

Church of the Holy Angels

March 8, 2020, Second Sunday of Lent

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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, March 7

8:00am Ann Radzai

5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, March 8

8:30am Rosalina Varano

10:30am James Korenkiewicz

Monday, March 9

8:00am Kathleen Bach

Tuesday, March 10

8:00am Gloria Magagna

Wednesday, March 11

7:00am Ellen M. Bross

Thursday, March 12

6:30pm Frank Pupo

Friday, March 13

8:00am Albert Kase

Saturday, March 14

8:00am Anthony Bressi

5:30pm Jasmine Miriello

Sunday, March 15

8:30am Brock Long

10:30am People of the Parish

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Albert J. Goodlunas, 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

Weekend of March 1

Number of registered households 894

276 Sunday Offering Envelopes \$4,071.00

Loose Cash \$104.00

Youth Offering \$50.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$84.00

Air Conditioning \$304.00

Votives \$182.00

Energy \$243.00

Christmas \$25.00

Ash Wednesday (envelopes) \$1,063.00

Ash Wednesday (loose cash) \$159.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$6,285.00

Weekend of March 1 -\$2,048.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$23,768.00

Weekend of March 1 +\$177.00

Balance \$23,945.00

Diocesan Collections

Propagation of the Faith \$10.00

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, May 7, 2020 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday March 12, 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, March 10, 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

March 8 thru March 14

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Victor and Mary Lutz by Jeff & Pat Cooper*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Agnes Bressi by Daughter-in-law & Family*

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

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

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

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

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

Sacred Heart: *Special intention*



Stations of the Cross for Children

All are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross for Children which will be prayed on Monday, March 9 at 6:20PM.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 14

5:30PM Marshall Mirarchi IV, Landon Williams, Alexa Maher, Cali Maher

Sunday, March 15

8:30AM Gregory Troutman, Michael Wasilewski, Bobby Schoppy, Brooke Schoppy

10:30AM Dominic Tamborelli, Brianna Tamborelli, Kassandra Fernandez, Kaitlyn Fernandez

Holy Angels Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

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

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

The Holy Season of Lent

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

Lenten Fish Dinners

Fridays during Lent from 4:00PM-6:00PM

Holy Angels 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, 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 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.

Mount Carmel Area Food Pantry Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 18, 11AM-Noon

Tuesday, April 7, 5:00-6:00PM

St. Pauline Foundation presents Western Night

Chicken BBQ & No Reserve Charity Auction

Get saddled up and ride over to

The Warehouse, Poplar Street, Kulpmont

Saturday, March 28, 202

Saloon opens at 5:00pm

Admission \$20.00, Cash Bar

Tickets available at Scicchitano's Pizza and St.

Pauline Gift Shop

Basket Raffle & 50/50's available

Call JoAnn for questions and/or tickets

570-259-9299

Sponsor: Lancaster Brewing Co.

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.

Bring On Spring!

Divine Redeemer Church

Saturday, March 14, 2020

11:00AM-4:00PM

Divine Mercy Hall

400 Block West Cherry Street

Mount Carmel, PA

Potato Cakes, Haluski, Sausage Sandwiches!

Chinese Auction!

Bake Sale!



Our Lady of Hope

4 Cheese Lasagna Dinner

(meatless)

Friday, March 27, 2020

4:00-6:00PM

OLOH Parish Hall

Oak & Chestnut Streets, Coal Township

Includes: Lasagna, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage

Donation \$9.00



St. Pauline Center

Easter Fruit/Nut Roll Sale

If anyone is interested in ordering a fruit or nut roll from the St. Pauline Center, please stop in Holy Angels Parish office to place your order payment is due with order. Flavors available are: English Walnut, Poppysseed, Apricot, Prune, Seedless Raspberry and Coconut Cream. Donation is \$16.00 each. Deadline to place order is March 25. Pick up will be Wednesday, April 8 between 1 and 3PM at the St. Pauline Center.

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.

PCC Corner of Hope Family Resource Center

PCC Corner of Hope will hold a Raise the Region fund-raiser on March 11-12 from 6:00PM to

11:59PM. To donate please log on to

<https://www.raisetheregion.org/organizations/pcc-corner-of-hope>

Breaking News! Chinese Auction Update!

HALO's annual Chinese Auction is always a success thanks to you, the generous parishioners of Holy Angels! It will take place on Sunday, April 26, at 2:00. The doors will open at 12 noon. Here are a few ways you can help...

1. Do you enjoy baking sweet treats? If so, we need your help! We are looking for people to donate baked goods. Please drop off your baked goods at the Activity Center on Sunday morning, April 26, from 8:00- 10:00 AM.
2. If you are willing and able to donate an item for our Chinese Auction, we would greatly appreciate it! All donated items must be new and worth at least \$10. No clothing will be accepted. Please drop off your donations in the box in the back of the church.
3. Help us spread the word about our Chinese Auction. Flyers will be available in the back of the church for anyone who would like to help us get the word out about this fund-raising event.
4. We are also looking for volunteers to help out during the event. If you are available and willing to help, please contact Ann at 570-373-5741 or Millie at 570-875-9799. Thank you very much for helping make this event a successful fund-raiser for our parish!

