

Church of the Holy Angels

February 7, 2021, Sixth 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 13

8:00am Cecilia & Vincent Nojack
 4:00pm Joan Bolick
 5:30pm Anna Bartol

Sunday, February 14

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

Monday, February 15

8:00am Ellen Mattis

Tuesday, February 16

8:00am Joseph Sarisky, Jr.

Wednesday, February 17

8:00am Elizabeth M. Veach
 5:00pm People of the Parish
 7:00pm Robert Balitchik

Thursday, February 18

8:00am Janice Parker

Friday, February 19

8:00am John Ballent

Saturday, February 20

8:00am Paul Milo
 4:00pm Charles Nevius
 5:30pm Marg "Molly" Dormer

Sunday, February 21

8:30am People of the Parish
 10:30am Mary Ann Pollack

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of William Pollack, 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

Weekend of January 31

Number of registered households	877
Sunday Offering (156 Households)	\$3,573.00
Loose Cash	\$25.00
Youth Offering	\$25.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$81.00
Votive Candles	\$52.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$5.00
Initial Offering	\$20.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$3573.00
Weekend of January 31	-\$4760.00

Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$19,030.00
Weekend of January 31	+\$261.00
Balance	\$19,291.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign	
Goal	\$60,000.00
Donations to date	\$23,348.00
Balance	\$36,652.00

Previous Christmas	\$15,320.00
Additional	\$20.00
Total Christmas to date	\$15,340.00

Diocesan Collections	
Church of Central & Eastern Europe	\$10.00
Propagation of Faith	\$130.00
Poor Missions	\$87.00

PREP Schedule (Revised)

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

GRADES 1-5-Classes will be held on February 15, and 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 14 thru February

Sanctuary Light: *Ronald Fodor*

St. Anthony: *John Deromedi*

St. Anne: *Dolores and Andrew Furca*

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *Special Intention*

St. Kateri: *Elaine*

St. Marziale: *Barbara Jean Kahler*

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.

HALO meetings are postponed until March 4, 2021

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.

From the Diocese: The Diocese strongly recommends that those who are sick, have compromised immune systems or are considered to be more vulnerable continue to remain home at this time. The dispensation from Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still in place. Additionally, congregational singing are choirs are still not permitted in any parish of the diocese. Sunday Mass will continue to be video taped and can be viewed on *YouTube*.

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

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!**



ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.. COVID 19 considerations will take place as recommended by the US Bishops and Vatican. Directions for the Distribution of Ashes will occur at each Mass.

Friday Lenten Fish Dinners

Drive-Thru Fish Dinners will take place at the Activity Center: February 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Price of the Dinner is \$10.00

Donation of desserts for these dinners is gratefully appreciated! You can drop off desserts at the Activity Center the afternoon of the dinner.

Chicken Parmesan Dinner

Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mt. Carmel will be having a Chicken Parmesan Dinner February 28th. Dinners must be Pre-ordered and Pre-paid by Feb. 23rd Please call 570-339-0650 to place your order.

Former Confirmands

Donations of Confirmation Robes is being requested. If you received the sacrament of Confirmation in the recent past and still have your robe, we ask if you could lend them to our current Confirmation class. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with this request.

Baked Haddock Dinners

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Elysburg, will be having a Baked Haddock Dinner Feb 19th, March 12th and March 26th. 4:00 -6:00 PM. Take-out only! Price of the Dinner is \$9.00.

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.

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 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. is provided for each child. 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

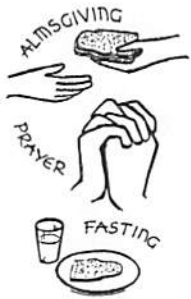
To purchase a ticket please contact Dave Shinskie at 570-205-3004 or any member of the Kulpmont 100.

Lenten Guidelines



1. The traditional Lenten practices of piety, fasting, almsgiving, and other forms of self-denial are still most warmly recommended by the Church.

