

# Church of the Holy Angels

December 20, 2020, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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

## MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, December 19

8:00am Sr. M. Laboure Kuchinski

4:00pm Eleanor Waraksa

5:30pm James Korenkiewicz

Sunday, December 20

8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am Joseph & Teresa Mirarchi

Monday, December 21

8:00am Kathleen York

Tuesday, December 22

8:00am Mary D. Marshalek

Wednesday, December 23

8:00am Joseph P. Foris

Thursday, December 24

8:00am John Kealy

Christmas Eve, December 24

2:00pm Joseph Miriello

4:00pm Anthony Martino

6:00pm Salvatore Lacroce

8:00pm People of the Parish

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

8:00am Rev. John Kemper

10:00am Richard Jakuc

12:00noon Mary Dulovich

Saturday, December 26

8:00am John Laufski

4:00pm Eleanor J. Buggy

5:30pm Kenneth Sikora

Sunday, December 27

8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am Frank Kreski

## 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

## Sacrificial Offering

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Weekend of December 13

Number of registered households 883

168 Sunday Offering (Households) \$4,226.00

Loose Cash \$92.00

Youth Offering \$20.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$81.00

Energy \$171.00

Votive Candles \$44.00

All Saints \$55.00

Assumption \$5.00

Forty Hours \$1.00

Catholic Education \$1.00

Thanksgiving \$40.00

Immaculate Conception \$532.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$5,268.00

Weekend of December 13 -\$3,065.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$18,057.00

Weekend of December 13 +\$217.00

Balance \$18,274.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal \$60,000.00

Donations to date \$22,216.00

Balance \$37,784.00

Diocesan Collections

Matthew 25 \$11.00

Religious Retirement \$254.00

*Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Reverend Robert Berger, a priest of the diocese and a dear friend of Holy Angels Parish. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*



### 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

December 20 thru December 26

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Virginia & Pappy DeSantis by Angie & Family*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Salvatore Lacroce by Family*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Andrew & Dolores Furca by Family*



St. Casimir: *In loving memory of John Deromedi by wife, Chris*

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of James Korenkiewicz by wife, Theresa*

St. Kateri: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

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

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Helen Thomas by husband, Clem*

### PREP

Classes will be held on Sunday, January 3 for grades 6, 7, 8 at 9:30AM-11:30AM.

Classes will be held on Monday, January 4 for grades 1-5 from 5:30PM-7:00PM.

### 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! Winners please call the parish office 570-373-1221.

### Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)

Christmas Wafers are available in the back of the church. Donation \$3.00 per package of 4 wafers. (1 pink, 3 white)

### 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- No further reservations available

4:00PM-No further reservations available

6:00PM, 8:00PM

#### Christmas Day

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

### Christmas Mass Reservations

If you are planning on attending a Mass on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, and you have not yet made your reservation, please do so as soon as possible. If the number attending in your group changes, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible to make any changes and we will do our best to accommodate you.

If you do not have a reservation for a particular Mass, and the seating is full, we are extremely sorry, but we won't be able to accommodate you. Please keep in mind this is for your safety and the safety of others.

### Children's Modified Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 20, the children who are signed up to receive a gift may pick it up in the Activity Center from 1:00PM- 2:30PM. Gift and treats will be given out, Santa will be there to greet the children!

### A Great Big Thank You from HALO

Holy Angels Ladies Organization thanks everyone who supported our cookie sale and for all their patronage throughout the past year. May God bless everyone with health and happiness in the coming year!

### 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.

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### New Year's Mass Schedule

