

# Church of the Holy Angels

January 17, 2021, Second 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

Joseph Fesniak 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, January 16

8:00am Steve Foris  
4:00pm Caroline Ryniak  
5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 17

8:30am Brock Long  
10:30am Albert Kase

Monday, January 18

8:00am Robert Balitchik

Tuesday, January 19

8:00am Antoinette Ferri

Wednesday, January 20

8:00am Viola Pinamonti

Thursday, January 21

8:00am James Valania

Friday, January 22

8:00am Joseph Wanzie

Saturday, January 23

8:00am Stephen Filipowicz  
4:00pm Andrew Kline  
5:30pm Joann Thomas

Sunday, January 24

8:30am Leonard Zlocki  
10:30am People of the Parish

*Of Your Charity*, please pray for the repose of the soul of **David Dallazia**, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

## 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 January 10

Number of registered households	880
173 Sunday Offering (Households)	\$4,294.00
Loose Cash	\$64.00
Youth Offering	\$30.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$139.00
Votive Candles	\$195.00
Thanksgiving	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$28.00
Energy	\$9.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$188.00
Initial Offering	\$167.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$5,139.00
Weekend of January 10	-\$3,194.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance	\$18,364.00
Weekend of January 10	+\$251.00
Balance	\$18,615.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal	\$60,000.00
Donations to date	\$23,115.00
Balance	\$36,885.00

Previous Christmas

Additional	\$600.00
Total Christmas to date	\$14,830.00

Diocesan Collections

Church of Central & Eastern Europe	\$90.00
Religious Retirement	\$10.00



### 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

January 17 thru January 23

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention*

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

St. Anne: *Special intention of the Furca Sisters*

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *Special intention*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Louis Greco by Rosa & Delfina*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Janice Parker by Jack & Catherine Maciejewski*



### Spaghetti Dinner

Holy Angels Activity Center

Sunday, January 31, 2021

11:00AM-1:00PM or until sold out

Dinner includes: Spaghetti, 2 meatballs, 1 piece chicken parm, salad, dessert.

Donation \$10.00

Take-out Only!

### Container Donations

With the amount of take-out dinners we are having, the expense of containers cuts into our profit. We would appreciate any donations of the 3 compartment Styrofoam containers or a monetary donation and we will purchase the containers for you!

**We could also use the smaller dessert size styrofoam containers!**

**And a very special thank you to all those who have donated containers so far!**

### Walking with Jesus to Calvary

#### Virtual Youth Lenten Retreat

Join Chris Wood for an engaging hour of reflection on Jesus' final steps to Calvary, exploring His fear, pain and suffering and how you can grow closer to Him.

February 20, 2021

1:00-2:00PM

Youth, 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades

Registration is free (donations appreciated)

Register at:

[https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/virtual\\_lenten\\_retreat](https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/virtual_lenten_retreat)

Register by Thursday, February 18, 2021

### 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.**

### Contribution Records for 2020

If you would like a copy of your contribution record for the calendar year 2020, please submit a self-addressed stamped envelope either thru the collection or drop off at the parish office in the box on the front porch.

### Save-the-Date - Diocesan Men's Conference!

Please mark March 20, 2021 on your calendar for the Annual Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Men's Conference. **Theme: Catholic Men: Called to be Defenders of the Faith!**

**Speakers: Dr. William Donohue - President of the Catholic League, The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Fr. Frederick Miller, Fr. John Szada, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, and Mr. Tony Devlin.** There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction led by Bishop Gainer, as well as outstanding music. This conference is one of the largest annual events in the Diocese every year. The cost this year is just \$10 per man. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If you are not able to watch it live streamed on March 20, you'll still want to register since all registrants receive a link to the conference several days after its completion. Online registration will be available on the Diocesan website shortly. If you are a man in the Diocese of Harrisburg, you do not want to miss this conference!

Heart of Mercy Counseling Ministry announces that Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor, will be available at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Shamokin on Mondays. If you are interested in counseling for adults - individual or couples, you can call Sr. Patricia directly. Heart of Mercy is a ministry of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, in Danville. Virtual counseling is also available. Fee based on sliding scale. Check out our website: <http://www.heartofmercygs.org>  
Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, Licensed Professional Counselor 352-328-8145, [guadalupe531@aol.com](mailto:guadalupe531@aol.com)

### Luck of the Irish Cash Drawing

\$999.00 will be awarded to one lucky winner!