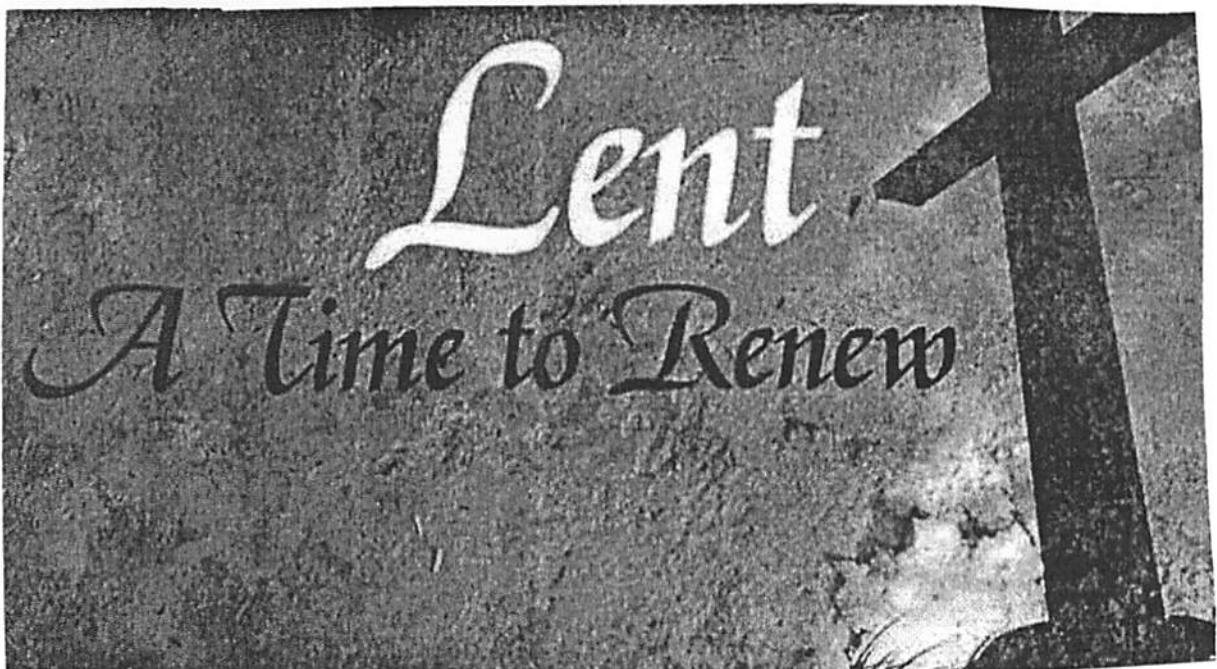
2. The faithful observance of Lent should manifest itself especially in the imitation of Christ in daily life and in the readiness to sacrifice time and talents whenever possible, in personal, parish, and community efforts for those in spiritual or material need. The spiritual hunger of the unchurched locally and in mission lands can be a focus of prayers and charitable giving.



3. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. They are also days of fasting for those between 18 and 59 years of age. (Those bound by the law of fasting, may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are also permitted, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

4. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for those 14 years of age and older.

5. Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance. The traditional abstinence from meat is highly recommended, together with fasting, by the Bishops of the United States, for the cause of peace in the world. However, some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance may be substituted



Dear Padre,

At Mass on holy days of obligation, there's a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it's "standing room only" on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it's considered a "holy" day by most Catholics.

There's something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It's a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it's "spiritual gut-check" time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It's as if we are saying, "I'm Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I'm not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I'm going to try again."

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people. As we celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

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Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 15
Weekday
Gn 4:1–15, 25
Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 16
Weekday
Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10
Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 17
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12–18
2 Cor 5:20–6:2
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday
FEBRUARY 18
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15–20
Lk 9:22–25

Friday
FEBRUARY 19
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1–9a
Mt 9:14–15

Saturday
FEBRUARY 20
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b–14
Lk 5:27–32

Sunday
FEBRUARY 21
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 9:8–15
1 Pt 3:18–22
Mk 1:12–15



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Contrary to the dispositions of the Law of Moses, which prohibited a leper from drawing near, Jesus extends his hand and even touches him....Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to touch the poor and the excluded, because he is in them. Touching the poor can cleanse us from hypocrisy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 22, 2016

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Lv 13:1–2, 44–46

1 Cor 10:31–11:1

Mk 1:40–45

Jesus Embraces the Culturally Marginalized

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprosy and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

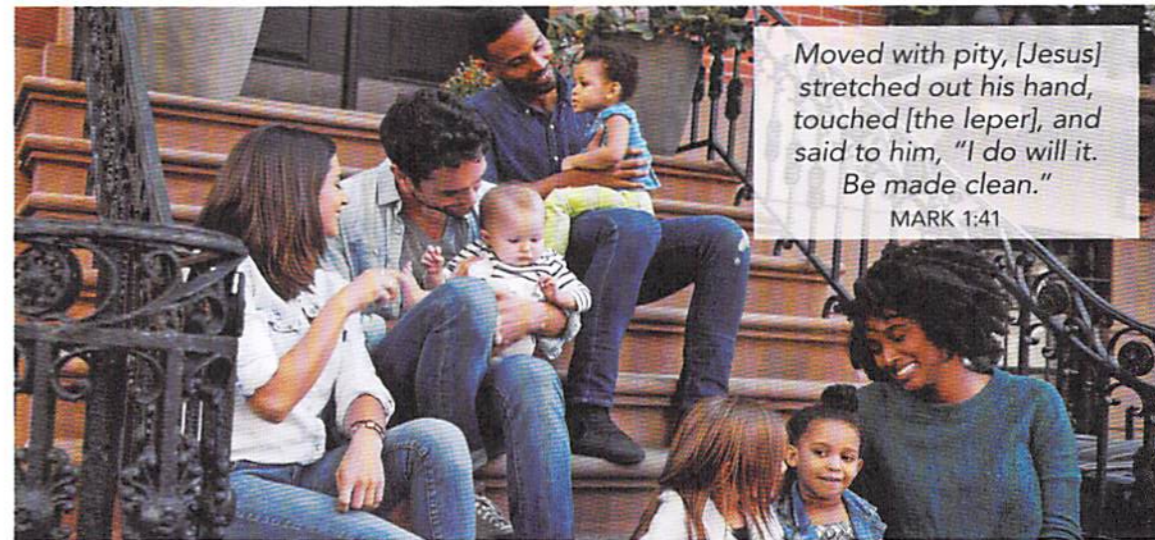
Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority,

some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- Which groups of people does society tend to ostracize or marginalize?
- What might be done to reverse this bias?



Moved with pity, [Jesus] stretched out his hand, touched [the leper], and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."
MARK 1:41