

Church of the Holy Angels

February 7, 2021, Fifth 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

Saturday, February 6

8:00am Barbara Ann Lair
4:00pm Helen T. Geslock
5:30pm Diane Thomas Rompallo

Sunday, February 7

8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am Michael Dumchock

Monday, February 8

8:00am Deceased of Dooley & Gilotti Families

Tuesday, February 9

8:00am Helen T. Parker

Wednesday, February 10

8:00am Pappy & Virginia Desantis

Thursday, February 11

8:00am Special Intention

Friday, February 12

8:00am Theresa Auman

Saturday, February 13

8:00am Cecelia & Vincent Nojack
4:00pm Joan Bolick
5:30pm Ann Bartol

Sunday, February 14

8:30am Bill Roberts
10:30am Steve and Gertrude Foris

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Joseph Kruleski and Michael Procopio, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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

Weekend of January 31

Number of registered households	877
Sunday Offering (145 Households)	\$4,120.00
Loose Cash	\$47.00
Youth Offering	\$11.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$100.00
Votive Candles	\$77.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$22.00
Initial Offering	\$32.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$4,130.00
Weekend of January 31	-\$4,203.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance	\$18,958.00
Weekend of January 31	+\$80.00
Balance	\$19,038.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal	\$60,000.00
Donations to date	\$23,338.00
Balance	\$36,662.00

Previous Christmas	\$15,320.00
Additional	\$170.00
Total Christmas to date	\$15,490.00

Diocesan Collections

Church of Central & Eastern Europe	\$95.00
Propagation of Faith	\$150.00

Thank You!

A special thanks to all who supported the Spaghettti Dinner this past weekend. The parish profited \$3,703.00!

PREP Schedule (Revised)

GRADES 6, 7, 8-Classes will be held on February 7,
21, 28.

GRADES 1-5-Classes will be held on February 8, 15,
22.

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

February 7 thru February 13

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention*

St. Anthony: *Special intention*

St. Anne: *Special intention*

St. Casimir: *Special intention of Stella Chesney by Bob & Claudia*

St. Theresa: *In Loving Memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *Special Intention*

Sacred Heart: *Special Intention*



Container Donations

With the amount of take-out dinners we are having, 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!

HALO Easter Egg Sale

Order forms are available in the back of the church for anyone who would like to order Easter Eggs. Choices are: Butter Cream, Chocolate, Coconut, Peanut Butter. Donation is \$5.00/half dozen, \$10.00/dozen. Orders with payment are due by March 8. Pick up will be March 20th, 10AM-12PM.

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, 7th -12th Grades

Registration is free (donations appreciated)

Register at:

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.**

ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY....K of C, Mt. Carmel, PA Fried Fish Dinner, including soup and dessert. Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Donation: \$10.00 Take out only; Open to the public; 4:00PM until sold out.

Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Evangelization Speaker Series – "A Closer Look at Some of the Titles of Good Saint Joseph"

The next presentation of the Evangelization Speaker Series is on February 22, 2021 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom. It is entitled, *A Closer Look at Some of the Titles of Good Saint Joseph*. This online presentation will take a closer look at a few of the titles of Saint Joseph from the *Litany of St. Joseph*. It is intended to help us pray this great prayer at a deeper level and to have a stronger relationship with this great Saint in what has been proclaimed by Pope Francis as *The Year of Saint Joseph*. The presenter is Father Mark Wilke, who is the Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lewisburg and of Saint George Mission Church, Mifflinburg. Father Wilke was ordained a Priest on June 1, 2013 and has served at various parishes in the Diocese of Harrisburg. To register see https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/speaker_series. Registration deadline is February 19 at noon. Registration is free. Free will offerings are greatly appreciated.

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. Donation \$10.00

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!

Mount Carmel Area Ministerium Food Pantry

Park your vehicle, wait your turn

Be socially distant, WEAR MASKS!

Food will be brought outside.

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.

Diaper bank:

A diaper distribution sponsored by Mother Maria Kaupas Center (a ministry of Divine Redeemer Parish) and St. Michael's Orthodox is held monthly and is open to all income-eligible residents of the Mount Carmel Area School District. Diaper pickup is at the rear of the Kaupas Center, 400 block of West Cherry Alley (between Willow and Beech streets). February hours are: 11AM to NOON, and 5 to 6 PM, Thursday, February 18 and 9 to 10 AM Saturday, February 20. Do not enter the building. Diapers will be brought outside. Mask wearing is required.

Kulpmont 100 Money Madness

\$15,000 in Total Prizes

\$10,000 Grand Prize

\$100/Ticket Limited to 250 tickets

One ticket is eligible for 11 drawings (10 at \$500 and 1 at \$10,000) Drawing occurs on final sale of tickets. Benefits: Kulpmont 100

To purchase a ticket please contact Dave Shinskie at 570-205-3004 or any member of the Kulpmont 100.

Congratulations!

We wish Anna "Angie" Timm a very happy 100th Birthday. Angie will celebrate her 100th Birthday on Sunday, February 7!

