

Church of the Holy Angels

February 23, 2020, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Saturday, February 22

8:00am Joan Callahan
 5:30pm James & Theresa Bressi

Sunday, February 23

8:30am People of the Parish
 10:30am Edward Grazioli

Monday, February 24

6:30pm Charles J. Lucas, III

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am Rose Bango

Ash Wednesday, February 26

8:00am Viola Pinamonti
 7:00pm Walter & Barbara Kershinski

Thursday, February 27

6:30pm Deceased of the Huberson Family

Friday, February 28

8:00am Kenneth Weinrich

Saturday, February 29

8:00am Joseph Rokuskie
 5:30pm Alice Zyskoski

Sunday, March 1

8:30am People of the Parish
 10:30am Lawrence & Helen Morata

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Frank "Sam" R. Chesney and Victoria A. Hodrick, 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 February 16

Number of registered households 896

292 Sunday Offering Envelopes \$4,228.00

Loose Cash \$158.00

Youth Offering \$52.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$51.00

Air Conditioning \$325.00

Votives \$532.00

Initial Offering \$19.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$5,365.00

Weekend of February 16 -\$2,968.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$23,606.00

Weekend of February 16 +\$94.00

Balance \$23,700.00

Diocesan Collections

Propagation of the Faith \$10.00

Central & Eastern Europe \$2.00

Poor Missions \$167.00

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

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday March 12, 2020 at 7:15PM

Bernardine Franciscan Associates of Holy Angels
 will meet Feb. 23 at 2:30 PM in the rectory.

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, February 25, 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

February 23 thru February 29

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of
The Deceased Great-Grandparents of Baby Juliana
Rae by Juliana*

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

St. Anne: *In loving memory of
Andrew & Dolores Furca by Baby Juliana Rae*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of
Helen Thomas by husband, Clem*

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

St. Kateri: *In loving memory of
Bill Roberts by wife, Joan*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of
James & Rosemary Brennan by Baby Juliana Rae*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of
Carlos De La Cruz by Watral Family*



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.

Altar Server Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 26

8:00AM

Adult Servers

7:00PM

Marshall Mirarchi IV, Landon Williams, Alexa Maher, Cali Maher

Saturday, February 29

5:30PM

Emma Shimko, Noah Shimko
Daniel Vincenzes, Grace Vincenzes

Sunday, March 1

8:30AM

Jessica Whalen, Donald Whalen
Sophia Andres-Padula

10:30AM

Gregory Troutman, Michael Wasilewski, Bobby Schoppy, Brooke Schoppy

Holy Angels Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Classes will be held on Sunday, February 23, March 1, 8, 22, 29 for Grades 6, 7, 8 at 8:30AM

Classes will be held on Monday, February 24, March 2, 9, 23, 30 for Grades 1-5 at 5:30PM.

The Holy Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Ashes will be distributed within the Masses at 8:00AM & 7:00PM. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 2:00PM and 7:00PM.

Lenten Fish Dinners will be held on Fridays during Lent from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Activity Center.

Dinner includes baked fish, potato, vegetable, soup and salad bar, dessert and beverage. Donation \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 child age 12 and under.

New This Year!

HALO's Heavenly Easter Eggs will be available for purchase at a few of the weekly Friday Fish Dinners during Lent. You will have your choice of peanut butter, butter cream, coconut, and/or chocolate eggs. All will be sold by the half dozen at the cost of \$4. No orders will be taken. Rather, they will be available on a first come, first serve basis. The dates that the eggs will be available are, Friday, February 28, March 6, March 13, and March 27 from 4:00- 6:00 PM in the Holy Angels Activity Center. Additionally, eggs will be available for purchase on Saturday, March 21, and Saturday, April 4, from 11:00- 1:00 PM in the Activity Center. All proceeds benefit Holy Angels Church. Thank you very much for your support! We wish you an EGG-cellent Easter! God Bless!

