

Church of the Holy Angels

August 16, 2020, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES 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 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

Monday, August 17

8:00am Vince Chesney

Tuesday, August 18

8:00am Victor Nestico

Wednesday, August 19

8:00am Frank Anzulevich

Thursday, August 20

8:00am Dora DiFrancesco

Friday, August 21

8:00am Dr. Clement T., Rita Cooper & Susan
 Harris

Saturday, August 22

8:00am Lorraine Gricoski
 4:00pm Sophia Bartol
 5:30pm Agnes Delaney

Sunday, August 23

8:30am Joseph Coroniti
 10:30am People of the Parish

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of August 9

Number of registered households 880

173 Sunday Offering (Households) \$5,215.00

Loose Cash \$69.00

Youth Offering \$12.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$62.00

Energy \$55.00

Votive Candles \$53.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$5,466.00

Weekend of August 9 -\$2,867.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$15,357.00

Weekend of August 9 +\$187.00

Balance \$15,544.00

Diocesan Collections

Pentecost \$2.00

Missionary Cooperative \$8.00



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 \$18,987.00. Which leaves us \$949.00 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 16 thru August 22

Sanctuary Light: *Special Intention*

St. Anthony: *Special Intention*

St. Anne: *Special Intention*

St. Casimir: *Special Intention*

St. Theresa: *Special Intention*

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

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Robert Thomas by wife, Olga & Family*

Sacred Heart: *Special Intention*



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.

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, 7:00-9:00PM

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.

Ss. Peter and Paul Church

131 North Beech Street, Mount Carmel, PA

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

Sunday, August 30,

11:30AM-1:00PM

Take-out Only

Must be pre-ordered!

570-339-0650

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 27 (please note change of date!)-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

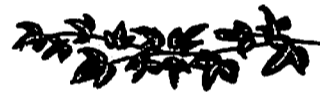
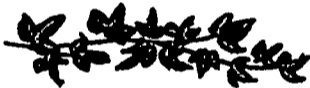
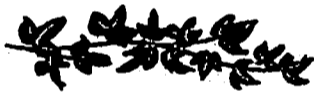
Friday 11:00AM-1:00PM

No appointment needed

Wait outside; food will be brought out to you

Receive Food Monthly!

The Catholic Witness Survey – *The Catholic Witness* newspaper is conducting a survey of its readers, and parishioner participation is encouraged. The survey is anonymous and will provide *The Witness* with important information as we make plans for the future of the paper. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey online at <http://survey.hbgdiocese.org/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=mlLJ65m>. To request a hard copy of the survey, please contact the parish office or call *The Catholic Witness* at 717-657-4804, ext. 209.



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 need to persist in prayer with trustful confidence. Although the essential parts of prayer are adoration and thanksgiving, the prayer of petition plays a big part in our daily lives. Christ himself has told us to ask him for these needs: "*Ask and you shall receive.*" Asking with fervor and perseverance proves that we have the "great Faith" we need to receive what Christ wants to grant us in response to our requests. We must realize and remember that we do not always get exactly what we ask for. Rather, God gives us what He knows we really need, what He wants for us, and what is really best for us. As Christians, we also know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we are praying. But if the prayer is sincere and persevering, we will always get an answer -- one which is better than what we asked for.

We need to pull down our walls of separation and share in the universality of God's love: Very often we set up walls which separate us from God and from one another. Today's Gospel reminds us that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on Him in Faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God's care extends beyond the bounds of race and nation to the hearts of all who live, and God's House should become a House of Prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and work sincerely so that the walls which our pride, intolerance, fear, and prejudice have raised may crumble.

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!

Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Mass

After careful consideration and in light of the current situation, this year the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Mass will be live streamed on August 23, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. on the Diocesan YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/hbgdiocese

*I bind to myself today
God's power to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to teach me,
God's eye to watch over me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's Word to give me speech,
God's hand to guide me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to shelter me,
God's host to secure me.*

Patrick of Ireland

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong to hope for a miracle? My son has been diagnosed with cancer, and I am praying for one!

When my mother was a teenage girl, she suffered from internal problems. Her mother took her across Detroit to a famous healer, Fr. Solanus Casey. He talked to her, prayed over her, and sent her back home. After that visit, my mother's internal problems disappeared!

