

# Church of the Holy Angels

May 3, 2020, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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

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**Saturday, May 2**

8:00am Helen Dorovich  
 5:30pm Vince & Carolyn Giacomini

**Sunday, May 3**

8:30am People of the Parish  
 10:30am Samuel & David J. Katchick

**Monday, May 4**

6:30pm Viola Pinamonti

**Tuesday, May 5**

8:00am Kathleen York

**Wednesday, May 6**

8:00am Ann Yanchuck

**Thursday, May 7**

6:30pm Albert Kase

**Friday, May 8**

8:00am Mary D. Marshalek

**Saturday, May 9**

8:00am Janice Kozlowski  
 5:30pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 10**

8:30am All Mothers  
 10:30am All Mothers

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

## Sacrificial Offering

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**Weekend of April 26**

Number of registered households 886

64 Sunday Offering (Households) \$4,128.00

Loose Cash \$0.00

Youth Offering \$3.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$163.00

Air Conditioning \$0.00

Votives \$0.00

Energy \$10.00

Holy Thursday \$66.00

Easter Flowers \$30.00

Fish Dinner \$905.00

Fund-raising \$2,000.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$7,305.00

Weekend of April 26 -\$1,028.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$13,140.00

Weekend of April 26 +\$15.00

Balance \$13,155.00

Easter

Previous Amount \$9,241.00

Additional Easter \$940.00

Total Easter to date \$10,181.00

Diocesan Collections

Holy Land (Good Friday) \$76.00

Catholic Home Missions \$77.00

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

May 3 thru May 9

Sanctuary Light: *Special Intention*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Joseph Miriello by Mr. & Mrs. Preston Dormer*

St. Anne: *Special Intention*

St. Casimir: *Special Intention*

St. Theresa: *Special Intention*

St. Kateri: *Special Intention*

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

Sacred Heart: *Special Intention*

Holy Angels Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

**NO CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

#### Holy Angels Holy Name Society

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, June 7

11:00AM-1:30PM

Take-out only! \$7.00 per dinner

Your choice of Spaghetti and 2 Meatballs OR Spaghetti and 1 piece Chicken Parmesan Dinners will be available at the Picnic Shed No ticket needed, no phone orders, just stop by the Picnic Shed to make your purchase!

#### Stuffed Cabbage Sale

Holy Angels Parish will be selling Stuffed Cabbages on:

**May 21, 22, & 23**

**9:00AM-1:00PM.**

If you would like to make a purchase, please stop in the Activity Center on the above mentioned days. Stuffed Cabbage must be purchased in quantities of

**4/\$6.00.**

No phone orders or order forms will be taken. Just stop in to make your purchase! PLEASE help us out with this fund-raiser! Masks MUST be worn for entrance into the Activity Center.

#### Diocesan Annual Campaign

A very special "thank you" to all who have contributed towards the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Our goal is \$19,936.00. Although we are awaiting an official report from the diocese, we have calculated that so far we have paid in \$13,672.00. Which leaves us \$6,264.00 short of our goal. If you have not yet made your contribution, please do so as soon as possible.

#### 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.

May is the Month of Mary, what a beautiful time to honor her as our Mother by praying the rosary. Below is a link to assist you:

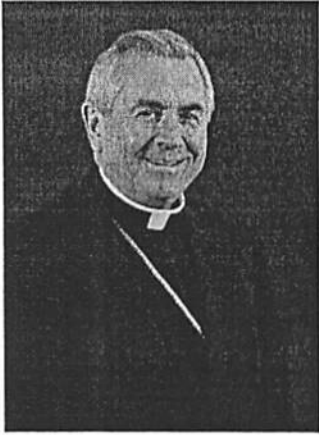
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#### The Catholic Witness

*The Catholic Witness* has been privileged to share the news from our parishes, Catholic schools, Charities and our Diocesan programs for more than 50 years. We now find ourselves in uncharted waters, walking together down a path none of us have ever traveled.

Like all parishes, Catholic schools and businesses throughout our Diocese and Commonwealth, we have also felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg had declared Chapter 11 reorganization before this health crisis reached us, the loss of revenue due to the pandemic means that hard, temporary decisions must be made. As you will read in this Friday's issue, we have made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend the printed version of *The Catholic Witness*, after the May 1 edition.