Cemeteries

We ask that any items which are deteriorated we ask that they be removed by March 15. And as always, please take the items you are removing home with you to discard. Please do not discard the items at the edges of the cemetery properties. Thank you.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Divine Mercy Hall

400 Block of West Cherry Street

Mt Carmel, PA 17851

570-339-3450

Doors open: 1:00 P.M. Bingo starts: 2:00 P.M

\$20.00 if purchased ahead, \$25.00 at the door

Food Available for sale

Mount Carmel Area Food Pantry Food Distribution

Tuesday, March 3, 5:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, March 18, 11AM-Noon

Fulfilled Bible Study

Join us this season in a bible study that explores the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith. Fulfilled uncovers God's consistent design for our worship of him and his relationship with us. Learn how the Old Testament Tabernacle can be used as a blueprint for the Catholic Faith and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament. Part One focuses on the elements found in the outer sanctuary and how they connect to the liturgical calendar, the priesthood, purgatory, baptism and more. Fulfilled will help you explain how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament; share the Catholic Faith concisely; and examine your own faith and grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus.

Join us on Sunday evenings at 6PM starting February 23th through April 5th. Please RSVP by Feb 17 to either Kathy 570-205-4704 or Deb 570-274-5861. See posters in back of church for more information.

Mount Carmel Lions Club

All You Can Eat Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Sunday, March 1, 2020, 11:30AM-2:00PM

Atlas Legion (corner of Rt 61 and Wilburton Road)

Adults \$8.00, Children under 12 \$5.00

Take-out orders available, please bring a container

Mahoney Brothers Musical Show

Coming back to the Mount Carmel Area High School Auditorium "The World's Greatest Musical Impersonation Show", The Mahoney Brothers from the New York, New Jersey Area.

They will perform their magic musical show on Sunday, March 29th. Doors open at 2:30PM, show begins at 4:00PM.

Tickets can be purchased at the Subway at Walmart and Academy Sports, Mount Carmel. Also selling tickets are the Mount Carmel Area Band Members and Cheerleaders, Lourdes Girls Basketball Team and Cheerleaders from Shamokin Area High School.

Knights of Columbus, The Christopher Club, Mt. Carmel: Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner - open at 4:00PM until sold out; eat in or take out; Public is invited. Friday, Feb. 28 - Leap Year Party - covered dish is appreciated; Sunday, March 8, 2020 - 2:00PM-- K of C Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at Divine Redeemer; practicing Catholic men are encouraged to join their local K of C; contact any member of the Knights to register no later than March 1; Men who have already received their First Degree are encouraged to participate in this ceremony and achieve their Third Degree status

The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and the St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania invite all Catholic physicians, lawyers, judges, healthcare workers, mental health professionals, medical students and law students to a Lenten Day of Reflection.

Guest Speaker: Deacon David L. Hall

Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Diocesan Conference Center

4800 Union Deposit Road

Harrisburg, PA 17111

The morning includes: Penance Service with Confession ~ Fellowship ~ Reflection ~ Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Michael's Community Free Soup and Hot Dog Event

Sunday, February 23, 2020, 11:30AM-3:00PM

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Hall

131 North Willow St., Mount Carmel, PA

Join us for a bowl of homemade soup, a hot dog, dessert and coffee. There is no cost-we just want to give back to the community and offer the opportunity for fellowship.

Diocese of Harrisburg Men's Conference - Online Registration Now Open

Register now for the 2020 Diocese of Harrisburg Men's Conference, being held March 28 at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. To register, go to www.hbgdiocese.org/men and click 'Register Online.' Early-Bird price is \$35 per man. Dr. William Donohue, President of the *Catholic League* is keynoting. The conference includes more than 45 workshops, Priests hearing Confessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and many Catholic vendors and time for food and fellowship. Bishop Gainer will be celebrating Mass as well as presenting a workshop. The conference is open to any man, Catholic or non-Catholic. Be one of 1,000 or more men to register for this fantastic Catholic Men's Conference.



Lenten Guidelines

1. The traditional Lenten practices of piety, fasting, almsgiving, and other forms of self-denial are still most warmly recommended by the Church.
2. The faithful observance of Lent should manifest itself especially in the imitation of Christ in daily life and in the readiness to sacrifice time and talents whenever possible, in personal, parish, and community efforts for those in spiritual or material need. The spiritual hunger of the unchurched locally and in mission lands can be a focus of prayers and charitable giving.
3. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. They are also days of fasting for those between 18 and 59 years of age. (Those bound by the law of fasting, may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are also permitted, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)
4. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for those 14 years of age and older.
5. Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance. The traditional abstinence from meat is highly recommended, together with fasting, by the Bishops of the United States, for the cause of peace in the world. However, some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance may be substituted

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals are necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example.

