

# Church of the Holy Angels

May 2, 2021, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

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Saturday, May 1

8:00am Kenneth Sikora  
4:00pm Stella Narke  
5:30pm Francis Sando

Sunday, May 2

8:30am People of the Parish  
10:30am Helen Dorovich

Monday, May 3

8:00am Ashli Babbit

Tuesday, May 4

8:00am Terry Frederick

Wednesday, May 5

8:00am Toni Ann Meyer

Thursday, May 6

8:00am Jerald Gieser

Friday, May 7

8:00am Joseph Zlocki

Saturday, May 8

8:00am 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Higgins  
4:00pm People of the Parish  
5:30pm Vincent & Carolyn Giacomini

Sunday, May 9

8:30am All Mothers  
10:30am All Mothers

## 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 25

Number of registered households	875
Sunday Offering (158 Households)	\$3,973.00
Loose Cash	\$166.00
Youth Offering	\$31.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$19.00
Votive Candles	\$60.00
Holy Thursday	\$5.00
Fund-Raising (Lottery Ticket)	\$1,550.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$5,804.00
Weekend of April 25	-\$2,529.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance	\$20,908.00
Weekend of April 25	+\$20.00
Balance	\$20,928.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal	\$60,000.00
Donations to date	\$25,640.00
Balance	\$34,360.00

Easter Offering

Previous	\$8,648.00
Additional Adult Envelopes	\$250.00
Total to date	\$8,898.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Home Missions	\$54.00
Holy Land	\$5.00



### 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

May 2 thru May 8

**Sanctuary Light:** *In loving memory of*

*Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

**St. Anthony:** *In loving memory of*

*Michael Soubik by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

**St. Anne:** *In loving memory of*

*Helen Thomas by husband, Clem*

**St. Casimir:** *In loving memory of*

*Claire Orrego by Jennifer*

**St. Theresa:** *In loving memory of*

*Waldo Orrego by Jennifer*

**St. Kateri:** *Special intention*

**St. Marziale:** *Special intention*

**Sacred Heart:** *In loving memory of*

*Peter & Daniel Merena by Michael & Rosalie*

*Ziegler & Family*



### Breakfast Kulpmont American Legion

May 16, 2021, 8:00AM-1:00PM

All you can eat- \$9.00

Kulpmont K of C members are invited to a free breakfast after the 8:30AM Memorial Mass on May 16.

### Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Students attending Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School for the next school year, Grades 7-12, can submit an application for a Scholarship awarded by the Msgr. Joseph J. C. Petrovits Knights of Columbus Council 4281, Kulpmont. Applications are available at Holy Angels Parish Office. Deadline to submit application is May 25th.

Requirements include:

1. Must be a member of Holy Angels Parish, Kulpmont, or St. Mary's Ukrainian Church, Marion Heights, and a child of a Knight in good standing with membership in Council 4281.
2. Must attend Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School
3. Must submit a completed application by the established date.
4. Must complete the scholarship application essay and sign the application.

### Diocesan Annual Campaign

At this time, we have received \$13,532.00 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!

### Walk, Run, Ride for Life

The Corner of Hope Pregnancy Center is sponsoring its major fund raiser for the year on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Knoebels Amusement Resort. Please consider helping with this important cause by picking up a sponsorship pledge form in the back of the church and representing Holy Angels Parish at the Walk, or by donating using an envelope, marking it Corner of Hope and dropping it into the collection basket. All donations are due by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Walkers, please contact Nora Avellino at 570-373-3695 for additional information.

### 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.

### One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of Victory #588, requests your participation in praying the rosary for the end of abortion. Pledge forms and information are available in the back of the church. Please join us in this important effort to save lives.

### Holy Angels Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Includes: 2 pork chops, potato, stuffing, gravy, veggie & dessert. Donation \$12.00

Take-out only from 11:00AM-1:00PM or until sold out. No tickets needed, no pre-orders.

Due to demand, we are increasing the amount of dinners for this event to satisfy more customers!

