

# Church of the Holy Angels

January 12, 2020, The Baptism of the Lord

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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**

**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, January 11**

8:00am Samuel & Victor Mirarchi

5:30pm Mildred Reedy

**Sunday, January 12**

8:30am Veronica Payeski

10:30am People of the Parish

**Monday, January 13**

6:30pm Sylvia Boslego

**Tuesday, January 14**

8:00am Patty Gluchowski Brennan

**Wednesday, January 15**

7:00am Chester Gard

**Thursday, January 16**

6:30pm Steve Foris

**Friday, January 17**

8:00am Bud Grey

**Saturday, January 18**

8:00am Stanley Lazarski

5:30pm Mary Pelchar

**Sunday, January 19**

8:30am Leonard Zlocki

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.

*Of Your Charity*, please pray for the repose of the soul of **John H. Oszko, Jr.**, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

## Sacrificial Offering

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**Weekend of January 5**

Number of registered households 894

275 Sunday Offering Envelopes \$4,575.00

Loose Cash \$116.00

Youth Offering \$58.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$64.00

Air Conditioning \$520.00

Votives \$91.00

Energy \$5.00

Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1) \$2,043.00

Loose Mary, Mother of God \$90.00

Initial Offering \$453.00

Immaculate Conception \$5.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$8,020.00

Weekend of January 5 -\$313.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$22,323.00

Weekend of January 5 +\$225.00

Balance \$22,548.00

Previous Christmas \$15,860.00

Additional \$1,175.00

Total Christmas to date \$17,035.00

Diocesan Annual Campaign Parish Goal \$20,100.00

Contributions to date \$18,533.00

Balance remaining \$1,567.00

## Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:15PM

## Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:15PM



## 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, January 14, 2020. 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

January 12 thru January 18

**Sanctuary Light: Special intention**

**St. Anthony: In loving memory of**

*Albert Raybuck, Sr. by wife, Joanna & Children*

**St. Anne: In loving memory of**

*Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

**St. Casimir: In loving memory of**

*Stanley Lazarski by Family*

**St. Theresa: Special intention**

**St. Kateri: Special intention**

**St. Marziale: In loving memory of**

*Angelo D'Alexander, Jr. by wife, Minnie*

**Sacred Heart: Special intention**



*Vigil Lights and Standing Altar Candles are now available for 2020. Please contact the Parish Office either thru the Sunday Collection or by mail or phone if you would like a candle in remembrance of a loved one, in thanksgiving or for a special intention. Donation is \$5.00 for the Vigil Lights which will burn for the week and \$10.00 for the Standing Altar Candles which burn for the month.*

### Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

8:30AM Rosalie Mitchell, Liam Bradley, Sean Bradley

10:30AM Jessica Whalen, Donald Whalen, Sophia Andres-Padula

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

Classes will be held on Sunday, January 12 & 26 for Grades 6, 7, 8 at 8:30AM

Classes will be held on Monday, January 13 & 27 for Grades 1-5 at 5:30PM.

### PREP NOTES

During Advent, the PREP Students of Grades 6-8 completed 3-D projects depicting one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. They are still on display in the basement of the church. The home projects were very nicely done. In case you missed it, the 8th grade students' photo appeared in the Catholic Witness

### Student Offering Envelopes

There are still a few high school students who have not picked up their envelopes for 2020.

### 2020 Calendars

The Catholic Extension calendars for the year 2020 are available in the back of the church. We thank Mr. Charles Lucas for donating the calendars to the parish.

### Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 26-February 1

"Catholic Schools-Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed"

### OPEN HOUSE

**Our Lady of Lourdes Regional High School  
Sunday, January 26, 2020**

- New student registration for Grades Pre-K thru 12 for the 2020-21 school term
- School tours conducted by Student Service Club
- Information packets available
- Refreshments provided by our Parent/Teacher Association

*Prospective students and parents are invited to visit Lourdes to discover the many advantages of a Catholic education. Administrators and faculty will be on hand to answer your questions regarding curriculum, financial assistance and extra-curricular programs and activities.*

**Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week** with the Hershey Bears Hockey Team vs. Lehigh Valley Phantoms at the Giant Center in Hershey, for the Annual Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 7 p.m. It's a fun-filled action packed night at the Giant Center. Open to all, this night is a great way to celebrate our Catholic Schools! Discounted tickets are available for \$16.50 each for all ages (regular admission price is \$20). Deadline to order is Friday, January 24, 2020. For more information, see order form or contact [jdise@HersheyPA.com](mailto:jdise@HersheyPA.com).

### Knights of Columbus 1<sup>st</sup> Degree

Practicing Catholic men, over age eighteen, are invited to join the K of C. First degree ceremony will be held at Queen of Holy Rosary on January 12. Another ceremony is scheduled for March 8 at the Mt. Carmel K of C. Contact Dave Shinskie at 570-205-3004 or any K of C member for additional information and an application.

## Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This week, our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/ceee](http://www.usccb.org/ceee). An envelope was included in your monthly pack for this collection.

