

Church of the Holy Angels

August 9, 2020, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 5:30PM SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

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

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, August 8

8:00am Paul Ventilli
4:00pm Stella Pupo
5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, August 9

8:30am Joan Bolick
10:30am Rose Marie Zawalick

Monday, August 10

8:00am Lorraine Gricoski

Tuesday, August 11

8:00am Celia & Walter Chadwick

Wednesday, August 12

8:00am Jane Chesney Korbich

Thursday, August 13

8:00am Robert & Patricia Russin

Friday, August 14

8:00am Joseph Wanzie

Saturday, August 15

8:00am Linda Ross
4:00pm Joseph Miriello
5:30pm Diane White

Sunday, August 16

8:30am Ann & Jerome Marchetti
10:30am People of the Parish

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of August 2

Number of registered households 880

146 Sunday Offering (Households) \$3,760.00

Loose Cash \$128.00

Youth Offering \$14.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$79.00

Energy \$15.00

Votive Candles \$72.00

Easter \$20.00

Ascension \$5.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$4,093.00

Weekend of August 2 -\$4,240.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$15,096.00

Weekend of August 2 +\$261.00

Balance \$15,357.00

Diocesan Collections

Holy Land \$5.00

Pentecost \$5.00

Missionary Cooperative \$17.00

Diocesan Annual Campaign

A very special "thank you" to all who have contributed towards the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Our goal is \$19,936.00. We have calculated that so far we have paid in \$18,462.00. Which leaves us \$1,474.00 short of our goal. If you have not yet made your contribution, please do so as soon as possible.



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.

Adoration at the St. Pauline Center

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00AM- 4:00PM. Chairs are spaced 6 ft. apart and masks are required. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Vigil Lights

August 9 thru August 15

Sanctuary Light: *Special Intention*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of*

Albert Raybuck, Sr. by wife, Joanna & Children

St. Anne: *In loving memory of*

Joseph & Euphemia Yancheski by Michael &

Rosalie Ziegler

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of*

Elaine Duran by husband, Michael

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of*

Aaron, Bertha & Walter Ziegler by Michael &

Rosalie Ziegler

St. Kateri: *Special Intention*

St. Marziale: *Special Intention*

Sacred Heart: *Special Intention*



Confessions

Confessions will be heard ½ hour before all Masses or call the parish office to arrange a time.

HALO Meeting

August 13th at 6:00PM in the Activity Center

We will be having our annual LUAU that day! All women of the parish are cordially invited to come. Wear your grass skirt and flip flops if you wish and don't forget your mask. Hope you can come!

PREP ANNOUNCEMENT

Registration forms for PREP (Holy Angels religious education program) are available in the vestibule of the church as well as in the rectory. All children must register in order to attend classes this fall. Students in grades 1-8 should be enrolled in the program. Any questions, call J. Foris 570-490-0099.

THINK ABOUT IT! PRAY ABOUT IT!

There are great reasons to become a catechist in our religious ed program. You will grow in your faith as you share it with the children. Our youth need good role models and You can be one. We have easy to follow text books/weekly papers. Our children and catechists are fun and great to be with. There are many more spiritual benefits...and remember, by our Baptism, we are called to share the "GOOD NEWS". Please give Joette Foris a call for more information on becoming a catechist at Holy Angels 570-490-0099.

Our Lady of Lourdes Scholarship

Applications for Kulpmont K of C. 4281 Scholarship for Our Lady of Lourdes are being accepted until August 15th. Forms can be obtained at the Holy Angel's Rectory or from any Kulpmont Knight Member.

18th Great Kulpmont Cruise

Northeast PA's Best!

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Holy Angels Picnic Grounds

Raindate: Sunday, August 23 at Walmart Parking Lot
All cruisers and guests please abide by PA's mask regulations, social distancing and other precautions. Motorcycles will bring "Thunder in Kulpmont" at 1:45PM Cruise begins promptly at 2:00PM. Proceeds used to support youth recreation programs in our area and support and improve playgrounds. For more information or for registration contact Joe Cesari. 570-373-3561.

Food Trucks for the Cruise!

On Sunday, August 16, Kulpmont Fire Company will have 2 food trucks on 9th & Chestnut Sts.

Penn State Ice Cream will be available also as a fund-raiser for the Fire Department.

Oldies Musical Show by Memory Lane

Saturday, August 15

Mount Carmel Town Park

Bring your own chair

Please social distance and follow state guidelines for Covid 19.

Sponsored by Kulpmont Cruise Association

Save the Date:

Mother Cabrini Food Sale

Saturday, August 22ND - 11AM - 7PM

in the Church Hall Take-out only!

Mother Cabrini Parish in Shamokin will be hosting a "picnic food sale" in their church hall on the above date! Our famous pierogi, pigeons, haluski, hamburgers (with "coney sauce on the side!) and potato cakes will be on sale for **TAKE OUT ONLY**. In addition "ADULT SLUSHIES" will also be available for take-out purchase. Take home your homemade Cabrini picnic goodies and enjoy them with family and friends in your back yard.

ALSO:

Mother Cabrini Prizes Galore!

Saturday, August 29th

10AM - 2PM in the Church Hall

Mother Cabrini Parish will have prizes and gifts on display in the church hall during their take-out food sale on Saturday, August 22nd for your *pre-viewing pleasure*. This event will take the place of our Prizes Galore Tent which was always a popular feature at their June Picnic. Then, come on Saturday, August 29th between 10AM - 2PM to take chances on your favorite prizes and basket selections.

