

Church of the Holy Angels

May 17, 2020, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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, May 16

8:00am Helen Bednarchik
5:30pm Fred Procopio

Sunday, May 17

8:30am Charles Mannello
10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, May 18

8:00am Joseph Witrosky

Tuesday, May 19

8:00am Anthony Bressi

Wednesday, May 20

8:00am Lorraine Gricoski

Wednesday, May 20, Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord

7:00pm Caroline Ryniak

Thursday, May 21, Ascension of the Lord

8:00am People of the Parish
7:00pm Irene Novak

Friday, May 22

8:00am Anne Veronick

Saturday, May 23

8:00am Walter Kozlowski
5:30pm Nancy Markovich

Sunday, May 24

8:30am James & Olga Nolan
10:30am People of the Parish

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of May 10

Number of registered households 886

92 Sunday Offering (Households) \$5,133.00

Loose Cash \$50.00

Youth Offering \$11.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$157.00

Air Conditioning \$0.00

Votives \$0.00

Energy \$45.00

Holy Thursday \$17.00

Easter Flowers \$7.00

Individual Contributions (non-parishioners) \$600.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$6,020.00

Weekend of May 10 -\$2,313.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$13,420.00

Weekend of May 10 +\$197.00

Balance \$13,617.00

Easter

Previous Amount \$10,787.00

Additional Easter \$540.00

Total Easter to date \$11,327.00

Diocesan Collections

Holy Land (Good Friday) \$2.00

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

Adoration at St. Pauline Center
Suspended until further notice

Vigil Lights

May 17 thru May 23

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Anthony: *Special Intention*

St. Anne: *Special Intention*

St. Casimir: *Special Intention*

St. Theresa: *Special Intention*

St. Kateri: *Special Intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Angelo D'Alexander, Jr. by wife, Minnie*

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 from 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!

We shall steer safely through every storm, as long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed in God.

Francis de Sales

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 at the Picnic Shed 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 by to make your purchase! PLEASE help us out with this fund-raiser! Masks MUST be worn!

HALO Bake Sale

Holy Angels Ladies Organization will be holding a Bake Sale and Memorial Day Raffle in conjunction with the Stuffed Cabbage Sale. So be sure to plan on making a purchase of something sweet for dessert! All proceeds will benefit Holy Angels Parish.

Memorial Day Raffle

Take a chance or two on winning a lovely 2 Chair & Cooler Combo as you pick up your Stuffed Cabbage! This fund-raiser is being sponsored by HALO for the benefit of Holy Angels Parish.

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 \$14,182.00. Which leaves us \$5,754.00 short of our goal. If you have not yet made your contribution, please do so as soon as possible.

Although the parish staff is working please remember the Parish Office is still closed. If you are dropping off your contribution envelopes or the Lottery Calendar, kindly place it in the mail box. We check the mailbox frequently during the day. If you would like a Mass Card or Memorial Card, call the office and I will put the card in the mailbox for you to pick up.

HOLY ANGELS PARISH PICNIC JULY 31 & AUGUST 1

We will be having a Parish Picnic so mark your calendars!

We realize we will not be able to have the picnic that most of us have grown accustomed to, but we will be attempting to have a picnic so that those who choose to attend will have a safe, but good time.

Basket Bonanza

The Basket Bonanza is a go! Sherry is anxious to get shopping so if you are willing to donate \$50 or more for a basket, PLEASE make your donation as soon as possible. With minimum stores being open and reduced occupancy of stores, it may take Sherry longer to shop, so please be considerate and make your donation early! You can mail in your donation or drop it off at the rectory or contact Sherry directly at 570-933-1886.

As we hopefully move closer to the "green zone" we will know better what limitations we will have for the picnic and will keep you as informed as possible.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go up to the House of the Lord."

Psalm 122

The words of this psalm could be spoken by all of us who waited "in exile" for our House of the Lord to be opened. Bishop Gainer has announced that the churches in the diocese designated as "yellow" by Governor Wolf may celebrate Mass with the Congregation present beginning the weekend of May 16-17.

