

Church of the Holy Angels

February 28, 2021, Second 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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27

8:00am Rocco & Lena Cavallo
 4:00pm John & Mary Pelchar
 5:30pm Joseph Witrosky

Sunday, February 28

8:30am People of the Parish
 10:30am Special Intention of Mark Bednarchik

Monday, March 1

8:00am Special Intention

Tuesday, March 2

8:00am Lawrence & Helen Morata

Wednesday, March 3

8:00am Lorraine Fallat

Thursday, March 4

8:00am Joseph Cesari

Friday, March 5

8:00am Special Intention of Stella Chesney

Saturday, March 6

8:00am Stella Narke
 4:00pm Bonnie Deromedi
 5:30pm Rosalina Varano

Sunday, March 7

8:30am Robert Pelkey
 10:30am People of the Parish

Of Your Charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Pupo, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of February 21

Number of registered households	876
Sunday Offering (149 Households)	\$4,355.00
Loose Cash	\$112.00
Youth Offering	\$21.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$5.00
Votive Candles	\$59.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$571.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$5,128.00
Weekend of February 21	-\$3,205.00

Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$19,455.00
Weekend of February 21	+\$96.00
Balance	\$19,551.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign	
Goal	\$60,000.00
Donations to date	\$24,384.00
Balance	\$35,616.00

Previous Christmas	\$15,340.00
Additional	\$50.00
Total Christmas to date	\$15,390.00

Diocesan Collections	
Propagation of Faith	\$35.00
Poor Missions	\$78.00



PREP Schedule (Revised)

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

March 7, 14, 21.

GRADES 1-5-Classes will be held on March 1, 8, 15,

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 28 thru March 6

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention*

St. Anthony: *Special intention*

St. Anne: *Special intention*

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *Special Intention*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of*

Frank Pupo by Lucy & Charles Kaminsky

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of*

Elaine Duran by husband, Michael



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.

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.

Enjoy a Virtual, Lenten Day Retreat, "A Spirituality of Non-Violence", presented by Sr. Anita M. Constance, sponsored by St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville, from 10AM - 3PM, Mar. 13. This Lenten Day of reflection, prayer, and sharing is an opportunity to lean into the love of God and learn how to transform the areas of subtle violence within our lives and discover the grace in our limitations and faults. For more details and to Register by Mar. 5th, call (570)-275-3581 or visit www.sscm.org After registering, you will be contacted via your email for a link.

VINCE'S CHEESESTEAK FOOD TRUCK, famous sandwiches at the Bloomsburg Fair, coming to the Knights of Columbus, Mt. Carmel, PA, Wednesday, March 17, 11:00AM to 6:00PM. Your purchase helps support the K of C.

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.

Correspondence to Father Andrew

If you have an issue that needs to be brought to Father Andrew's attention and choose to do so in writing, please include your name and phone number in your correspondence so Father Andrew can address the issue personally with you.

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.

Our Lady of Hope's Baked Haddock Dinner TAKE OUT ONLY-Masks Required

Friday, March 26, 2021

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Parish Hall – Oak & Chestnut Streets, Coal Township

Donation: \$10.00/Adult \$5.00/Child

Meal includes: Baked Haddock, mac and cheese with stewed tomatoes, dinner roll and dessert.

Diocesan Annual Campaign

At this time, everyone should have received a mailing from the diocese for the Diocesan Annual Campaign. We ask that you mail your contribution directly to the diocese using the envelope enclosed. Our parish assessment is \$19,617.00. With your help, this goal is attainable!

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Catholic Senior Girl for her freshman year at an accredited college, university, or trade school. Applicants must be sponsored by a Mother or Grandmother/Guardian who is a member of a Parish Council of Catholic Women, is a resident of the Harrisburg Diocese, and must meet all conditions established by the Scholarship committee. Anyone interested in applying should contact your Parish CCW President for an application or Joyce Scott, Scholarship Chair, 717-737-0927 or email to: joynbob10@aol.com. The application deadline is May 1, 2021.

The Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization of the Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking an individual to fill the part-time position of Diocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Director. For more information contact: Diocese of Harrisburg, Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, jgontis@hbgdiocese.org.

Catholic Charities Adoption & Specialized Foster Care

In Pennsylvania, thousands of children and teens in foster care are in desperate need of a safe and nurturing home. A caring adult can make a huge difference in a child's life forever. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. To find out how to become a foster parent, please contact Catholic Charities Adoption & Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpfeifer@cchbg.org.

The Diocesan Virtual Men's Conference is March 20, 2021. The theme is, *Catholic Men: Defenders of the Faith*. Conference speakers and presentation titles are: Dr. William Donohue, President of the *Catholic League (The Catholic Advantage)*, the Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, DD, JCL, (*The Genuineness of Your Faith: Reflections on I Peter*), Fr. Frederick Miller, STD, Spiritual Director and Professor, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Archdiocese of Newark, (*Men of Mary*), Fr. John Szada, PhD, Exorcist for the Diocese of Harrisburg, (*Fighting Spiritual Warfare: "For We Are Not Contending Against Flesh and Blood, But Against...the Spiritual Hosts of Wickedness in Heavenly Places" –Ephesians 6:12*), Mr. Anthony Devlin, Army Investigator and Analyst, (*Average Joe: How an Ordinary Man Got the Most Extraordinary Job in History*), and Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, PhD, President of the Magis Center (*What's so Special About the Catholic Church?: Four Graces to Defend the Faith*). Registration is \$10 per person. For more information, or to register, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/men.

