

Church of the Holy Angels

February 21, 2021, First Sunday of Lent

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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 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

Monday, February 22

8:00am Nidza Vazquez

Tuesday, February 23

8:00am Joseph D. Wanzie

Wednesday, February 24

8:00am Ralph Bressi

Thursday, February 25

8:00am Victor F. Nestico

Friday, February 26

8:00am Lois Kemper

Saturday, February 27

8:00am Rocco & Lena Cavallo

4:00pm John & Mary Pelchar

5:30pm Joseph Witrosky

Sunday, February 22

8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am Special Intention of Mark Bednarchik

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 February 14

Number of registered households 876

Sunday Offering (162 Households) \$4,617.00

Loose Cash \$90.00

Youth Offering \$25.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$56.00

Votive Candles \$72.00

Initial Offering \$40.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$5,128.00

Weekend of February 14 -\$3,205.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$19,291.00

Weekend of February 14 +\$164.00

Balance \$19,455.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal \$60,000.00

Donations to date \$24,374.00

Balance \$35,626.00

Previous Christmas \$15,340.00

Additional \$0.00

Total Christmas to date \$15,340.00

Diocesan Collections

Church of Central & Eastern Europe \$5.00

Propagation of Faith \$36.00

Poor Missions \$202.00

PREP Schedule (Revised)

GRADES 6, 7, 8-Classes will be held on February 21,
 and 28. March 7, 14, 21.

GRADES 1-5-Classes will be held on February 22,
 March 1, 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 21 thru February 27

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Helen Thomas by husband, Clem*

St. Anne: *Special intention*

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *Special Intention*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

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

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.

The Holy Season of Lent

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 2:00PM & 7:00PM

Lenten Fish Dinners

Drive-Thru Fish Dinners will take place at the Activity Center on the following Fridays: February 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.

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

HALO Meeting

March 4, 2021 at 6:00PM in the Activity Center

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 and 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*.

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!**

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.

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 r e g i s t e r s e e https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/speaker_series. Registration deadline is February 19 at noon. Registration is free. Free will offerings are greatly appreciated.

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.

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.



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.

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.

Baked Haddock Dinners

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

St. Pauline Society Fruit/Nut Roll Sale

To place an order for a delicious fruit/nut roll contact JoAnn Sassani at 570-259-9299. Eight Flavors to choose from: English Walnut, Poppyseed, Apricot, Raspberry, Prune, Pumpkin Spice, Coconut Cream, Apple. Cost is \$16.00 per roll.

“Repent and believe in the good news of God’s kingdom.” Mark here gives us the first public words of Jesus, his Messianic mission’s basic keynote speech, which has four specific messages: *“The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.”* This message summarizes the purpose of Jesus’ ministry. In this statement Jesus is not asking his audience to do or not to do something to shape their future in heaven. He is concerned with the here and now. Repentance, (*metanoia*) is a change of mind and heart, a lifelong process of transformation. The good news Jesus announced is that God is already working here among us, so close to us that we can reach out and touch Him in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. But we will be able to experience the God in Jesus only if we undergo a complete change in our value system and priorities by means of true repentance. Jesus announces that *“the time has come,”* meaning that the long-expected *“Kingdom of God”* is present in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

“The Kingdom of God” announced by Jesus and brought to earth by him is not a place, still less *‘heaven’*, but the loving power and rule of God, to which we are all invited to submit ourselves. It has arrived in the person of Jesus, our King and Lord. The presence of this loving power of a merciful and forgiving God is evident in the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus. The presence of God’s kingdom in Jesus is revealed also by the liberation of people from destructive forces in their lives, by the bringing back of the rejected and the outcast, by the forgiveness and reconciliation given to repentant sinners and finally by the supreme act of self-giving love of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. *“Believing in the gospel”* means a total commitment to the way of life presented in the Gospel and a sharing of its vision of life.

Dear Padre,

As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020



Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 22
The Chair of
St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 23
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 24
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday
FEBRUARY 25
Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Mt 7:7-12

Friday
FEBRUARY 26
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday
FEBRUARY 27
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday
FEBRUARY 28
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15



God said...I set my bow in the clouds to serve as
a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

GENESIS 9:12-13

Lost at Sea

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of

temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even "lost at sea." However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ When you feel "lost at sea," recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.
- ★ How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?