But being Catholic isn't just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound!



Take the Mass: holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ's very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* can explain in detail the

spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions.

Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

One of the essential characteristics of this vocation to perfection is the love of our enemies, which protects us from the temptation to seek revenge and from the spiral of endless retaliation....Those who evangelize must therefore be first and foremost practitioners of forgiveness, specialists in reconciliation, experts in mercy.

—HOMILY IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,
NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 24
Weekday
Jas 3:13–18
Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 25
Weekday
Jas 4:1–10
Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 26
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12–18
2 Cor 5:20–6:2

Thursday
FEBRUARY 27
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15–20
Lk 9:22–25

Friday
FEBRUARY 28
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1–9a
Mt 9:14–15

Saturday
FEBRUARY 29
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b–14
Lk 5:27–32

Sunday
MARCH 1
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7
Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12,
17–19
Mt 4:1–11

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Lv 19:1–2, 17–18
1 Cor 3:16–23
Mt 5:38–48

Be Perfect

Wow, that's a tall order! But what does *perfect* mean? The Greek word means "full" or "complete." In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be *holy*, a word with cultic allusions—to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between *perfect* and *holy*, for to be set apart to be used for God will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tells us to be perfect, as God is perfect?

Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian code of Hammurabi states "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The punishment may not exceed the crime.

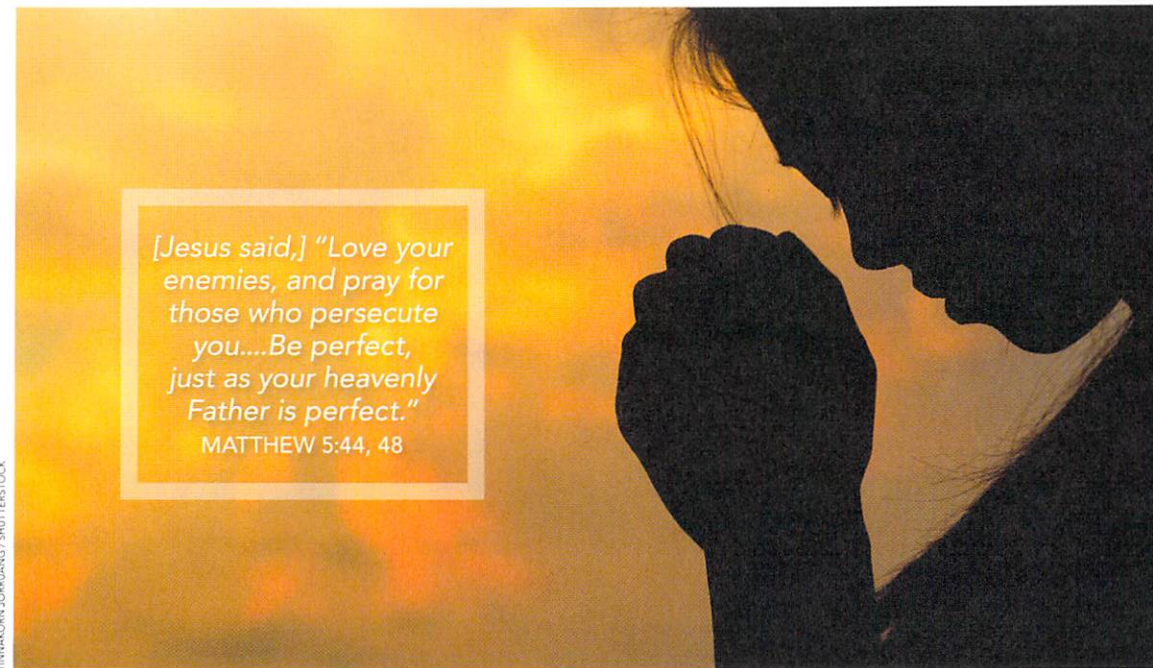
This was a step forward in ancient justice.

Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all, even those who do us injustice. God makes the "sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Where in your life are you being called to consecrate yourself to God and God's work?
- ★ Where in your life are you being challenged to love more unselfishly?



[Jesus said,] "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you....Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
MATTHEW 5:44, 48