Not willing to let go of your marriage?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For more information about the April 9-11, 2021 Weekend for Couples, contact the registration team at 717-356-2185 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

Catholic Charities Oberammergau Trip September 9-20, 2022

Catholic Charities invites you to join Bishop Ronald Gainer on a 12-day pilgrimage to Italy, Austria, and Germany in September 2022. Highlights of the trip include the Oberammergau Passion Play as well as Munich's Oktoberfest. This trip was originally scheduled in 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. A limited number of reservations are available! For a trip brochure, contact Mark Totaro at mtotaro@cchbg.org or 717-657-4804 (ext. 276).

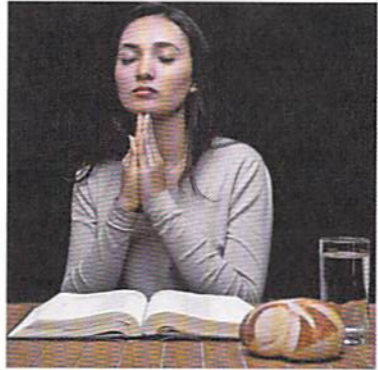
The Dauphin District Council of Catholic Women is hosting a virtual Lenten retreat, March 20 via Zoom. The theme is "Finding Joy through Lent." All are welcome to join in this event. The retreat will include a live-streamed Mass and presentations on "Finding Joy through Lent" by Linda Hartzell, "Connecting with God through Perpetual Adoration" by Betsy Schadler, and a closing prayer service led by Suzanne Bruzga. Cost is free. Registration is required to receive the link to the event. Deadline to register is March 16. To register and receive the log-in information, please e-mail dauphindistrictccw@gmail.com.

The soul at prayer is a rock, because God holds it fast in His infinite love.
Paul of the Cross

Dear Padre,

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.



Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

Calendar

Monday MARCH 1 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday MARCH 2 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday MARCH 3 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday MARCH 4 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Friday MARCH 5 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday MARCH 6 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday MARCH 7 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Future Gazing

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

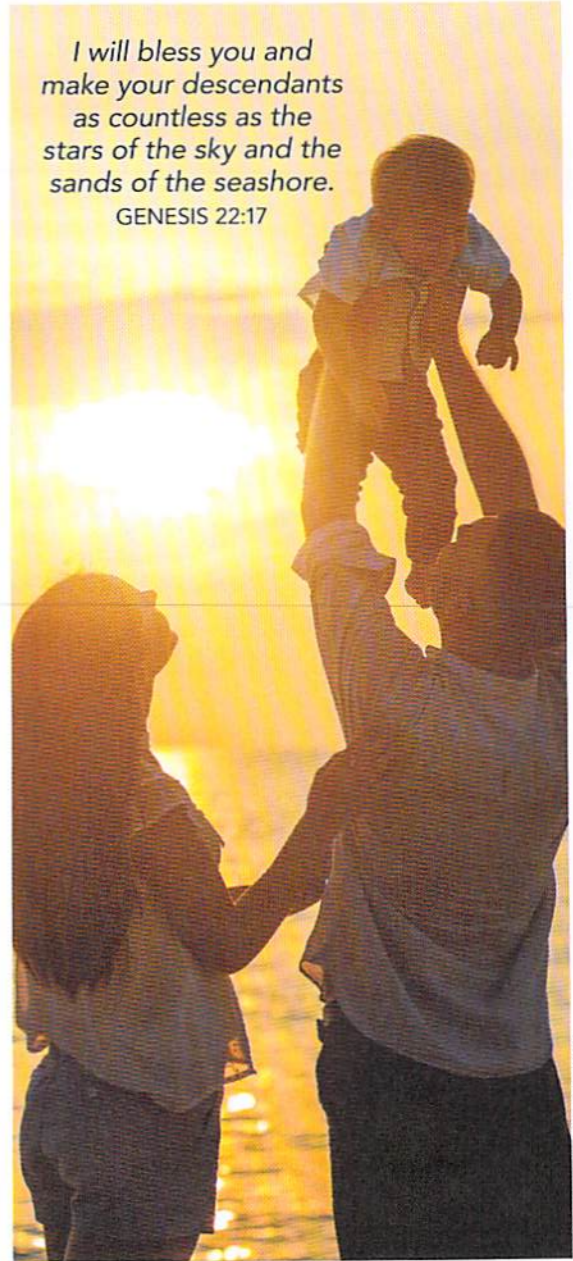
Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?
- ★ True disciples must place their lives in God's hands. Pray for this grace.



I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.

GENESIS 22:17