

Church of the Holy Angels

April 5, 2020, Palm Sunday of the Passion 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

Saturday, April 4

8:00am Diane Rompallo
 5:30pm People of the Parish

Palm Sunday, April 5

8:30am Kathleen York
 10:30am Thomas F. Demko

Monday of Holy Week, April 6

6:30pm Charles Zlocki, Sr.

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7

8:00am Mary Sinopoli

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8

7:00am Kathleen Bach

Holy Thursday, April 9

7:00pm People of the Parish

Good Friday, April 10

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 11

8:00pm People of the Parish

Easter Sunday, April 12

9:00am Helena & John Kaszytski

11:00am John David Zawalick

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

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter S. Lentini and Victor F. Nestico, 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 March 22

Number of registered households 889

49 Sunday Offering Envelopes \$2,156.00

Loose Cash \$0.00

Youth Offering \$6.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$335.00

Air Conditioning \$53.00

Votives \$48.00

Energy \$86.00

Fish Dinners \$2,445.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$5,129.00

Weekend of March 22 -\$3,204.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$24,395.00

Weekend of March 22 +\$67.00

Balance \$24,462.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Services \$75.00

Poor Missions \$10.00

Masses are available for 2020 at this time. Please call 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

All Services for Holy Week can be viewed on YouTube. Please type in your search box : Church of the Holy Angels, Kulpmont, PA youtube

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

April 5 thru April 11

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Cecelia Greco by Daughter and Family*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by wife, Marian*

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

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *Special intention*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Charles Gidaro by wife, Delfina*

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

Holy Angels Parish Religious Education Program
(PREP)

NO CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**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.**

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.

What is Spiritual Communion?

For those who are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion, making a conscious desire that Jesus come spiritually into your soul is called a spiritual communion. Spiritual Communion can be made through an act of faith and love throughout one's day and it is highly commended to us by the Church. According to the Catechism of the Council of Trent, the faithful who "receive the Eucharist in spirit" are "those who, inflamed with a lively faith that works in charity, partake in wish and desire of the celestial Bread offered to them, receive from it, if not the entire, at least very great benefits." (cf. Fr. John Hardon, SJ, *Modern Catholic Dictionary*)

How do I make an act of Spiritual Communion?

Like the acts of contrition, faith, hope, or love, there are traditional prayers already composed. However, sometimes we do not have the prayer memorized. In those cases, using your own words to make a profession of faith in the True Presence of Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament while expressing your desire in receiving Him is sufficient.

Can you recommend a traditional act of Spiritual Communion?

This act was composed by Saint Alphonsus de Liguori. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Where can I read more about this?

Here is a good article. It even shows that many saints made Spiritual Communions.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/if-you-cant-receive-communion-make-a-spiritual-communion>

Dear Padre,

How can I use Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to find spiritual meaning for myself during Holy Week?

The Gospel tells us that Jesus goes to Jerusalem knowing he will suffer and die there. Jerusalem is the place where prophets have been killed in the past (Matthew 23:37). Jesus predicts his passion in the Gospel of Matthew three times (Matthew 16:21, 17:22, and 20:17). Jesus, the one sent by God, will meet the same fate as the prophets who had been sent by God to call Jerusalem to conversion. He goes to Jerusalem as a prophet, to preach God's saving word to the very people who will turn on the messenger.

Jesus isn't fooled by the enthusiastic crowd of people who throw him a welcome party and refer to him as the prophet coming in God's name. He tells them that he comes in humility, as the prophet foretold: "Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass" (Matthew 21:5).

He challenges their expectations by referencing the prophet Zechariah's humble

king. In the second reading we hear a hymn to Jesus' humility, which praises his willingness to give of himself, even unto death.

Jesus' hopes aren't based on the crowd's emotions. He has chosen to obey his Father's will, and if that obedience leads him to the place where prophets have gone before him, so be it. He is ready to suffer and die. We need Jesus' example and grace to remain faithful in the face of flattery, scorn, and threat. Live this week seeking to have the mind of Christ, to live his humility.

—Fr. Timothy McCanna
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy... somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment.

—PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 6

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

APRIL 7

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

APRIL 8

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

APRIL 9

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday

APRIL 10

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

APRIL 11

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,

26-31a

Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2,

9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10

Sunday

APRIL 12

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Who Is this Man?

He is a convicted criminal. He is a threat to the sovereignty of Rome, because he might be a rival king; a challenge to Jewish religious tradition, for he interprets the law by his own authority. Still, he is just a common carpenter; a sometimes preacher and healer like many others; a man whose friends and followers have deserted him and are in hiding. At least this is how some might describe Jesus. But we know better.

He fits well the Isaian image—a man with "a well-trained tongue" who knows "how to answer the weary" (Isaiah 50:4). He also resembles the Psalm 22 sketch of one to scoff at and mock, one whose hands and feet are pierced, an image also found in the Gospel account of his suffering and death. This is a man rejected, beaten, and nailed to wood like a piece of flimsy material. Who is this man and why was he so hated?

The hymn in Philippians 2 probably offers the best likeness of him. He was in the form of God, but out of love for others he took on the form of a slave so that he might serve them. What about this was so objectionable? Does he represent an idea of God that is too different from the one with which we have grown comfortable? As a man for others, does he put our own selfishness to shame? Does his desire to serve challenge our propensity to control? Is this why he has been rejected?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What does Jesus' self-emptying tell us about God?
- ★ How would your world change if you chose to serve others rather than control them?



He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave [and]... humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8