

Church of the Holy Angels

March 29, 2020, 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

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 28	
8:00am	James Moncavage
5:30pm	Paul Niglio
Sunday, March 29	
8:30am	James & Virginia DeSantis
10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday, March 30	
6:30pm	Joseph Witrosky
Tuesday, March 31	
8:00am	Teresa Mirarchi
Wednesday, April 1	
7:00am	Mary Yadinskie
Thursday, April 2	
6:30pm	Carl J. Thurner
Friday, April 3	
8:00am	Deceased of the Rock Family
Saturday, April 4	
8:00am	Diane Rompallo
5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, April 5	
8:30am	Kathleen York
10:30am	Thomas F. Demko

All of the above Masses will be said privately by Father Andrew

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of March 22	
Number of registered households	889
14 Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$493.00
Loose Cash	\$0.00
Youth Offering	\$7.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$22.00
Air Conditioning	\$102.00
Votives	\$10.00
Energy	\$6.00
Ash Wednesday	\$5.00
Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$645.00
Weekend of March 15	-\$7,688.00
Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$24,389.00
Weekend of March 15	+\$6.00
Balance	\$24,395.00
Diocesan Collections	
Catholic Relief Services	\$103.00

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 May 14, 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

Suspended until further notice

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

Suspended until further notice

Vigil Lights

March 29 thru April 4

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention*

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

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Daniel Ney by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *Special intention*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *Special intention*

Sacred Heart: *Special intention*

Mount Carmel Area Food Pantry Food Distribution

Tuesday, April 7, 5:00-6:00PM
Wednesday, April 22, 11AM-Noon
Tuesday, May 5, 5:00-6:00PM

Lenten Fish Dinners

Take Out Only
Friday, April 3
4:00-6:00PM or until sold out.

Lenten Penance Services

The Lenten Penance Services have been cancelled
**Holy Angels Parish Religious Education Program
(PREP)**

NO CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our Lady of Hope

**4 Cheese Lasagna Dinner
(meatless)**

Postponed until Friday, May 1, 2020

The Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Schools
Department has announced Principal Openings for
the 2020-2021 school year:

St. Columba School, Bloomsburg
(www.saintcolumbaschool.org); Sacred Heart
School, Lewistown (www.sacredheartsschool.com);
St. John the Baptist School, New Freedom
(www.stjncath.org); St. Rose of Lima School,
Thomasville (www.stroseschoolpa.org); Delone
Catholic High School (www.delonecatholic.org).

Minimum qualifications: Practicing, knowledgeable
Catholic; Thorough understanding of Catholic
School Philosophy; Commitment to modeling the
values of Catholic Educational Leadership; PA
Administrators Certificate (or in process);
Catechetical Certification (or in process) and 5 years
teaching experience. For more information see the
Employment listings on the Diocese of Harrisburg
website: www.hbgdiocese.org. Send resume and
letter of interest by March 31, 2020 to: Ann Everest,
Dept. of Education; Diocese of Harrisburg; 4800
Union Deposit Road; Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710
or by email: aeverest@hbgdiocese.org.

Holy Angels Holy Name Society Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Will be held at a later date.

Salmon Cake Sale

Holy Angels Parish

Will be held at a later date.

Diocesan Annual Campaign

We thank all those who have already sent in
their contribution to the Diocese for the Annual
Campaign. Our parish goal is \$19,936.00 and
so far the Diocese has received \$6,007.00
towards our goal.

HALO's Annual Chinese Auction
will be held in October

**There will not be a calendar for the month of
April with the parish events since we are
uncertain of what will be permitted to be open
in the next few weeks. We encourage you to
check Holy Angels website for updates.**

Palm Sunday

**The Masses on Palm Sunday will not be
public. Palm will be blessed and kept in
refrigeration to be distributed in the future.**

Hopefully everyone picked up the book "The Word
Among Us" which Father Andrew had available in the back
of the church. If you plan on watching our streamed Masses
on the weekend and during Holy Week, you have available
in that book all the same information that would be in the
OCP Missalette.

Dear Padre,

I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our *Catechism* mandate a dress code?

Being judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing.

The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



Calendar

Monday
MARCH 30
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday
MARCH 31
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday
APRIL 1
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20,
91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday
APRIL 2
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday
APRIL 3
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday
APRIL 4
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday
APRIL 5
*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*
Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66
or Mt 27:11–54

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)
Ez 37:12–14 / Rom 8:8–11
Jn 11:1–45 or 11:3–7, 17,
20–27, 33b–45

God Opens Our Graves

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

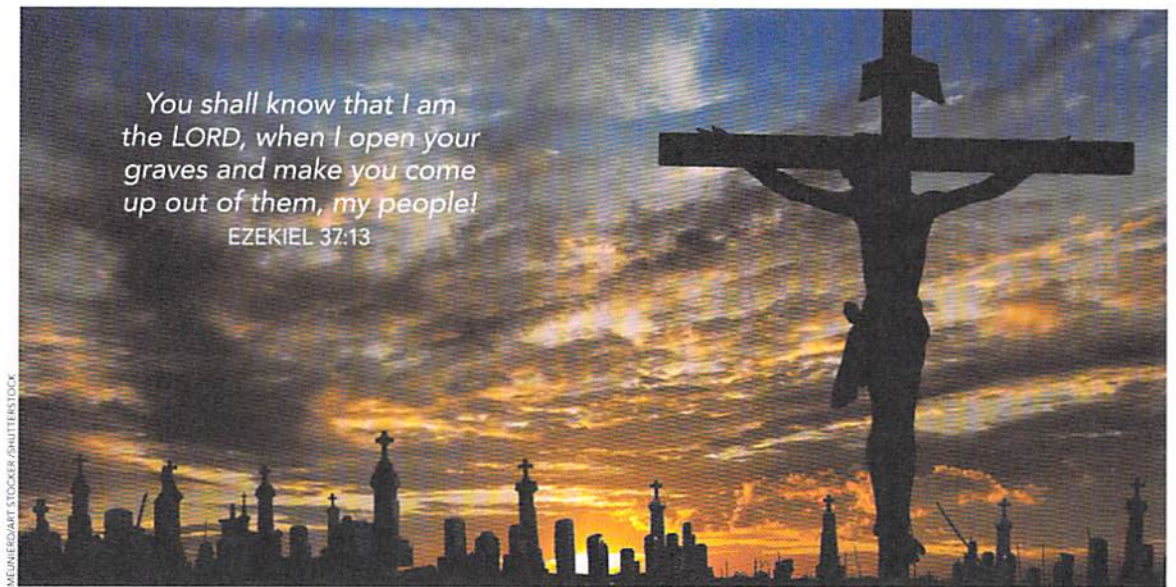
- ★ We were plunged into death and rose to new life at baptism. Does your life give evidence of this?
- ★ In what ways does your life manifest the Spirit working through you?



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"

—HOMILY, APRIL 6, 2014



You shall know that I am
the LORD, when I open your
graves and make you come
up out of them, my people!
EZEKIEL 37:13