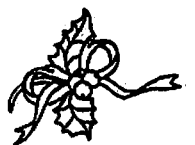
New Year's Eve, December 31,

4:00PM

5:30PM

New Year's Day, January 1

9:30AM



## Christmas Flower Memorials

*The poinsettias that adorn our church were given in loving memory of*

Deceased of the Nicola, Shinskie and Mazzatesta Families,  
John & Shirley Tomtishen, Marlin & Ruth Hodge, Walter & Helen Godleski,  
Clement & Helen Parker, George & Jean Pizarz, Mildred & Clara Godleski,  
Diane Lentini & Andy Germick, James & Olga Nolan, Carl & Catherine DePaulis,  
Stephen & Bertilla Maciejewski, Kathleen Bach, Dominick Scicchitano,  
John & Antoinette Bach, James Scicchitano,  
Charles Zlockie, Sr., Charles Zlockie, Jr., John Holleran,  
Kevin Holleran, Ed Holleran, Joan F. Bolick,  
Deceased of the Deptula & Mirarchi Families, Evelyn & Stanley Volanoski & Family,  
Eleanor & Joseph Chekanski & Son, Victoria Novack, The Deceased of the John Pelchar Family,  
Bernard F. & Mary J. Stellar, Virginia Shulskie, Leonard Shulski, Sr.,  
Ronald Zsido, John D. Ayres, Sr., Renee, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Krakowski,  
Mr. & Mrs. Ellsworth Puddy, Joseph & Anne McAndrew, Salvatore Lacroce,  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Petruskevich, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Flaim,  
Charles F. Mannello, Deceased of the Diminick & Mannello Families  
Joseph D. Wanzie, Mary & Leonard Rogers, Thomas Smith, Helen Smith  
Sam Bressi, Stella Bressi, Deceased of the Mrozek & Wanzie Families  
Deceased of the Anderson & Vivino Families, Jackie DePaulis,  
Orlando Mirarchi, Sr., Dominic Mirarchi & wife, Filomena,  
James & Teresina Mannello, Anna Buchinski, Ray Siko, Joe & Mary Siko,  
Deceased of the Siko Family, Nick & Amelia Colicchio, Clem & Rosalie Hallas,  
Deceased of the Colicchio Family, Deceased of the Chango Family, Frank Ziarkoski,  
Sister Mary Mercedes, Deceased of the MCCHS Class of 1965,  
Albert & Eleanor Hrapowicki, Deceased of the Novakoski Family,  
Deceased of the Kopchak Family, James Richard Korenkiewicz,  
Jean & John Lopuck, George & Helen Miller, Clement C. & Constance C. Laskoski, Sr.  
Gerald J. Laskoski & Christopher Madden, Alex & Jean Laskoski,  
Lorraine & Leonard Oszko, Helen Thomas, Richard & Viola Pinamonti,  
John & Carrie Nagy, Elmer & Caroline Scicchitano, Henry Wojtkielewicz,  
Joseph Foris, Joseph & Mary Bozza, Joseph Witrosky,  
Deceased of the Joseph Bozza Family, Deceased of the Joseph Witrosky Family,  
John "Jackie" Voloshin, Morris & Minnie Gard & Family,  
Steve & Josephine Voloshin & Family, Steve & Gertrude Foris  
Robert Daniels, Deceased of the Foris & Dorovich Families,  
Joseph & Josephine Misiewicz, Jack & Pearl Petroski, Deceased of the Zawalick Family,  
John Joseph Zawalick, Sr., John David Jr., Rose Marie Zawalick,  
Deceased of the Ortona Family, Deceased of the Clayberger Family,  
Rose Sando, Francis Sando, Vincent & Jane Chesney, Mike & Olga Yonkovig,  
Joseph & Josephine Zinda, William & Clara Chesney, Ronald Procopio,  
Walter J. Wydra, Jr., Michael & Francis Sinshack, Lorraine & Alex Dorkoski,  
Dianne White, Walter Wydra, Jr. Deceased of the Wydra Family,  
Francis & Michael Sinshack, Deceased of the Sinshack Family,  
Jay Hanley, Sr., Jay Hanley, Jr., Deceased of the Wasilewski Family,  
Deceased of the Bressi Family, Deceased of the Martello Family,  
Deceased of the Hanley Family, Al Pavis, Sr., Deceased of the Dawda Family,  
Deceased of the Pavis Family, Betty Toter, Deceased of the Toter Family,  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Haropyo, Deceased of the Pietruszkiewicz Family,  
Adolph A. Blugis, Teresa & Joseph Mirarchi, John & Caroline Ryniak, Ralph Mirarchi,  
Anthony "Nino" Bressi, Tony Bressi, III, Dominick & Cecelia Greco,  
Anthony & Agnes Bressi, Anthony & Mary Kaminsky, Thomas & Josephine Bartol  
Andrew Kline, Richard Kline.

**Christmas is the Feast of God's sharing His love with us:** Jesus, as our Savior, brought the "Good News" that our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful, rewarding God and not a judgmental, cruel, punishing God. He demonstrated by his life and teaching how God our Heavenly Father loves us, forgives us, provides for us, and rewards us. All his miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Jesus' final demonstration of God's love for us was his death on the cross to atone for our sins and to make us children of God. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian privilege and duty, and every time we do that, Jesus is reborn in our lives. Let us face this question, "*What does it profit me if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world and He is not born in my heart?*" (Poet, Alexander Pope). Hence, let us allow Jesus to be reborn in our hearts and lives, not only during Christmas, but every day, so that he may radiate the Light of his presence from within us as sharing and selfless love, expressed in compassionate words and deeds, unconditional forgiveness, the spirit of humble service and, overflowing generosity.

# Dear Padre,

## Does God call me, like God called Mary? Can the angel Gabriel speak to me as he did to Mary?

**P**erhaps God has already spoken to you! In the great calls in Scripture, God doesn't seem to care about age. God doesn't care about gender, race, talents, poverty or wealth, strengths or weaknesses. God calls each of us because we are God's daughters and sons. God's call is personal (to you and no other!), and this call is to always be Christian and serve the Lord. Most often



the call won't be dramatic, like it was for Moses. More likely, your call will be quiet and personal. Remember what God said: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

In these hectic days before Christmas, find a peaceful place and quiet time. Be still and say to God, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). In this place, God will reveal your call to you, a call that was present long before your birth.

God has already spoken to us in our life's vocation. We are planted in friendships, relationships, marriages, jobs, families, a community, and a nation. In each place, we listen to hear what God is calling forth from us.

Then, like Mary, we say yes! We reach into our most generous spirit and proclaim "yes" to even the most difficult, mundane, or boring aspects of our vocation.