Lenten Day Retreat

Enjoy a Lenten Day Retreat, "A Spirituality of Non-Violence", presented by Sr. Anita M. Constance, at St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville, from 10:00AM-3:00PM on March 21. This Lenten Day of reflection, prayer, and sharing is an opportunity to lean into the love of God and learn how to transform the areas of subtle violence within our lives and discover the grace in our limitations and faults. For more details and to register by March 13th, call 570-275-3581 or visit www.sscm.org.

Mount Carmel Ministerium Lenten Mid-week Services 'The Lenten Road'

The Mount Carmel Ministerium will host the Lenten Soup and Sandwich Mid-week Lenten Services on Wednesdays during Lent beginning at 6:00PM. Services will be held at the following locations:

- March 11-Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
- March 18- First United Methodist Church
- March 25- Kulpmont United Methodist Church
- April 1- Grace United Church of Christ
- April 9-First Presbyterian Church

Life messages: The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and a source of grace for the renewal of our lives during Lent. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and especially in the Eucharist should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day. Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. By receiving in Faith, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are spiritually, and sometimes physically, healed, and our sins are forgiven.

Dear Padre,

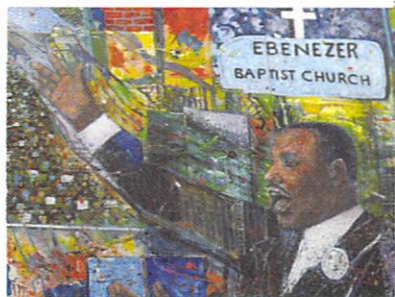
Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own hearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

—ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 9
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b–10
Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday
MARCH 10
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16–20
Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday
MARCH 11
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18–20
Mt 20:17–28

Thursday
MARCH 12
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5–10
Lk 16:19–31

Friday
MARCH 13
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a,
17b–28a
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday
MARCH 14
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday
MARCH 15
Third Sunday
of Lent
Ex 17:3–7
Rom 5:1–2, 5–8
Jn 4:5–42 or 4:5–15,
19b–26, 39a, 40–42

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent (A)
Gn 12:1–4a
2 Tm 1:8b–10
Mt 17:1–9

What a Blessing!

Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

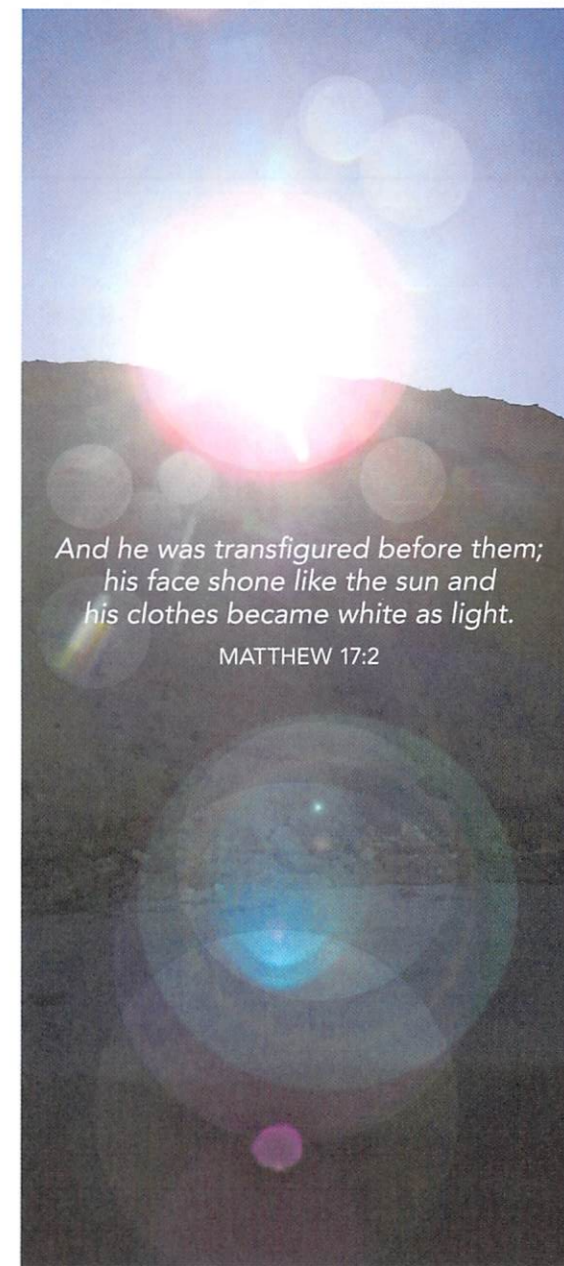
While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ In what ways might you be a blessing for others?
- ★ Listen to Jesus. What is he saying to you?



And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and
his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2