This suspension does not mean we will stop providing the Catholic news you have come to rely on and enjoy. The news will continue in an all-digital format, delivered weekly via email and also accessible on *The Catholic Witness* pages of our website.



## THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

### THE PASCHAL CANDLE

One of the great and beautiful symbols of the Risen Christ is the Paschal Candle. Lit from the Great Fire in the first movement of the Easter Vigil, the candle bears the five wounds of the Lord's passion and reminds us that Christ is the Alpha and the Omega and that all time belongs to him. The candle is prominently situated in the sanctuary throughout the Easter Season. On Pentecost Sunday it can be carried in procession out of the sanctuary to make its return for the celebration of baptismal and funeral liturgies.

I got to wondering where this great symbol of our Risen Lord originated. I should have asked one of my seminary liturgy professors. Apparently it was not a question weighing heavily on my mind in those days.

The great candle has several precedents in Jewish and early Christian rituals. In Jewish homes an oil lamp or candle was lit at the conclusion of the Sabbath. Jewish Christians were already doing this on Saturday evening which was the vigil of the Christian Sabbath. From this custom our early ancestors in the faith developed a service called the "*Lucernarium*" – a service of light that began the evening prayers every Saturday evening in preparation for Sunday.

Since every Sunday is "a little Easter," it followed rather quickly that the Service of Light was "kicked up a notch" and carried out with greater solemnity for that most sacred night of the year, the Vigil of the Resurrection. Saint Jerome in a letter written to a deacon in Italy in 384 mentions that such a candle was used at the Easter Vigil and that a special hymn was sung in praise of the candle and the Risen Lord. Saints Ambrose and Augustine both composed such Easter proclamations to be sung at the Vigil. The Easter Proclamation or *Exsultet* now in use originated in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. We don't know who wrote it.

Records from the early centuries tell that in some places the candle was broken up after the Easter Vigil and pieces given to the faithful to take home. I'm glad this custom fell into disuse. Later this wrecking of the candle was transferred to the following Sunday so that the candle burned throughout the entire "Easter Octave."

Around the 10<sup>th</sup> century the candle smashing ceased completely. The Easter Candle was kept in a place near the Gospel until Ascension or Pentecost when it was removed to the baptismal font. From around the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the custom of inscribing the current year and the other designs began. In some places, the dates of all the principal moveable feasts for that year were inscribed, leading to some huge megacandles weighing as much as 300 pounds. Thus the reference in the *Exsultet* to the candle as a "pillar."

Well, that's a short, selective biography of our Paschal Candle in case you, too, were sleepless at night wondering where it got its start. I wish you could all see the candle burning in the sanctuary of your parish church at Masses during the Easter Season. Looking at it on the TV screen or monitor just does not do it justice. But it is the best we can do for now. Nevertheless, the candle is burning, representing our Risen Lord whose glory dispels every form of darkness, who is the splendor of the Father. He remains true light from true light, the Light of the World. We need not look for any other.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer



# Dear Padre,

## How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”?

**W**e have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world’s end is hidden. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows... but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36). In spite of Christ’s admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on misinterpretations of the Book of Revelation.

The main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to assure us that God’s power will prevail. In the ongoing struggle between good and evil, there are times when evil seems to have the upper hand. No matter. Evil will be conquered and God’s rule will extend over all creation.

The world might end tomorrow, or next year, or in five billion years. Jesus tells us we can’t know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ.