HALO Back to School Collection!

HALO members will be distributing a hand-out after the Masses listing items for children returning to school. A box will be available in the back of the church to drop off your items when you come to Mass. Please note that the church is locked during the day so please plan on dropping off on weekends.

Upcoming Fund-Raisers at Holy Angels

August 23-Chicken Barbeque

11:00AM-1:00PM

Take-out only. No pre-orders. First come, first serve!

Half chicken, baked potato, vegetable and dessert
Donation \$9.00

Mark your Calendars!

September 20-Pork Chop Dinner

October 18-Spaghetti/Meatball/Chicken Parm

November 13-14-Stuffed Cabbage Sale

More information will be provided closer to the dates of the sales.

Mount Carmel Ministerium

Food Pantry

26 North Market Street, Mount Carmel

Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 1:00-3:00PM

Friday 11:00AM-1:00PM

No appointment needed

Wait outside; food will be brought out to you

Receive Food Monthly!

Ss. Peter and Paul Church

131 North Beech Street, Mount Carmel, PA

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

Take-out Only

Must be pre-ordered!

570-339-0650



Thank You!

A very special "thank you" to all those who helped with the Picnic Food Sale, Baskets, Yard Sale and Money Raffle! Your pride in our parish shines thru! A financial report will be published after all bills are paid. And a special thanks to all those who supported this sale. God Bless you for all you do!

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

140-142 East Fourth Street

Mount Carmel, PA 17851

Friday August 21st 8AM to 3 PM

Saturday August 22nd 8AM to 3 PM

Ethnic Foods, Gourmet Popcorn and other goodies available for TAKE OUT ONLY. Pre-ordering at (570-339-1031) and purchase on site until sold out.

Also Chances and Lotto Calendars!

Plenty of Bargains! Something for everyone!

**SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACIAL MASKS
REQUIRED!**

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer has announced his invitation to pastors to nominate men who wish to consider the Permanent Diaconate. Approximately 20 men, and if married, accompanied by their spouses, will be admitted to a year of aspirancy (exploration and discernment) beginning January 2021. The program will last a total of five years. Participants will be selected taking into account projected needs of the parishes, ministries, and geography of the Diocese.

Nominees must be faithful Catholic men, between the ages of 35 and 62, Catholic for at least three years, if married, in a valid and stable marriage of at least seven years and known to the pastor of their parish. In addition, they must possess an undergraduate degree, or its equivalent, be able to undertake graduate level studies, and be gainfully employed.

Applications must be obtained from the parish pastor after an initial discussion with him. Applications cannot be obtained directly from any Diocesan office.

The Diaconate is an order of the Catholic clergy open to married and single men. As such, the Permanent Deacon is a member of the Church's hierarchy, who is configured to Christ the Servant through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Applications for the Permanent Diaconate will be accepted until September 15, 2020. A rigorous interview process will lead to admission for the 2021 – 2026 program.



We all need to call Jesus in the storms facing us in the Church and in our lives. Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith in his ability and willing availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our own lives. Church history shows us how Jesus saved his Church from the storms of persecution in the first three centuries, from the storms of heresies in the 5th and 6th centuries, from the storms of moral degradation and the Protestant reformation movement (later resulting in hundreds of denominations), in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and the storms of sex abuse scandals of the clergy in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We need to realize that it is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future we are suffering now in the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic (Corvid-19), storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations, and storms in family relationships. But this peace flows only from a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative reading of Scripture and active participation in the Holy Mass and reception of the Sacraments when these are available to us.

Dear Padre,

The Bible is critical to our Christian lives, but why is it so hard to understand?

The Bible is a unique piece of literature—perhaps the most distinctive in the world. In fact, it is not just one publication. The word *Bible* derives from a word meaning “library.” The Bible is a library of books—seventy-two books, to be exact—dating from antiquity, written and edited by authors known and unknown. It contains, as any library would, a vast array of literary forms and expressions. It covers more than 3,000 years of history. Reading and understanding the Bible, and living up to its precepts, is indeed a formidable task and will take us all a lifetime to do.

The first key to the Bible is noting that this isn’t just the work of human authors; it is the word of God. We acknowledge the human element of the Bible, the authors’ lived experience, the historical circumstances that form the background of the revelation. But we believe unequivocally that the truth and meaning of the Bible is the inspiration of God. The Catholic view is that God was able to reveal truth through the work of sacred writers.

The Scriptures are layered accounts. They begin with historical facts, followed by years of oral tradition, and ending with the author’s final version.

The best way to familiarize yourself with Scripture is to find a good Bible-study program or group. This will acquaint you with the history of Israel, the times and culture in which the Bible was written, and its rich variety of literary forms. Enjoy your biblical journey.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations, and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION, JUNE 19, 2015

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday
AUGUST 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday
AUGUST 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday
AUGUST 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday
AUGUST 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday
AUGUST 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday
AUGUST 16
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
Mt 15:21–28

Our Parish COMMUNITY

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1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a

Rom 9:1–5

Mt 14:22–33

Who Are the People of God?

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council’s Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church’s understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4–5: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism” (UR 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), “calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God” (LG 9).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes

today’s second reading and later states: “This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues” (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced “great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart” (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ▮ The original followers of Jesus were simply different kinds of Jews.
- ▮ Much of our Christian religious tradition is grounded in the Old Testament.



[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14:30–31