming 2020 Confirmation candidates and parents will have an important meeting on Sunday December 8, 2019 at 11:30 am in the church basement.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School Pot of Gold

Envelopes containing 5 Pot of Gold chances are available in the back of the church. Grand Prize is \$2,500! Drawing date is December 15, 2019. All returns are to be in by Sunday, December 8. Chances are \$2.00 each. Please use the envelope for your returns. This is one way we can help to support Catholic Education.

### HALO Christmas Cookie Sale

Order forms are available in the back of the church for the HALO Christmas Cookie Sale. The delicious cookies are all homemade! Orders are due with payment by November 24<sup>th</sup>. No late orders will be accepted. Pick up date is Saturday, December 14 between 10am & 12pm in the Activity Center.

### Manna Bags

*Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, and many in our area are not as blessed as others with an abundance of food. By filling a Manna Bag, your donation helps our food bank distribute this food to the needy of our area. Please take a bag home with you and return the filled bag to the vestibule with non-perishable food items. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please mark the envelope "Manna Bag".*

### Thanksgiving Baskets

*Any parishioner that needs a Thanksgiving Basket (basket includes a turkey and other foods) or knows of someone who needs one, please submit name, address and phone number to Father Andrew by Sunday, November 24 (570-373-1221).*



### Thanksgiving Day Dinner

All are invited to Holy Angels Activity Center on Thanksgiving Day to share in a bountiful meal. Dinner will be free of charge, and will be served buffet style from 11:00AM-1:00PM. All are most welcome to join with your parish family to enjoy the day! If anyone has the opportunity to purchase a turkey at a discounted price, we will gladly accept the turkey as a donation if you won't be using it at home. Pies for dessert will also be accepted!

### Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

On Sunday, November 24, at 7:00PM, Holy Angels Parish will host the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service. Please plan on attending this evening of Prayer as we gather with our neighbors from the First United Methodist Church. We have so much to be thankful for and this is the opportunity to express our thankfulness to God.

### Holy Angels Kielbasa Sale

Order forms are available in the back of the church for anyone wanting to order kielbasa. Payment is due with order. Prices are:

\$10.00 for a 3 lb. Loaf

\$4.00 for a 1 lb. Ring

Orders due by Sunday, December 15, 2019

Pick up date is Friday, December 20 & Saturday, December 21 from 9:00AM-12:00PM

### Mother Maria Kaupas Center

The Mother Maria Kaupas Center has announced the establishment of service stipends of \$300 each for college students in good academic standing who complete 10 days of community service work in the Mount Carmel-Kulpmont area over the December 2019-January 2020 semester break. Service projects will be assigned by the Center. Participants must be members of Divine Redeemer, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Holy Angels or SS Peter and Paul parishes. Application forms are available at the parish office or may be obtained by contacting Jake Betz at [kaupascenterdrc@ptd.net](mailto:kaupascenterdrc@ptd.net) or 570-339-3450 (option 7)

*The second collection this week is the annual Matthew 25 collection that supports parish and Diocesan ministries focused on providing food, clothing and shelter for the needy within the 15 counties of the Diocese. Because of your generosity last year, more than \$231,000 was distributed to 34 agencies in the Diocese. Our parish benefited as well, as 25% of what was collected stayed here to support our ministries. Please be as generous as possible in next week's collection.*

Northumberland/Northern Deanery:

Birthright of Sunbury, Selinsgrove  
Guardian Angels Outreach, Kulpmont  
Manna for the Many, Coal Township  
Mother Maria Kaupas Center, Mt. Carmel  
Shepherd's Table, Coal Township

### Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School

There is an opening for a cafeteria worker at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School. The hours would be 7:30AM-1:00PM. Anyone who is interested is asked to please contact the school at 570-644-0375 ext. 001.

Lourdes Regional needs a JH Boys Basketball Coach one team-7th Grade. Someone to travel and coach just away games (7 games). If they wish, the coach may come to practices and coach home game, but not necessary. Other staff member can cover the home games. If interested contact Michael A. Klembara, AD, 570-764-0636.

### Children's Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 15, from 12:00-2:00PM, children of our parish, age 8 & under, are invited to the Annual Children's Christmas Party 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 gift suggestion for your child.

### Stockings for Sisters 2019

It's that time again... Holy Angels Parish will be collecting "Stockings" for the retired Bernardine Sisters in Reading. We will be sending these in time for St. Nick's Day. The empty stockings are available for pick up in the church vestibule. Filled "stockings" are due in church by December 1. (Tentative delivery date to the sisters is Dec. 3.) The Sisters are always delighted with your snacks and surprises. Thanks for your help.

### Bernardine Franciscan Associate Meeting

BF Associates of Holy Angels will meet on November 24, at 2:30PM in the rectory.

### Carmelite Kitchen

Order forms are available in the back of the church to order a variety of items from the Carmelite Kitchen. Items available are cheesecakes, jellies, jams, nut roll, poppy seed roll, cookies and other items. Deadline to order is December 6. Please return orders forms with payment to Holy Angels Parish with check made out to "Carmelite Kitchen". Pick up date is December 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM-3:00PM at 929 Pine Street garage in rear.

### 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. If purchasing more than 1 gift for a child, please place them in a gift bag rather than bundling boxes as the bag is easier for the child to carry home.

### Kulpmont American Legion Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, December 8, 8:00AM-12:00PM

\$8.00 per person

Buffet items: Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Home Fries, French Toast, Pancakes, SOS, Toast, Coffee Juice.

### Kulpmont 100

12/1 through 12/20/19 – Deer naming Contest.

Entries at Turkey Hill, Kulpmont. Gifts awarded to two person(s) **under 12** who select drawn names.