### *Memorial Donations were received by Holy Angels Parish*

#### *in Loving Memory of*

- Diane White** by Dave & Joanne Shinskie  
**Helen Bednarchik** by Carol & John Patton, Mark & Hilda Bednarchik, Dave & Joanne Shinskie.  
**Michael Phillipine** by Bernard Bolick, Pauline Mirarchi & Family, James & Theresa Korenkiewicz, Dan & Ruth Skonecki, Dave & Joanne Shinskie.  
**Edward Zarkoski** by Pauline Mirarchi and Family  
**Anne Harrison** by Paul & Roseann Anderson  
**Clara Mrozek** by Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Bernard Bolick, David and Mary Kay Bartol, Charles & Lucy Kaminsky, Bernard & Patty Novakoski, Cathy Lacroce, Dave & Joanne Shinskie, Peter & Nora Avellino, Michael White, PSCOA-SCI Coal Township..  
**Joan Callahan** by Ann Bartko.  
**Lena Hogan** by Margaret Stump.  
**James Korenkiewicz** by Aileen Altmire, Bernie & Patty Novakoski, Lisa & Roger Howard, Bernard Bolick, Charles & Lucy Kaminsky, children, John, Jolene & Marcus.  
**John Rosini** by Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Aldo Mirarchi, Martin & Rosemarie Williams.  
**Rita Douty** by Alex & Diane Clayberger.  
**Diane Parker Lentini** by Dave & Joanne Shinskie, Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Aldo Mirarchi, Millie & Marcia Smith, Knoebles Park Office, Knoebles Ticket Sellers.  
**Irene Vivino** by Paul & Roseann Anderson.  
**Henry Kalbarczyk** by Rita Madden Kalbarczyk.  
**Mary Ann Glowaski** by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wojcik, Maria & Cathy Lacroce.  
**Carmen Cesari** by Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Novakoski.  
**Gloria Slonena** by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Novakoski.  
**Michael M. Yonkovig** by Cathy Lacroce, Dennis & Elaine Lutz, Mary Kay & David Bartol, Mike & Patty Higgins and Family.  
**Clara Mychak** by Mary Kay & David Bartol, Charles & Lucy Kaminsky.  
**Richard Clayberger** by Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Barb & Tony Deromedi, David & Mary Kay Bartol, Bill & Ellen Schoppy.  
**James & Olga Nolan** by Linda Hearn.

#### *Donations Christmas Flower were received in memory of*

The parents of Bonnie and Jerry Wascavage  
Judy Wascavage  
Charles F. Mannello

## Contribution Records for 2019

Anyone needing a copy of their contribution record for tax purposes is asked to please submit a self-addressed stamped envelope to the parish office.

**Knights of Columbus, Mt. Carmel.** The Christopher Club is open Monday through Friday at 7:00pm. Snacks, soup, sandwiches are generally available on Friday. Watch for upcoming regular Wednesday evening dinners plus the annual Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, February 26 2020. Dinners are open to the public. Club facilities are available for rental to both members and non-members.

## The Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas was the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany was God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany, because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. It is also an event described by all the four gospels, and it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

A couple of questions: 1) Why did Jesus, the sinless Son of God, receive the 'baptism of repentance' meant for sinners? 2) Why did Jesus wait for thirty years to begin his public ministry? The strange answer for the first question given by the apocryphal book, "*The Gospel According to the Hebrews*," is that Jesus received the baptism of John to please his mother and relatives. In this humble submission, we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism by John was the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love, he consented to His baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Many Fathers of the Church explain that Jesus received baptism to identify himself with his people, who for the first time in Jewish history became aware of their sins and of their need for repentance, as a result of John's preaching. The Jews had the traditional belief that only the Gentiles who embraced Jewish religion needed the baptism of repentance, for, as God's chosen people, the Jewish race was holy. Jesus might have been waiting for this most opportune moment to begin his public ministry. The Fathers of the Church point out that the words the voice from the heavenly Father speaks are similar to Psalm 2:17, revealing Jesus' identity ("*This is my beloved Son*") and of Isaiah 42:1 referring to the "suffering servant": "*with whom I am well pleased*," revealing Jesus' mission of saving mankind by his suffering and death.

# Dear Padre,

## What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

**B**lessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted

by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
JANUARY 13  
Weekday  
1 Sm 1:1–8  
Mk 1:14–20

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 14  
Weekday  
1 Sm 1:9–20  
Mk 1:21–28

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 15  
Weekday  
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20  
Mk 1:29–39

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 16  
Weekday  
1 Sm 4:1–11  
Mk 1:40–45

**Friday**  
JANUARY 17  
St. Anthony,  
Abbot  
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a  
Mk 2:1–12

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 18  
Weekday  
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19;  
10:1  
Mk 2:13–17

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 19  
Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 49:3, 5–6  
1 Cor 1:1–3  
Jn 1:29–34

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 12, 2020  
Baptism of the Lord (A)  
Is 42:1–4, 6–7  
Acts 10:34–38  
Mt 3:13–17

## Our Chance to Start Anew

**W**ho has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism.

Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God's love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to "bring forth justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God's spirit. How are we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?
- ★ Look within yourself. To what might God be calling you?



[Jesus] came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove.  
MATTHEW 3:16

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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.*

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017