

# Church of the Holy Angels

November 29, 2020, First Sunday of Advent

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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

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Saturday, November 28

8:00am All Souls Intentions  
 4:00pm Rose Sando  
 5:30pm Aaron, Bertha & Walter Ziegler  
 and the Deceased of the Ziegler Family

Sunday, November 29

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

Monday, November 30

8:00am Mary Kaminsky

Tuesday, December 1

8:00am Anthony Bressi

Wednesday, December 2

8:00am John Kealy

Thursday, December 3

8:00am James Valania

Friday, December 4

8:00am Jacqueline DePaulis

Saturday, December 5

8:00am Russ Yakim  
 4:00pm People of the Parish  
 5:30pm Michael Sikora

Sunday, December 6

8:30am Helen Smith  
 10:30am John Holleran

## Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)

Christmas Wafers are available in the back of the church. Donation \$3.00 per package of 4 wafers.  
 (1 pink, 4 white)

## Sacrificial Offering

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Weekend of November 22

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| Number of registered households      | 882        |
| 142 Sunday Offering (Households)     | \$3,326.00 |
| Loose Cash                           | \$25.00    |
| Youth Offering                       | \$28.00    |
| Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One | \$87.00    |
| Energy                               | \$122.00   |
| Votive Candles                       | \$51.00    |
| All Saints                           | \$15.00    |
| Forty Hours                          | \$10.00    |
| Thanksgiving                         | \$644.00   |

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Amount Budgeted        | \$8,333.00  |
| Amount Contributed     | \$4,308.00  |
| Weekend of November 22 | -\$4,025.00 |

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| Improvement Fund       |             |
| Previous Balance       | \$17,681.00 |
| Weekend of November 22 | +\$33.00    |
| Balance                | \$17,714.00 |

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| Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign |             |
| Goal                                 | \$60,000.00 |
| Donations to date                    | \$10,881.00 |
| Balance                              | \$49,119.00 |

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| Diocesan Collections |          |
| Peter's Pence        | \$10.00  |
| Matthew 25           | \$332.00 |

## A Few Reminders

**\*Masks are to be worn as face covering the entire time parishioners attend Mass or any other liturgical event in the parish including sacramental Confession. They are not to be lowered at any time while in the church except to receive Holy Communion. It is not acceptable for parishioners to lower their face masks while sitting in the pew.**

**\*Social distancing is to be strictly enforced. The measure of 6 feet between individuals and family groups is to be maintained while seated and moving.**

**\*Groups are NOT to gather outside of our churches for social time. Face masks should be worn until a person has left the church property and distanced himself or herself from other congregants.**

### 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

November 29 thru December 5

Sanctuary Light: *Special Intention*

St. Anthony: *Special intention of*

*Sue Polyniak by Mr. & Mrs. Preston Dormer*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of*

*Andrew Furca by Family*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of*

*Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Theresa: *Special intention of*

*Michael Dumchock by Mr. & Mrs. Preston Dormer*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *Special intention*

Sacred Heart: *Special intention*



### PREP

Classes will be held on Sundays, December 6, 13, 20 for grades 6, 7, 8 at 9:30AM-11:30AM.

Classes will be held on Mondays, December 7, 14, 21 for grades 1-5 from 5:30PM-7:00PM.

### Christmas Cookie Sale

. Pick up date for those who ordered cookies is Saturday, December 12, between 10AM-12PM in the Activity Center.

### The Twelve Days of Christmas and One for Good Luck!

Please watch your tickets from December 10<sup>th</sup> thru December 22<sup>nd</sup> for winning numbers determined by the PA Evening Lottery Number for those days!

MOUNT CARMEL – Mount Carmel Area Ministerium Food Pantry has announced food distribution times for the month of the November. Income-eligible residents may receive food once per month. Food will be provided at these times:

Tuesday, December 1, 5-7PM

Wednesday December 9, 1-3PM

Wednesday, December 16, 1-3PM

Tuesday, December 22, 5-7PM

Because of the coronavirus, the pantry is not yet holding distributions in which clients enter the building. Instead, pantry hours are scheduled in which clients park in front of the building, and food is brought out to them. Volunteers will be working inside the building to package food items and use carts to take the food outside when clients check in.

The pantry is open to income-eligible residents of the Mount Carmel Area School District and income-eligible residents of other communities who are members of churches that are part of the Ministerium.

### Divine Redeemer Church

#### Roast Beef Dinner

Salad, Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potato,

Corn & Dessert

Tickets — \$10.00

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Divine Mercy Hall

TAKE OUT ONLY

11:00 am– 1:30 pm or sold out

To pre-order call the parish office at

570-339-3450

### Divine Redeemer Church

438 West Avenue

Mount Carmel, Pa 17851

Holiday Theme Basket Raffle

Support Divine Redeemer Parish

E-Z Chance "Bid at Home Form"

Tickets are 10 for \$5.00 or 21 for \$10.00. Select from the 8 terrific baskets. For more information on how to get a Form for the Holiday Theme Basket Raffle, please contact Divine Redeemer Parish Office 570-339-3450.

Holiday Theme Basket Raffle Form and Money is due by December 13, 2020. Drawing is Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

We have been given permission from Bishop Gainer to celebrate Christmas Eve Masses with the earliest time being 2:00PM. Because we are unable to accommodate the normal amount of people in the church, we will be adding additional Masses this year. The Christmas Mass Schedule is:

#### Christmas Eve

2:00PM, 4:00PM, 6:00PM, 8:00PM

#### Christmas Day

8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM.