Tickets containing 5 numbers will be available beginning February 7 for a drawing on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. You may purchase your tickets by calling the Parish Office at 570-373-1221 during office hours or after the weekend Masses in the vestibule.

### Valentine's Day Theme Basket Raffle

to support Divine Redeemer Parish  
E-Z Chance "Bid at Home Form"

**INSTRUCTIONS:** 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 Valentine's Day Theme Basket Raffle, please contact Divine Redeemer Parish Office 570-339-3450.

Valentine's Day Theme Basket Raffle Form and Money is due by February 15, 2021. Drawing is Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

### Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Carry-out Chicken Dinner

January 31, 2021

Pre-buy sale only!

Payment of \$12.00 may be mailed or dropped off at a scheduled time to Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Office (570-339-0650)

Dinner includes: Baked chicken quarter, mashed potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll/butter and a dessert.

### Blessing of Bibles on January 23-24

In *Aperuit illis*, dated September 30, 2019, our Holy Father has designated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time "Sunday of the Word of God." The impetus for this initiative flows forth from the documents of the Second Vatican Council which call forth a greater love for the Sacred Scriptures expressed through study and prayer. Quoting Saint Jerome, on whose liturgical memorial Pope Francis promulgated his *motu proprio*, we are reminded, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

The second "Sunday of the Word of God" is to be celebrated on January 24, 2021. This celebration gives a unique opportunity to highlight the place of the liturgical proclamation of the Word of God, the lectors who are set apart to proclaim it, and the greater need to foster a deep reverence for the Sacred Scriptures through personal study and prayer.

Please bring your Family Bible to church with you next weekend, January 23-24 as we will have a special blessing for these Bibles.

### HALO Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2021

6:00PM in the Activity Center.

All women of the parish are invited to attend!

### Spiritual Adoption Program

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, Holy Angels Parish announces an adoption program for young and old alike.

The members of Holy Angels Parish Family will have the opportunity next weekend to spiritually adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4000 babies lose their lives in abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt".

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of January 23-24. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child beginning January 29, 2021 thru October 2021, and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great.

Each month for nine months participants will receive reports from the Legislation/Respect Life Commission of the HDCCW on the development of the adopted baby in the womb.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love of life that God has given to you.

### Mount Carmel Area Ministerium Food Pantry

Park your vehicle, wait your turn

Be socially distant, WEAR MASKS!

Food will be brought outside.

Tuesday, January 19, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, January 27, 1:00-3:00PM

Tuesday, February 2, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, February 10, 1:00-3:00PM

Tuesday, February 16, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, February 24, 1:00-3:00PM

Pantry is canceled if MCA Schools are closed or dismissed early because of snow or-for evening hours, if there has been one hour of accumulating snow prior to pantry start time. Each household may visit pantry once per month.



Our call is to bear witness to the Lamb of God. Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we are to grow in Faith and become witnesses for him. Bearing witness to Christ is an active rather than a passive enterprise. Knowing Jesus is a matter of experience. One could know the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, all 700 pages of it, by heart, and still not know Jesus. Bearing witness to Christ, then, demands that we should have personal and first-hand experience of Jesus. We get this personal experience of Jesus in our daily lives - through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers, and through the Sacraments, especially by participation in the Eucharistic celebration. Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the Good News of the love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy, and forgiveness that Jesus preached.

# Dear Padre,

## Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

**W**hat an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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### Calendar

**Monday**  
JANUARY 18  
Weekday  
Heb 5:1-10  
Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 19  
Weekday  
Heb 6:10-20  
Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 20  
Weekday  
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17  
Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 21  
St. Agnes,  
Virgin and Martyr  
Heb 7:25—8:6  
Mk 3:7-12

**Friday**  
JANUARY 22  
Day of Prayer for the  
Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children  
Heb 8:6-13  
Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 23  
Weekday  
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14  
Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 24  
Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jon 3:1-5, 10  
1 Cor 7:29-31  
Mk 1:14-20

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20

Jn 1:35–42



So [Eli] said to Samuel,  
"Go to sleep, and if  
you are called, reply,  
'Speak, LORD, for your  
servant is listening.'"  
1 SAMUEL 3:9

## You Called?

**T**oday we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?
- ★ What kind of goodness attracts you?

### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017

