

# Church of the Holy Angels

April 11, 2021, Sunday of the Divine Mercy

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MASSES 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, April 10

8:00am Mary Sinopoli  
4:00pm Rosemary Karycki  
5:30pm Rose Sando

Sunday, April 11

8:30am Rita Buggy  
10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, April 12

8:00am Terry Frederick

Tuesday, April 13

8:00am Tara Yancheski

Wednesday, April 14

8:00am Henrietta Kornkevich

Thursday, April 15

8:00am David Dallazia

Friday, April 16

8:00am Alice Kuznicki

Saturday, April 17

8:00am Diane Rompallo  
4:00pm Charles Nevius  
5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, April 18

8:30am Michael Dumchock  
10:30am Lori Kolar

## 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 April 4

Number of registered households	875
Sunday Offering (148 Households)	\$4,547.00
Loose Cash	\$113.50
Youth Offering	\$20.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$62.00
Votive Candles	\$60.00
Energy	\$47.00
Initial Offering	\$11.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$2.00
Easter Flowers	\$374.00
Ash Wednesday	\$7.00
Holy Thursday	\$760.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$6,003.50
Weekend of April 4	-\$2,329.50

Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$20,349.00
Weekend of April 4	+\$271.00
Balance	\$20,620.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign	
Goal	\$60,000.00
Donations to date	\$24,910.00
Balance	\$35,090.00

Easter Offering	
Adult	\$7,037.00
Youth	\$46.00
Total to date	\$7,083.00

Diocesan Collections	
Poor Missions	\$11.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
Holy Land	\$707.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$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.

**\*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.**

#### Vigil Lights

April 11 thru April 17

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Edward Grazioli, Jr. by Family*

St. Anne: *Special intention*

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *Special intention*

St. Kateri: *In loving memory of*

*Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Marziale: *A special intention...*

Sacred Heart: *Special intention*



#### Mount Carmel Area Ministerium Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 14, 1:00-3:00PM

Tuesday, April 20, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, April 28, 1:00-3:00PM

Park outside, wait your turn, be socially distant, wear masks! Food will be brought outside.

#### Meatloaf Dinner

Holy Angels Activity Center

Sunday, April 25, 2021

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

Dinner includes: Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Dessert

Donation \$10.00

Drive thru to pick up

No tickets needed

No pre-orders!



#### PREP Schedule

GRADES 6, 7, 8-Classes will be held on April 11, 18, 25.

GRADES 1-5-Classes will be held on April 12, 19, 26.

#### Diocesan Annual Campaign

At this time, we have received \$10,272.00 towards our goal for the Diocesan Annual Campaign. We ask that you mail your contribution directly to the diocese using the envelope that was enclosed in the diocesan mailing. Our parish assessment is \$19,617.00. With your help, this goal is attainable!

#### St. Pauline Foundation Spring Fling Raffle

Friday, April 23, 12:00PM-6:00PM

Saturday, April 24, 11:00AM-4:00PM

St. Pauline Center, 1150 Chestnut Street, Kulpmont  
\$20 for sheet of 26 tickets. After initial purchase additional sheets of 26 tickets can be purchased for \$10 each. You need not be present to win.

We have over 100 items including Lennox, Vera Bradley, Rae Dunn plus some larger items, patio set, Yeti cooler, microwave, TV. There is something for everyone!

Food and beverages will be available for purchase plus a bake sale.

#### Knights of Columbus

Practicing Catholic men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. The next virtual ceremony will be conducted on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 8:00 PM. Please contact any officer or member of the K of C for information and direction on how you may become a Knight via this new procedure from your home or the local club social room.

#### 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

Were you married in 1971? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office at 570-373-1221.



#### Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, we will gather at 3:00PM for a Holy Hour as we praise our Risen Lord and invoke God's mercy on us and on the whole world. Please take the time out of your day to join us on this special day for this

**FEBRUARY 2021 REVENUE  
OPERATING INCOME**

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Ordinary Income	\$17,489.00	\$172,659.78
General Fund Raising Activities	-----	\$31,378.40
Extraordinary Income	\$7,048.00	\$17,024.00
Total Operating Income	\$24,537.00	\$249,068.18
Non-Operating Income	\$1,756.00	\$37,197.00
Total Income	\$26,293.00	\$286,265.18

**EXPENSES  
OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

Salaries	\$10,590.15	\$89,791.04
Employee Benefits	\$5,218.33	\$44,490.54
Purchased Services	\$19,309.92	\$123,286.03
Other Expenses	-----	\$1,605.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$35,118.40	\$259,172.61

Non-Operating Expenses	\$1,756.00	\$37,425.00
Total Expenditures	\$36,874.40	\$296,597.61
Excess of Income over Expenditures	(\$10,581.40)	(\$10,332.43)

**St. Faustina and the Image of the Divine Mercy:** St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2000, at 10:00 AM, on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day - April 27 in 2014 - by Pope Francis.] At the canonization of St. Faustina, Saint John Paul II said, "Believing in the love of God means believing in His mercy." Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy." "The Lord of Divine Mercy," a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" (*Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the Baptismal water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.

Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy. One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive Divine Mercy. The Gospel command, "*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,*" demands that we show mercy to our fellow human beings always and everywhere. We radiate God's mercy to others by our actions, our words, and our prayers. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.



# Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic “obsession” (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



**A** convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic’s decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, “What do you think about Mary?” The new Catholic smiled and said, “I think she’s wonderful, don’t you?” The friend responded with an embarrassed “Yes, but....”

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus’ mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the “God-man” in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus’ love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**  
APRIL 12  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:23–31  
Jn 3:1–8

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32–37  
Jn 3:7b–15

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 14  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17–26  
Jn 3:16–21

**Thursday**  
APRIL 15  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27–33  
Jn 3:31–36

**Friday**  
APRIL 16  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:34–42  
Jn 6:1–15

**Saturday**  
APRIL 17  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1–7  
Jn 6:16–21

**Sunday**  
APRIL 18  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 3:13–15, 17–19  
1 Jn 2:1–5a  
Lk 24:35–48



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)  
Acts 4:32–35  
1 Jn 5:1–6  
Jn 20:19–31

## I Want Proof

**W**ho doesn’t? It’s not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: “Don’t talk of love...show me.” It’s very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas’ insistence: “I want proof.”

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn’t the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn’t want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn’t strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

- ★ Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.
- ★ Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?



Jesus said to [Thomas],  
“Have you come to believe  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have  
not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29