

Church of the Holy Angels

September 5, 2021, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 4:00PM, 5:30PM

SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND

MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT

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, Administrative Assistant

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, September 4

8:00am Brock Long

4:00pm Angelo D'Alexander, Jr.

5:30pm Francis Sando

Sunday, September 5

8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am Richard Jakuc

Monday, September 6

8:00am Katherine & Stephen Foris

Tuesday, September 7

8:00am Anna Louise Weisglass

Wednesday, September 8

8:00am Joseph Yanchuck

Thursday, September 9

8:00am A Special Intention

Friday, September 10

8:00am Frances Deppen

Saturday, September 11

8:00am Sophie Janezic

4:00pm Agnes Delaney

5:30pm Deceased of the Clayberger Family

Sunday, September 12

8:30am John & Harriet McCabe

10:30am People of the Parish

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ryan Little**, 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, Alex Clayberger.

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of August 29

Number of registered households 863

Sunday Offering (Households) \$3,323.00

Loose Cash \$92.00

Youth Offering \$14.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$26.00

Votive Candles \$76.00

Energy \$36.00

Assumption of the BVM \$75.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$3,642.00

Weekend of August 29 -\$4,691.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$23,408.00

Weekend of August 29 +\$66.00

Balance \$23,474.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal \$60,000.00

Donations to date \$29,712.00

Balance \$30,288.00

Mass intentions are available for the remainder of the year. Please call or stop by the parish office if you would like to schedule a Mass.

PREP Classes

Students in Grades 1 thru 8 enrolled in the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) will begin classes as follows:

Grades 6-7-8, Sunday, September 12, 9:30-11:30AM.

Grades 1 thru 5, Monday, September 13, 5:30-7:00PM.

If your child is not yet registered for PREP, please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the vestibule and can be returned either thru the Sunday Collection or dropped off at the Parish Office.

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.
5. Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
6. If single, should not be co-habiting with significant other.

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.

With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the St. Pauline Center, join us Fridays at 3:00 pm for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by recitation of the Rosary. Prayers are lead by one of the BF Associates of Holy Angels. All are welcome.

Vigil Lights

September 5 thru September 11

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention*

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

St. Anne: *Special intention*

St. Casimir: *Special intention*

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of*

The Deceased of the Mattis Family by Joan Roberts

St. Kateri: *In loving memory of*

The Deceased of the Roberts Family by Joan Roberts

St. Marziale: *Special intention of*

Jennie Dabulis

Sacred Heart: *Special intention*

Finance Council Meeting

September 9, 2021 at 7:00PM
in the rectory

Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, September 8,
2021 at 7:00PM.

K of C Wine Fest

Tickets are available at Holy Angels Parish Office for the K of C Wine Fest which will be held Saturday, October 16, 2021, 1:00-5:00PM on Holy Angels Picnic Ground. Donation \$20.00 pre-sale. (\$25.00 at the gate)

IHM Annual Drawing

Benefits Camilla Hall Nursing Home

Top Prize \$5,000.00

Total prizes: \$17,500.00

Cost: \$1.00 per chance or 6 for \$5.00

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of **Sept. 18-19.**

Thank you for being generous.

Extra prize: our Sisters in Camilla pray for all our benefactors, which you will become if you buy even one chance!!!

Chicken Bar-B-Que ..

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Holy Angels Picnic Grounds

11:00AM until sold out

Donation \$9.00

Includes: Half Chicken, Baked Potato, Veggie and Dessert!

No tickets needed! No pre-orders!

Holy Angels Holy Name Society

Chicken Wing Sale

Saturday, October 9, 2021

1:00-5:00PM or until sold out

Holy Angels Picnic Grounds

Donation \$10.00 per dozen

There will be a variety of wing sauces available.

No pre-orders or tickets needed!

Mount Carmel Area

Ministerium Food Pantry

Tuesday, September 7, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, September 23, 1:00-3:00PM

Each household may visit the pantry once each month.

PREP INFO

Registration forms for PREP Classes 2021-2022 are in the vestibule of the church. Anyone that has not registered, please complete a form and return it to the rectory ASAP. A student cannot be admitted without a completed registration. Also, remember that prior to First Communion a child must have 2 years of instruction. Any questions, call J. Foris at 570-490-0099.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Holy Angels Ladies Organization (HALO) will be sponsoring a Shopping Pass Day at Boscov's on October 20th. The Shopping Pass is \$5.00 and entitles you to 25% off the lowest sale price. Passes are available at Holy Angels Parish Office at this time.

Bible Study is Back!

Beginning October 3 through the 31st Holy Angels will present Ascension's bible study Jesus: The Way the Truth and the Life. It is a 10 part series that will be divided into five Fall sessions and five Spring sessions. The videos are presented by Dr. Ed Sri and Jeff Cavins and filmed in the Holy Land.