### National Day of Prayer

All are invited to attend the National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 12:20PM at the Kulpmont Town Park, 11<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Streets. Please wear your mask and we ask that social distancing be maintained. We will pray in a special way for the end of the pandemic as well as remember those who have died as a result of it. Please make an effort to attend.

### Take-Out Containers

A few months ago, we requested donations for either the larger 3 compartment styrofoam containers, the smaller dessert size or the plastic take-out containers and your generosity was outstanding!

We are once again in need of donations for the same containers. If you are able to donate a pack or two it would be greatly appreciated. Containers may be dropped off at the parish office or at the Activity Center.

### Gifts from the Holy Land

The weekend of May 8 & 9, we will have a display of beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Olive wood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from one generation to another; Christian families have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about the past 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the holy land by selling some of their olive wood carvings which are one major source for their income. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. Last century, the Christians were about 37% but today they are only 5%.

By your support through the purchasing of these carvings, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy Land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Please stop by our tables and get your gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem. Thank you and God bless.

### May Retreat

Register for a Virtual, Silent, Directed Retreat, presented by Lois Landis Miller, through St. Cyril Spiritual Center in Danville, from 7PM - 7PM, on May 14-15. The retreat is silent and is intended to be contemplative. It will be a time for personal prayer and meeting privately with a spiritual director to discuss one's experience of God in prayer. For more details and to Register by May 7 call (570) 275-0910 or visit [www.sscm.org](http://www.sscm.org)



**"I can't take another step":** There is a scene in the movie, *Shadow of the Hawk* where a young couple is climbing a mountain with the help of their Indian guide in a desperate attempt to flee from evil people. At one point the young woman slumps to the ground and says, "I can't take another step." The young man lifts her to her feet and says, "But darling, we must go on. We have no other choice!" She shakes her head and says, "I can't go on! I can't go on!" Then the Indian guide advises the young man, "Hold her close to your heart. Let your strength and your courage flow out of your body into hers." The young man does this and in a few minutes the woman smiles and says, "Now I can go on! Now I can do it!" -- By telling us the parable of the vine and branches in today's Gospel, Jesus shows us how He shares his Divine strength with us. The parable reminds us that, united with Jesus, we can do anything, but separated from Jesus, we are good for nothing.

### Our Lady of Hope Parish

#### Spring Food Sale and Basket Raffle

Friday, May 14 - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 15 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

In the Parish Hall

Food is Take-Out Only

Menu: Haluski, Potato Cakes and Potato Cake batter, Pigeons, Sausage

### *Are you looking to be part of something really special?*

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Harrisburg Diocesan schools remain open to promote the spiritual, academic, social and physical development of students in an environment that is distinctly marked by the values of our Catholic Faith. Elementary Principal Opportunities for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows: Our Mother of Perpetual Help ([www.omphschool.com](http://www.omphschool.com)); Saint Joseph, Hanover ([www.sishanover.org](http://www.sishanover.org)); St. John the Baptist, New Freedom ([www.stjnschool.org](http://www.stjnschool.org)); Seven Sorrows BVM, Middletown ([www.sevensorrowschool.com](http://www.sevensorrowschool.com)). Minimum qualifications: Practicing, knowledgeable Catholic; Thorough understanding of Catholic School Philosophy; Commitment to modeling the values of Catholic Educational Leadership; PA Administrators Certificate (or in process); Catechetical Certification (or in process) and 5 years teaching experience. For more information see the Employment listings on the Diocese of Harrisburg website: [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org). Send resume and letter of interest to: Ann Everest, Dept. of Education; Diocese of Harrisburg; 4800 Union Deposit Road; Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710 or by email: [aeverest@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:aeverest@hbgdiocese.org)

### Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

Envelopes are available in the back of the church for Spiritual Bouquets for both living and deceased mothers. Returns can be made thru the Sunday collection or by dropping off at the parish office. Please have all returns in by May 5 in order that the remembrance can be placed on the altar in time for Mother's Day.