Date: 12/14/19

Kulpmont 100 presents Free Concert and the lighting of the Luminaries by St. Pauline Foundation.

6:00-6:45 – Musical Chorale from Northern Northumberland County / "The Heart of Pennsylvania"  
Father Stahmer to bless Luminaries after 5:30 Mass (6:45 PM) at St. Pauline.

7:00 – 8:00 – Music arrangements by MCA Jr/Sr. Band w/Bernie Stellar conductor.

Refreshments and sandwiches to follow concert(s).

Date: 12/18/19

"Santa In The Park" - the sights and sounds of "The Season"

\*(in cooperation with Kulpmont Sportsman Association, Shamokin Rotary, Kulpmont Knights of Columbus, and Holy Angels Choir)

• 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Kulpmont Town Park – 11th & Chestnut Streets

• 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Hot chocolate & cookies by the Kulpmont Sportsmen Association

• 6:00 PM – Dominic, the Italian Christmas Donkey

• 6:30 PM - Santa in his Sleigh

• 7:00 PM - Kulpmont Christmas Carolers (Knights of Columbus and Holy Angels Church Choir)



## Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20  
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Dn 2:31-45  
Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 27  
Weekday  
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14,  
16-17, 23-28  
Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 28  
Weekday  
Dn 6:12-28  
Lk 21:20-28

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 29  
Weekday  
Dn 7:2-14  
Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 30  
St. Andrew,  
Apostle  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

**Sunday**  
DECEMBER 1  
First Sunday  
of Advent (A)  
Is 2:1-5  
Rom 13:11-14  
Mt 24:37-44

# Dear Padre,

**Why was the notion of kingship so important to Jesus and his disciples? Didn't the rulers of the day oppress Israel? You'd think they would have distrusted the Jesus-as-king idea.**

Although the idea of kingship is not very important to our modern thinking, it was very important to Israel. In the early years of the Hebrew nation, the population wanted to strengthen itself politically and militarily. The people went to Samuel, their leader, and begged him to appoint a king so that Israel could be the same as other nations (1 Samuel 8:4-5). In response, Samuel appointed Saul as Israel's first king. In Israel, the king became the prime instrument of God. David, the shepherd, was considered Israel's greatest king.

Later, that area came under the harsh domination of foreign powers—the Persians, the Macedonians, and ultimately, Rome. Many of these empires exercised their power by appointing a king, often a foreigner, to rule locally.

Since both the people of Israel and the early Christians understood the notion of kingship and recalled the glory days of David and Solomon, they developed a divinely inspired theology of the king as God's saving instrument. The theme of Jesus as king and prime instrument of God runs through the New Testament, reaching its fullness in Jesus' victory over death and his ascent to power at the right hand of the Father.

In the Gospels, Jesus preaches that the kingdom of God is now in our midst. The good news is that all of us can enter this kingdom (Mark 1:15).



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## A Word from Pope Francis

*[Jesus] shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life. By his passion and death, he takes the lowest place, attains the heights of grandeur in service, and bestows this upon his Church.*

—Homily, October 18, 2015

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 24, 2019  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe (C)  
2 Sm 5:1-3  
Col 1:12-20  
Lk 23:35-43

## The Cross: Altar and Throne

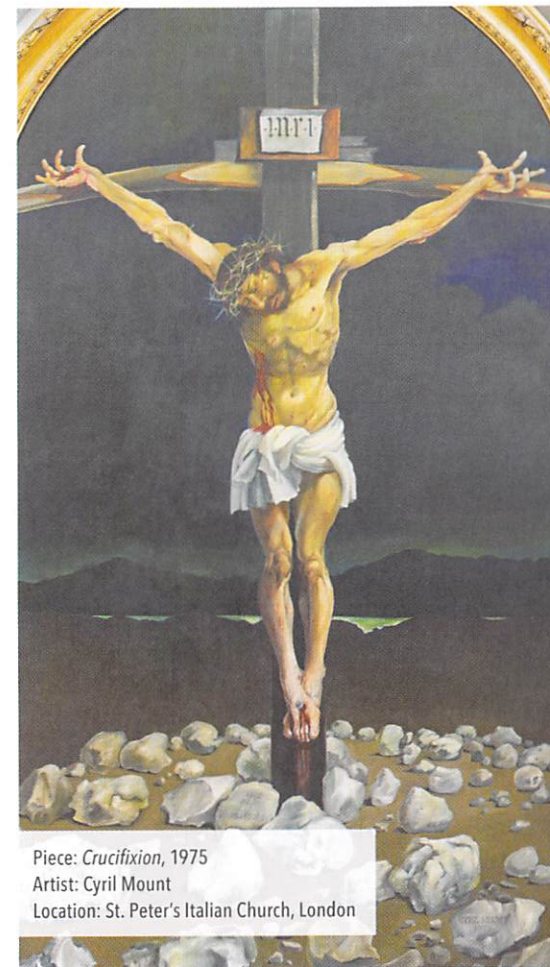
In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ's crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus' head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: "It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people" (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, but he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus also is the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus' final prophetic words, "It is finished," means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God's creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*Editor's note: This is Fr. Mark Haydu's final reflection for Our Parish Community. He will continue as special advisor to the head of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. When a new liturgical cycle begins on December 1, 2019, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA. The people of Liguori Publications thank Fr. Mark for his three years of insightful reflections and his artwork selections and ideas. We wish him well.*



Piece: *Crucifixion*, 1975  
Artist: Cyril Mount  
Location: St. Peter's Italian Church, London

## For Reflection

*Do I realize the amazing power of what happens at the Mass?*

*Do I make the good thief's act of faith and confidence my own?*

*Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."*

Luke 23:38