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

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 21  
Advent Weekday  
Sg 2:8–14 or  
Zep 3:14–18a  
Lk 1:39–45

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 22  
Advent Weekday  
1 Sm 1:24–28  
Lk 1:46–56

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 23  
Advent Weekday  
Mal 3:1–4, 23–24  
Lk 1:57–66

### Thursday

DECEMBER 24  
Advent Weekday  
2 Sm 7:1–5,  
8b–12, 14a, 16  
Lk 1:67–79

### Friday

DECEMBER 25  
Christmas  
Is 52:7–10  
Heb 1:1–6  
Jn 1:1–18 or  
Jn 1:1–5, 9–14

### Saturday

DECEMBER 26  
St. Stephen, First Martyr  
Acts 6:8–10, 7:54–59  
Mt 10:17–22

### Sunday

DECEMBER 27  
The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or  
Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3  
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17  
or Heb 11:8, 11–12,  
17–19  
Lk 2:22–40 or  
2:22, 39–40

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

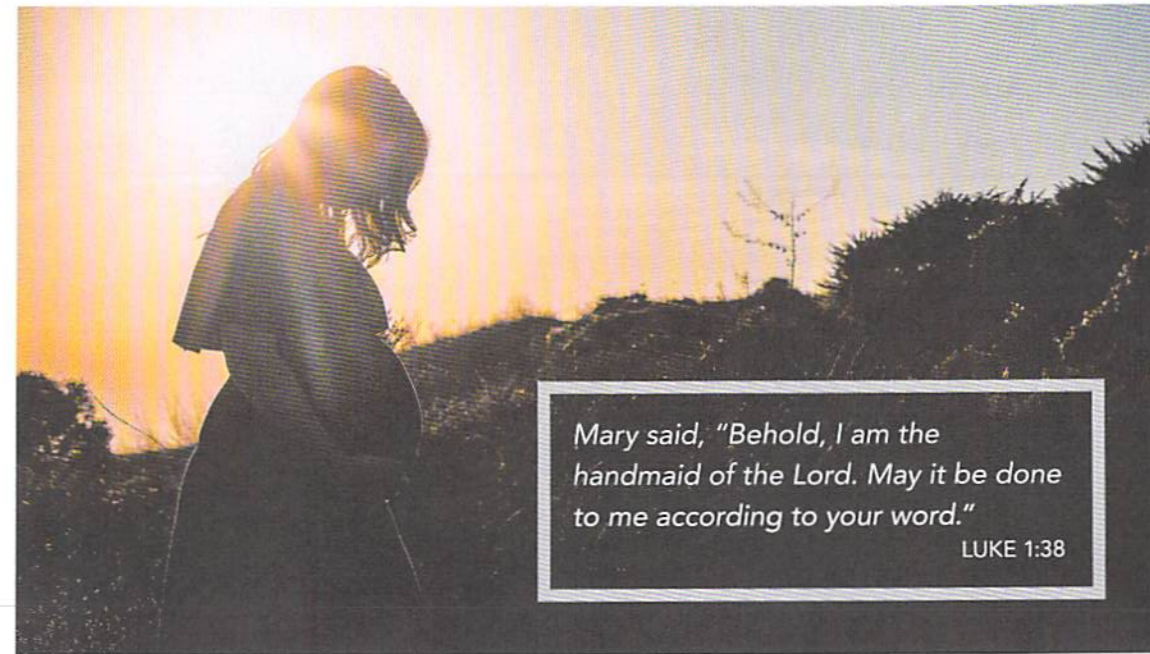
December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25–27

Lk 1:26–38



Mary said, "Behold, I am the  
handmaid of the Lord. May it be done  
to me according to your word."

LUKE 1:38

## How Can This Be?

**T**he reading from Samuel assures us that the leader we are awaiting will be of the royal house of David. We presume this means personal power and political leadership, and recognition of this from others.

The Gospel turns us in a different direction. In it Mary asks, "How can this be?" (Luke 1:34) This question can be understood in two different ways. One means: How is it going to happen? The other suggests: You've got to be kidding! When told she will bear a child, this virgin asks: How is this going to happen? Her visitor

explains the unfolding of an unbelievable event. While stories in pagan religions described how gods took on human form, such wondrous events supposedly happened in royal families—not in the life of an unassuming girl promised to a modest carpenter. In the Incarnation, a singular historic event, Mary did not say: "You've got to be kidding!" She replied: "If that's what you want, I'm willing."

Advent readings have traced God leading the people to salvation and a new way of living, to an outline of an individual chosen by God to lead them, to the realization that this leader will be a descendant of David. However, none of this happens as we might expect. Rather, it unfolds in such an unpretentious way that many people did not even realize it was happening. Who could blame anyone for saying: You've got to be kidding! But God was not kidding. Now we are ready for Christmas.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- Advent readings show God working in mysterious ways. Where is God working in your life?
- How prepared are you for the deeper meaning of Christmas?



### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The angel Gabriel calls Mary "full of grace": in her there is no room for sin, because God chose her from eternity to be the mother of Jesus and preserved her from original sin....We too are asked to listen to God who speaks to us, and to accept his will....The Lord is always speaking to us!

—SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8, 2014