As Christians, we believe in miracles. It is the legacy handed to us by the Lord Jesus. Remember that once Jesus had trained his disciples, he sent them out in pairs to cure the sick and drive out demons (Luke 9:1-6). They, like the Lord, became miracle workers. Jesus worked his miracles out of compassion (Luke 7:13). He wanted to show us that our God was a personal God, genuinely kind and loving.

The first step to asking for a miracle is to believe deeply in the power of Jesus. Jesus always demanded that an initial faith be present before he performed a miracle (Matthew 21:22). The miracle would then deepen, strengthen, and stabilize this faith. The second step is to be tireless in your asking. Saint Luke's section on prayer (Luke 11:1-13) promises success for those who keep knocking on God's door. The final step is to accept whatever the Lord gives. Perhaps the Lord has greater plans for your son than you might know or fathom.

The Lord's greatest miracle for us is the Eucharist. Here would be the proper place to lay your request before the Lord!

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



Calendar

Monday AUGUST 17 Weekday Ez 24:15-24 Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday AUGUST 18 Weekday Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday AUGUST 19 Weekday Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday AUGUST 20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14
Friday AUGUST 21 St. Pius X, Pope Ez 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday AUGUST 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 43:1-7ab Mt 23:1-12
Sunday AUGUST 23 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, he reveals himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

—ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Our Parish COMMUNITY

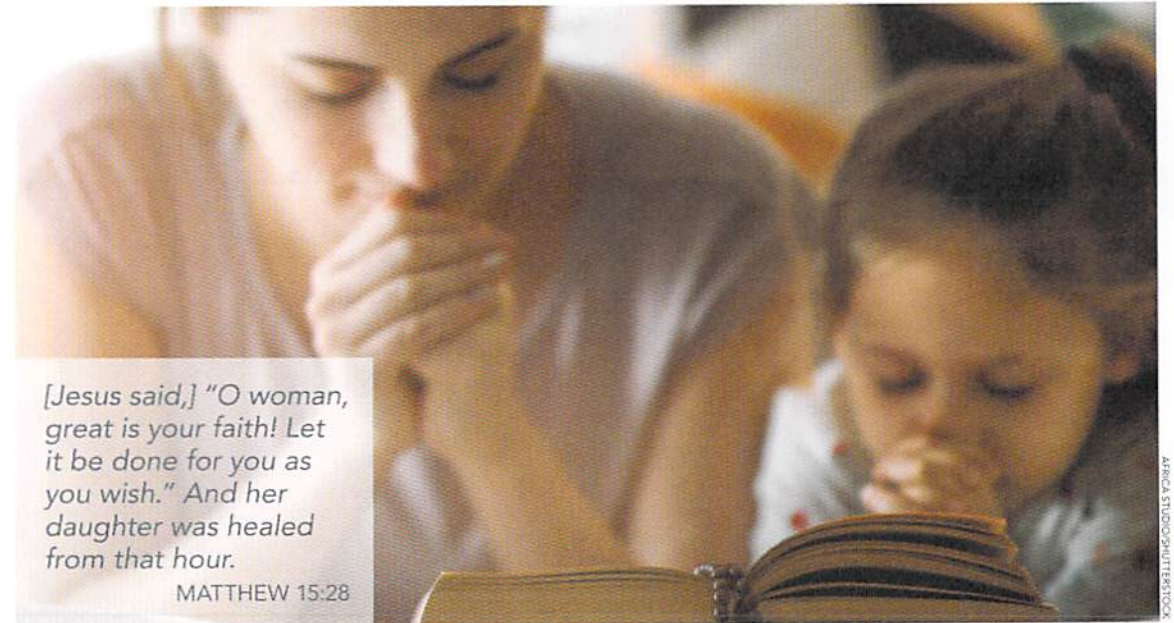
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28



[Jesus said,] "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

MATTHEW 15:28

Insider Versus Outsider

Our need to belong often creates community. As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today's readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect insiders to receive.

The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: "My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a

"proper" Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus' reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God's love in the flesh—didn't share his countrymen's disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- What groups are marginalized by our society? How open are you to them?
- How welcoming are you to people who are new to your groups?