

Church of the Holy Angels

April 19, 2020, Sunday of Divine Mercy

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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 18

8:00am Chrissy Kogut

5:30pm Russell "Sonny" Worhacz

Sunday, April 19

8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am James T. Dougherty, Sr.

Monday, April 20

6:30pm Dorothy K. Gudz

Tuesday, April 21

8:00am Deceased of the Wascavage & Timm

Families

Wednesday, April 22

8:00am Andrew Kline

Thursday, April 23

6:30pm Amy Hager

Friday, April 24

8:00am Joseph Mirarchi

Saturday, April 25

8:00am Walter Kozlowski

5:30pm Nancy Markovich

Sunday, April 26

8:30am Special Intention of

the Watral Children & Grandchildren

10:30am People of the Parish

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

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of April 12

Number of registered households 889

88 Sunday Offering Envelopes \$3,272.00

Loose Cash \$62.00

Youth Offering \$10.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$20.00

Air Conditioning \$.00

Votives \$9.00

Energy \$10.00

Holy Thursday \$392.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$3,775.00

Weekend of April 12 -\$4,558.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$24,640.00

Weekend of April 12 +\$119.00

Balance \$24,759.00

Easter

108 Adult Envelopes \$4,661.00

3 Youth Envelopes \$15.00

Gift from non-parishioner \$2,500.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Services \$53.00

Holy Land (Good Friday) \$436.00

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

Weekend Mass 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 19 thru April 25

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Daniel Ney by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

St. Anthony: *Special Intention*

St. Anne: *Special Intention*

St. Casimir: *Special Intention*

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

St. Kateri: *Special Intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Ronald Procopio by wife, Cindy & Children*

Sacred Heart: *Special Intention*



Mount Carmel Area Food Pantry Food Distribution

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.

Holy Hour

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On Sunday, April 19, we will have available a Holy Hour at 3:00pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Time will be allotted for private prayer followed by benediction. Please log onto YouTube and join us for this Holy Hour.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

You're Sick or Homebound

You're not out of the reach of God's mercy.

Can you receive the graces promised on Mercy Sunday if you can't go to church due to a serious reason, such as being homebound, seriously ill, or disabled?

You can still participate in the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday by making a Spiritual Communion with great trust. God will give you all the graces that He sees that you need because of your great trust.

Our Lord said to St. Faustina: The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much (Diary, 1578).

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You were already there,

I embrace You and unite myself to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You.
Amen.

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine always makes such a big deal of the time after Easter. What is this Easter season all about?

These days and weeks after Easter are indeed significant. We Christians are an Easter people. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. Without the belief that Christ conquered death and our hope that we will share in that same victory over the grave, our faith is pointless. We celebrate with great fanfare that we are a redeemed people in Jesus Christ.

Every year our forty-day Lenten preparation of fasting and penance leads us to the feasting and joy of the fifty days of Easter. This unbelievable news that the risen Christ is in our midst draws us into a festival that cannot be contained in a single day. "The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar," 22).

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning again how to celebrate a fifty-day feast. Most Catholics do not think of Easter as an extended feast. We tend to see Easter, the ascension, and Pentecost as three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. The truth of the matter is that they are all part and parcel of the other, intertwined and borne of the same glorious fact of Christ's resurrection. This is a perfect time to remind ourselves of that joyous and significant connection.

—Fr. Joseph Ring
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

WORD FROM Pope Francis

To us also, on this Sunday, which St. John Paul II wished to dedicate to divine mercy, the Lord shows us, through the Gospel, his wounds. They are wounds of mercy... Jesus invites us to behold these wounds, to touch them as Thomas did, to heal our lack of belief. Above all, he invites us to enter into the mystery of these wounds, which is the mystery of his merciful love.

—HOMILY, APRIL 12, 2015

Calendar

Monday
APRIL 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday
APRIL 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday
APRIL 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday
APRIL 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday
APRIL 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday
APRIL 25
St. Mark,
Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20

Sunday
APRIL 26
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31

I Doubt It

Skepticism is a characteristic of a critical mind. Some claims are just too fantastic to trust: no salve can relieve you of all pain; no investment is certain to double your money; no politician can keep all promises; no one comes back from the dead. Who of us can fault Thomas for his initial skepticism?

Thomas has been known through history as "the doubter." However, he might be considered the patron saint of all of us. Because of his absence when Jesus stood in the midst of the community, Thomas was expected to believe on the word of others. Like Thomas, we are torn between believing because of an experience of Jesus, and believing on the word of others. We all would prefer a direct, profound experience. However, that's not what we're offered.

But within the community we can indirectly experience Jesus—his goodness, his unselfish service to others, his desire to bring people together in peace and harmony. The first reading provides a glimpse of such a believing community devoted to "the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Like our patron Thomas, we might be skeptical at first, but it is within a family or community of kindness and generosity that we can have our own experience of the risen Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Where in your family do you experience devotion to others, forgiveness, and courage? Where do you bring these attitudes?
- ★ How might you strengthen the bonds of your community so that others can recognize the presence of the risen Jesus?



Jesus said to [Thomas],
"Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