And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd, whom we meet in today’s Gospel. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We should never forget: the Church is not a static reality, inert, an end in herself, but is on a continual journey through history, towards that ultimate and marvelous end that is the kingdom of heaven, of which the Church on earth is the seed and the beginning.*

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

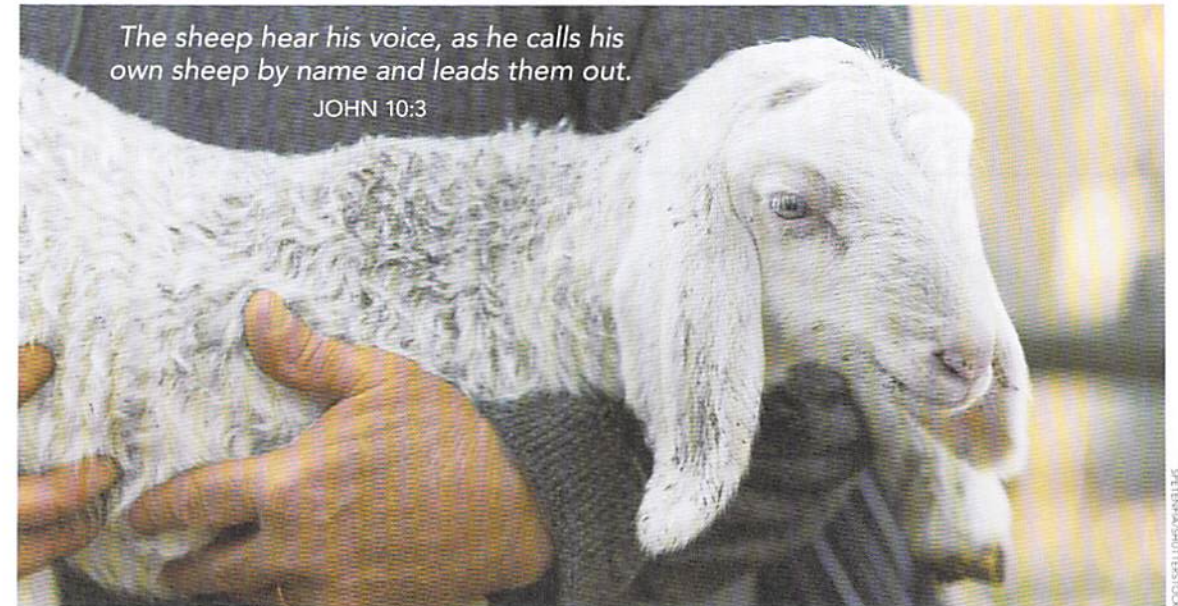
## Calendar

<b>Monday</b> MAY 4 Easter Weekday Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:11–18
<b>Tuesday</b> MAY 5 Easter Weekday Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30
<b>Wednesday</b> MAY 6 Easter Weekday Acts 12:24—13:5a Jn 12:44–50
<b>Thursday</b> MAY 7 Easter Weekday Acts 13:13–25 Jn 13:16–20
<b>Friday</b> MAY 8 Easter Weekday Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6
<b>Saturday</b> MAY 9 Easter Weekday Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14
<b>Sunday</b> MAY 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1–7 1 Pt 2:4–9 Jn 14:1–12



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 3, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)  
Acts 2:14a, 36–41  
1 Pt 2:20b–25  
Jn 10:1–10



*The sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

JOHN 10:3

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## Matters of Life and Death

**S**heep are a lot smarter than some people think. They recognize the voice of their particular shepherd and follow that voice alone. However, that is not the point of Jesus’ teaching today. Because most of us don’t raise sheep or know much about them, we don’t realize that the situation described in the Gospel passage is a matter of life and death.

It’s similar to the relationship between a military squad leader and the troops he leads, another life-and-death matter. In both, unquestioning obedience is required, and absolute trust in the other is presumed.

That’s what Jesus is describing. He’s suggesting: “Listen to me. Follow my lead. Trust in me. I want only what is good for you, so I will be your sure protection.”

It sounds so easy, as parables and metaphors usually do. What does it mean to follow this Shepherd? In the first reading, Peter announces the answer in one word: “Repent!” There is that challenging word—the word

we might associate with Lent, not with Easter. If we do so, we miss the point of following the Shepherd, for to follow him means to be like him. It means: “Repent! Stop taking advantage of other people. Open your minds and hearts to newcomers. Respect those who observe different religious traditions. Help those less fortunate than you.” All of this is captured in the final words of the Gospel reading: do what you can so that all “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Clearly, that’s smart.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *On what path might the Shepherd be leading you?*
- ★ *In what area is he calling you to repent?*