With the additional Masses we will also be in need of a few volunteers to help with sanitizing the pews in between Masses. If we have 4 people helping, the sanitizing is done in about 10 mins. If you feel you will be able to help with this, please call the parish office and let us know what Mass you will be attending for Christmas and that you are willing to stay afterwards to help with sanitizing.

### Christmas Cash!

Tickets are available for a chance to win one cash prize of \$1,200.00 which will be determined by the PA Evening Lottery 3-digit number on December 21. Only 200 chances will be sold. Tickets are available in the vestibule after the weekend Masses or call the parish office to arrange for pick-up of tickets. Donation \$10 for 5 numbers!

### Christmas Gift Sign-ups

A sign up sheet is available in the vestibule for you to sign the name, age and a gift suggestion (\$10-\$15 price range) for children of our parish up to age 8.

### Gifts From the Holy Land

For many years now, we have welcomed Ray to Holy Angels Parish who gave us the opportunity to purchase olive wood carvings from the Holy Land. For obvious reasons, Ray was not able to bring these beautiful carvings to our parish this past year. However, if anyone is interested in any of the wood carvings, you may call Ray at 304-685-0560 and he will gladly help you with any purchase you'd like.



The above breathtaking painting of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is being raffled off 12/13/20. Donation \$5.00 Call 570-339-1031 to purchase a chance to Win!

What a great Christmas Present it would make!

**"Ready or not, here I come."** When you were a child, did you play the game, Hide and Seek? If you did, you will remember that the person who was "it" closed his eyes while the rest went to hide. To give them time to hide, the child started counting: 5, 10, 15, 20 and up to 100. Then he would say, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of the game was to hide oneself so well that the leader could not find you, for if he found you, and beat you back to the goal, you had to be "it" the next go-around. The secret of the game was preparing oneself against being found and caught. With excitement we heard the words, "Ready or not -- here I come!" In today's Gospel lesson Jesus is saying to the world, "Ready or not -- here I come." In chapter 13 of Mark, Jesus tells us that he will be returning to the earth "with great power and glory." As in the game, only this is not a game, there is a counting and an accounting going on right now. It is a countdown before the blast of his appearance on earth a second time to judge the world and to gather his faithful to himself.

**An Advent project of being alert and watchful in the spirit of today's Gospel.** Every morning when we get up, let us pray, "Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness." Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Whatever you do in your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for Jesus." Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, "Where have I found Christ today?" The answer will be God's Advent gift to us that day. By being alert and watchful we will receive an extra gift: Christ himself. Let us remember the saying of St. Thomas Aquinas: "Without God, I can't. Without me, He won't."

**Being wakeful and watchful:** We are so future-oriented that we often forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to send the children to college, to retire in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. But we need to be more spiritually wakeful and prepare for our eternal life because we can die any day, and that is the end of the world for us. Let this Advent season be the time of such a preparation for us.

### Carmelite Kitchen

Order forms are available in the back of the church for the Carmelite Kitchen which offers a variety of baked goods, candles, jams & jellies. Payment with order form is due by December 3.

### Director, Buildings and Properties

#### Full time position

Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services is seeking an energetic and organized Director to manage the Department of Buildings and Properties. This complex position includes direct management of properties owned by The Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg; technical advice and support for the buildings and grounds at over 100 parishes and schools; supervision of a Diocese wide asbestos management program (AHERA); management of facilities staff, including a diocesan-wide shared maintenance program; oversight and approval of planning, design, and construction programs and interfacing with architects, engineers, and contractors. The successful applicant will be experienced in property management and construction procedures, team-oriented and a good communicator. Familiarity with budget management, establishment of purchasing contracts, and preventive maintenance required. Architectural, engineering, or construction management background (especially registration in any of these fields) is a definite plus and a degree in engineering or architecture is highly desirable. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

Please send cover letter, résumé, and references no later than November 30 to:

employment@hbgdiocese.org or mail to:  
Human Resources  
Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg  
4800 Union Deposit Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

# Dear Padre,

**My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation. How can I feel heard?**

I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre." You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it.

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in *Hamlet*. Likewise, the Bible reads, "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19).

Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says. Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words.

In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate. It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard!



—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say...Often the other spouse does not need a solution to his or her problems, but simply to be heard, to feel that someone has acknowledged their pain, their disappointment, their fear, their anger.*

—AMORIS LAETITIA, MARCH 19, 2016

## Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 30  
St. Andrew,  
Apostle  
Rom 10:9–18  
Mt 4:18–22

**Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 1  
Advent Weekday  
Is 11:1–10  
Lk 10:21–24

**Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 2  
Advent Weekday  
Is 25:6–10a  
Mt 15:29–37

**Thursday**  
DECEMBER 3  
St. Francis Xavier,  
Priest  
Is 26:1–6  
Mt 7:21, 24–27

**Friday**  
DECEMBER 4  
Advent Weekday  
Is 29:17–24  
Mt 9:27–31

**Saturday**  
DECEMBER 5  
Advent Weekday  
Is 30:19–21, 23–26  
Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

**Sunday**  
DECEMBER 6  
Second Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 40:1–5, 9–11  
2 Pt 3:8–14  
Mk 1:1–8

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 29, 2020  
First Sunday of Advent (B)  
Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7  
1 Cor 1:3–9  
Mk 13:33–37



Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know  
when the time will come.  
MARK 13:33

## Hurry Up and Wait!

We've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet.

For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and

embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen.

If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- If you are waiting for salvation, from what weakness or sin must you be saved?
- How are you readying yourself for that salvation to take root in your life?