Along with this happy announcement came a lengthy list of directives that must be followed by the people and the priest so that everyone who comes to the Lord's house is safe from Covid-19.

The following is a list of the most pertinent part of the directives. Others will be given at the Masses as needed. If anyone feels unsafe going into crowds or who has underlying diseases that make them vulnerable to the virus is excused from attending Mass in the Church, but should continue to do so through television or taped youtube Masses.

The Mass can be celebrated in Church following these directives from the Diocese and the CDC (Center for Disease Control):

1. Masks are mandatory for anyone entering the Church. To comply with social distancing, we may use every third pew in the Church with 3 people in each pew spaced apart. Families may sit together in a larger group if they wish. We must fill the Church from the front in order to comply with this directive and to allow the full number of persons to enter (in the case of Holy Angels, approximately 60 people).

2. There will be no altar servers, no Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, no Choir and special ushers will be assigned to aid with seating.

3. Holy Angels will open two doors – the main door and the handicapped door. These doors will remain open throughout the service. No other doors will be used to eliminate the time needed to sanitize them after each Mass. These two doors will open one half hour before Mass for private prayer and recitation of the Rosary as is our custom.

4. For those attending Mass, Holy Communion will be distributed AFTER THE MASS. Communion in the hand is strongly encouraged to guard against spread of the disease. Masks may be removed to receive the sacred host. The priest must wear a mask at this time.

5. Taped Masses will continue for those who cannot attend the Church Masses or who are sick at home.

6. After each Mass the Church will be sanitized in readiness for the next celebration.

Mass schedule will be as follows:

Saturday 5:30 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

Weekdays 8:00 A.M. (no evening Masses)

The Knights of Columbus, The Christopher Club, Mt. Carmel, PA will remain closed until restrictions are lifted by the governor and the LCB. However, our members remain committed to the principles of the K of C: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Mt. Carmel Knights, along with other councils throughout the country, are participating in the program: "Leave No Neighbor Behind". If a brother Knight, family member, priest, parishioner or anyone in our local communities is in need of assistance, please contact any member of the K of C and an attempt will be made to help them during this difficult and extraordinary time. Additionally, our commitment to the Ronald McDonald House, Geisinger-Danville, PA has remained active and will continue throughout the year. Regards, Kenn Splitt, Grand Knight-Mt. Carmel Council #628 PH: 760-500-3929; kennsplitt@hotmail.com

Lottery Calendars

If you have not yet returned your calendar please don't forget to do so! All returns need to be made by May 31 to be eligible to win if your number comes up!

Updated Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

Since so many of you have gotten rid of your land-line phone and are now using cell phones, we would like to update our records. Also, the cost of mailing a letter to all parishioners is quite expensive when you consider we need to mail close to 900. We are requesting that you send an email to the parish office with any changes to your phone number, mailing address etc. Example:

Mr. & Mrs. John Jones

1234 Somewhere Lane

Anytown, PA

Phone: 570-123-1234

email: oneangel@ptd.net (This is the parish email address where you will send this information)

A Heartfelt Thank You!

I cannot tell you how appreciative I am that you have continued to support our parish throughout this shut down. Hopefully we will work our way back into some normalcy over the next months. So thank you for all you do for our parish and may God keep you safe.

Father Andrew

Dear Padre,

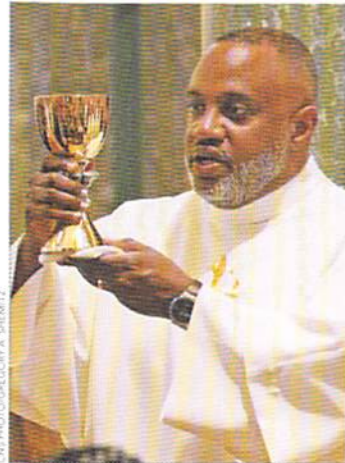
After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?

At baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

There are so many people waiting for us to go out and meet them and look at them with the tenderness that we have experienced and received from our relationship with God. That is where our power lies: not in our ideals and in our personal projects, but rather in the strength of his mercy.

—ADDRESS TO THE ORDER OF AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS,
OCTOBER 20, 2016

Calendar

Monday
MAY 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11–15
Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday
MAY 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22–34
Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday
MAY 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1
Jn 16:12–15

Thursday
MAY 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1–8
Jn 16:16–20

Friday
MAY 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9–18
Jn 16:20–23

Saturday
MAY 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23–28
Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday
MAY 24
The Ascension
of the Lord
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23
Mt 28:16–20



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)
Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
1 Pt 3:15–18
Jn 14:15–21

What Is Your Hope?

We have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today’s second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope *that*, but hope *in*. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

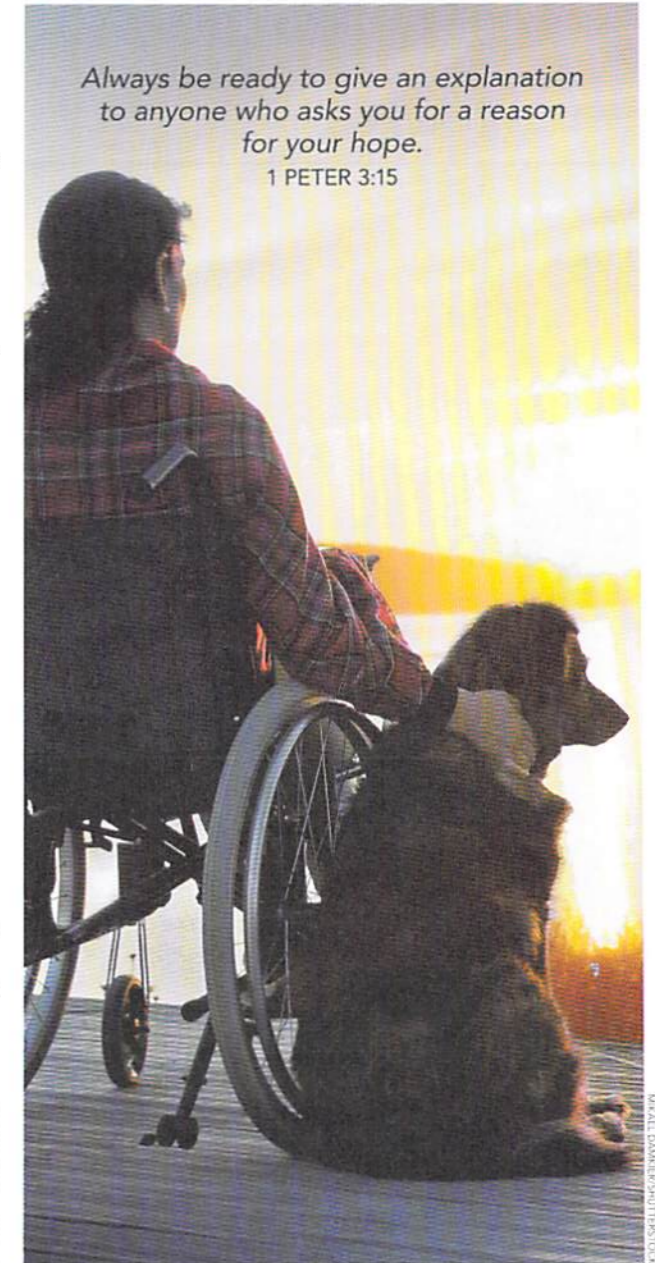
Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can’t possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God’s love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who “suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God” (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

1 PETER 3:15



MIKAL DAMANER/SHUTTERSTOCK

FOR Reflection

- ★ Think of times when you were surprised by God’s love.
- ★ Pray for the gift of genuine religious hope.