### Thank You!

A very special thank you to all who supported the recent Meatloaf dinner. The parish realized a profit of \$2,300.00!

**Mark your calendars.** The annual Quo Vadis Days retreat for young men, ages 15-25, will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, from Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$75.00 per participant. Pandemic precautions are in place, and to participate the retreatant must show either proof of full vaccination or have taken a Covid-19 test with a negative diagnosis within three days of the start of the retreat. Registration forms will be sent to parishes and schools shortly.



# Dear Padre,

## Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

Of the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department."

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of *The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.



THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST BY THE DEVIL BY FELIX JOSEPH BARNAK, 1840 / WIKITEDIA

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MAY 3  
Sts. Philip and James,  
Apostles  
1 Cor 15:1-8  
Jn 14:6-14

**Tuesday**  
MAY 4  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 14:19-28  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday**  
MAY 5  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:1-6  
Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday**  
MAY 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:7-21  
Jn 15:9-11

**Friday**  
MAY 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:22-31  
Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday**  
MAY 8  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:1-10  
Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday**  
MAY 9  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 10:25-26,  
34-35, 44-48  
1 Jn 4:7-10  
Jn 15:9-17



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

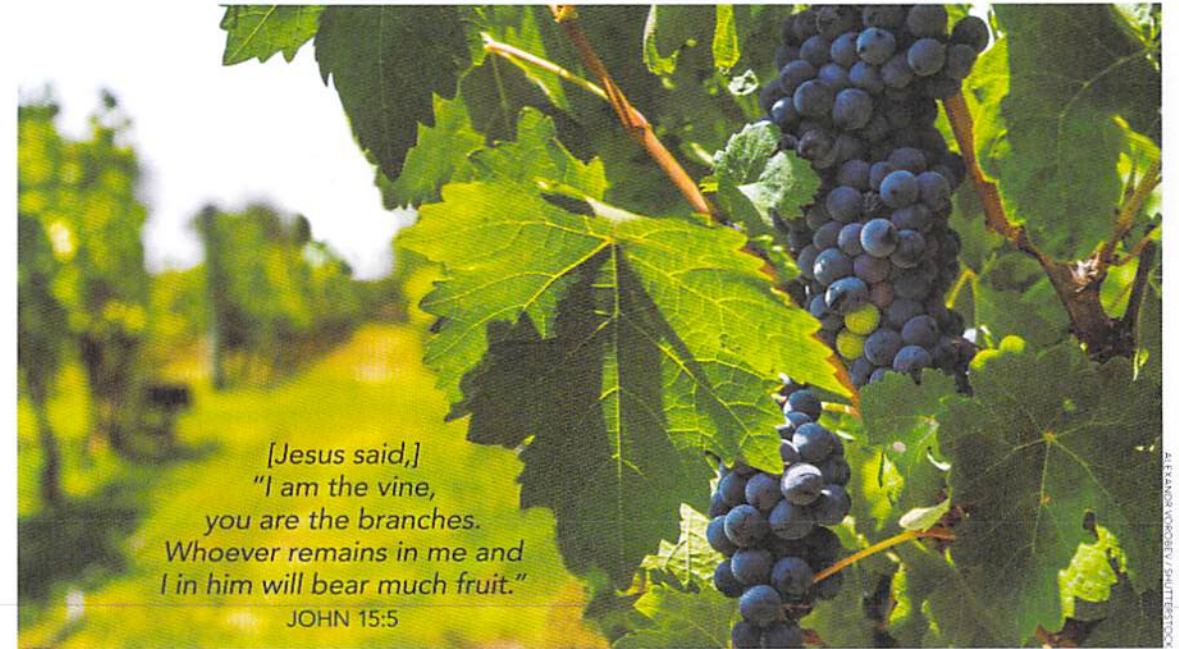
May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



[Jesus said,]  
"I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and  
I in him will bear much fruit."  
JOHN 15:5

## In or Not at All

The little word *in* appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being *in* does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds

like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ★ Think for a moment of the ways Christ lives in you.
- ★ Now think of how you might live in Christ.



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017