Our Lady of Lourdes Pot of Gold

Envelopes containing 5 Pot of Gold tickets are available in the back of the church. Please make your returns either at the parish office or thru the collection! **Grand Prize \$2,500!**

Jesus priority was His obedience to His Heavenly Father. In his preaching and teaching, Jesus' only interest was to reach the people who flocked to listen to His preaching and teaching of the Truth, the Word of God and, so, to bring them to conversion. For Jesus, that was "success, -- not gaining popularity or winning the patronage of the religious or political power-holders. He came to the world to minister to the needs of the shepherdless sheep of the Lord God's Flock, Israel, by bringing them and all peoples spiritual salvation and blessing. That is why, for the remaining two years of his life, Jesus went from town to town preaching the Kingdom of God. Traveling to neighboring villages and throughout the whole of Galilee (and beyond), Jesus remained continually on the move so that everyone could benefit from his saving words and works. He used his energies to bring healing and wholeness into the lives of the people. Jesus' purpose was to love, to teach, to serve, and to give them Life by sharing their lives. Since nobody can be saved who has not first believed, it is the first task of priests, as co-workers of the bishops, the successors of the Apostles, to preach the Gospel of God to all men. In the Church of God, all of us should listen devoutly to the preaching of the Gospel, and we all should feel a responsibility to spread the Gospel by our words and actions. It is the responsibility of the hierarchy of the Church to teach the Gospel authentically--on the authority of Christ. By leaving the relative safety and security of Capernaum and going to other towns and villages in obedience to His Father's mandate, Jesus risked opposition and even death. It is precisely by going beyond what people expected of him that Jesus accomplished his saving mission. If we, as Christ's disciples, are tempted to use only a part of our gifts in serving Him in our brothers and sisters, we may hesitate to take risks for Christ, lest this creates problems for us. Jesus shows us that we reach perfection only by allowing the element of risk into our obedient, surrendered lives.

Jesus recharged his spiritual batteries every day:

Jesus was convinced that if he were going to spend himself for others by his preaching and healing ministry, he would repeatedly have to summon spiritual reinforcements. He knew that he could not live without prayer, because his teaching and healing ministry drained him of power. For example, after describing how the woman who had touched Jesus' garment was instantly healed, Mark remarks: "Jesus knew that power had gone out of him" (5:30). The "deserted place" to which Jesus went to pray was not actually a desert. Rather, it was a place where he he could be free from distractions -- a place where he could give himself unreservedly to prayer. He went there, to refresh himself for further service. Jesus' prayer is a prayer of perfect praise and thanksgiving to the Father; it is a prayer of petition for himself and for us; and it also a model for the prayer of His disciples. Our daily activities also drain us of our spiritual power and vitality. Our mission of bearing witness to God requires spiritual energy which comes to us through daily anointing by the Holy Spirit. Hence, we, too, need to be recharged spiritually and rejuvenated every day by prayer -- listening to God and talking to Him.

Dear Padre,

Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

The Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is "what is best for the child."

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Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 8
Weekday
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 9
Weekday
Gn 1:20-2:4a
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 10
St. Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday
FEBRUARY 11
Weekday
Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

Friday
FEBRUARY 12
Weekday
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday
FEBRUARY 13
Weekday
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday
FEBRUARY 14
Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

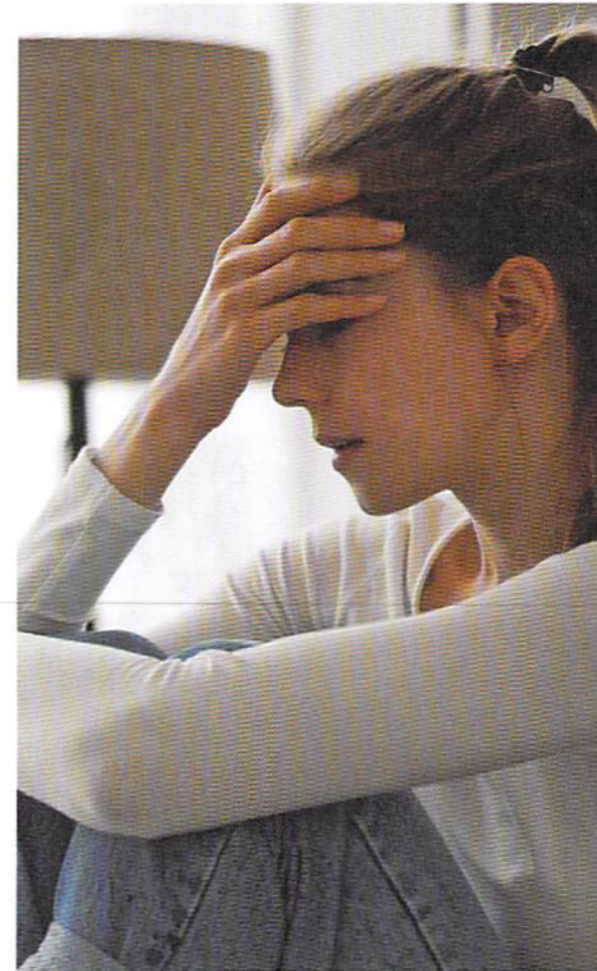
Grin and Bear It

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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After sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.

MARK 1:32-33

FOR Reflection

- ★ Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?
- ★ As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.

ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE,
MAY 24, 2019