The study set includes a workbook, book, Jesus timeline chart and an online video access for one year for \$29.95. This one time Purchase covers both Bible studies this fall and early next Year. Sessions will begin at 6 PM in the Church Hall. If interested please respond before September 20th. Contact either Kathy 570-205-4704 or Debbie 570-274-5861.

Marion Heights Fire Company

Food Truck Fundraiser

DA Pit Texas BBQ

Thursday, September 9, 3:00-6:00PM

Marion Heights Fire Company

418 Warsaw Street

Marion Heights



Annual Chicken BBQ

Mother Cabrini Church, Shamokin will hold their Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 11:00AM – 1:00PM at the "Cabrini Shed", (corner of Race & Cherry Streets). The dinner will include a 1/2

chicken, baked potato, baked beans, cranberry sauce, roll and "a sweet". Donation \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling Mother Cabrini Parish Office, 8AM to 4PM at 570-648-4512, ext. 1. Deadline to place an order is 12Noon on Friday, September 24th. (Take Out Only).

St. Pauline Society Annual Purse + More Raffle and Homemade Food Sale

Friday, September 10, 2021, 12:00 Noon-6:00PM

Saturday, September 11, 2021, 11:00AM-4:00PM

St. Pauline Center

1150 Chestnut Street, Kulpmont, PA

\$20 for a sheet of 26 tickets. After initial purchase, additional sheets of 26 tickets can be purchased for \$10.

Need not be present to win

Homemade food will be available for purchase as well as baked goods. Handicap accessible, parking in rear.

Our Lady of Hope Parish Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, September 17, 2021

Parish Hall-Oak & Chestnut Street

Coal Township

4:00-6:00PM

Donation \$10.00

Includes: Spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad & dessert.

Manna For The Many

Manna For The Many is a food pantry located at St. John's U.C.C. Church, 117 North 8th Street in Shamokin. This food pantry will now be serving the residents of the Mt. Carmel Area School District in addition to the Shamokin Area, Southern Columbia Area and Line Mountain Area School Districts. If you know of a person or family in need please share this information with them. The schedule is:

September 7, 9:00-11:00AM

September 8, 1:00-3:00PM

September 9, 6:00-8:00PM

A Concert in Remembrance of Thomas A. Ferrick, 1950-2020
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 7:00PM
Our Lady of Hope Church
Coal Township, PA

Perhaps you remember Tom as a Family member, Educator, or Pierogi maker, member of the American Revolutionary group, The Birthday Club, Church Musician or as a friend.



Standing Altar Candles for the Month of September

In loving memory of

Michael Soubik

Chet Gard

John & Mary Pelchar

John Pelchar, Jr.

Ramona Cooper

A Special Intention

Given by

Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch

wife, Ann & Children

son, Joseph Pelchar

brother, Joseph Pelchar

cousin, Joseph Pelchar

Holy Angels Parish Family Celebrates

Solemn Eucharistic Devotions

September 26, 27, 28

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, September 26 after the 10:30AM Mass

Adoration throughout the day

Prayer Service & Benediction 7:00PM

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Monday & Tuesday, September 27 & 28

Exposition after the 8:00AM Mass

Adoration throughout the day

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Monday, September 27

Prayer Service & Benediction 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 28, Solemn Closing of Eucharistic Devotions 7:00PM

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Sacrament of Penance Sunday & Monday after the evening Prayer Service



Dear Padre,

Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed—even for a worthy cause—isn't that a form of suicide?

Life is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one.

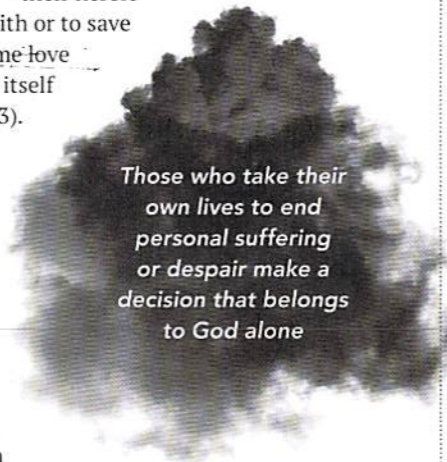
The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christlike expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2475).

Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God. Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (CCC 2285).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday
Col 1:24—2:3
Lk 6:6—11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday
Col 2:6—15
Lk 6:12—19

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1—4a or
Rom 8:28—30
Mt 1:1—16, 18—23, or
1:18—23

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 3:12—17
Lk 6:27—38

Friday
SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1—2, 12—14
Lk 6:39—42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 11
Weekday
1 Tm 1:15—17
Lk 6:43—49

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 12
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4c—9a
Jas 2:14—18
Mk 8:27—35

Our Parish COMMUNITY

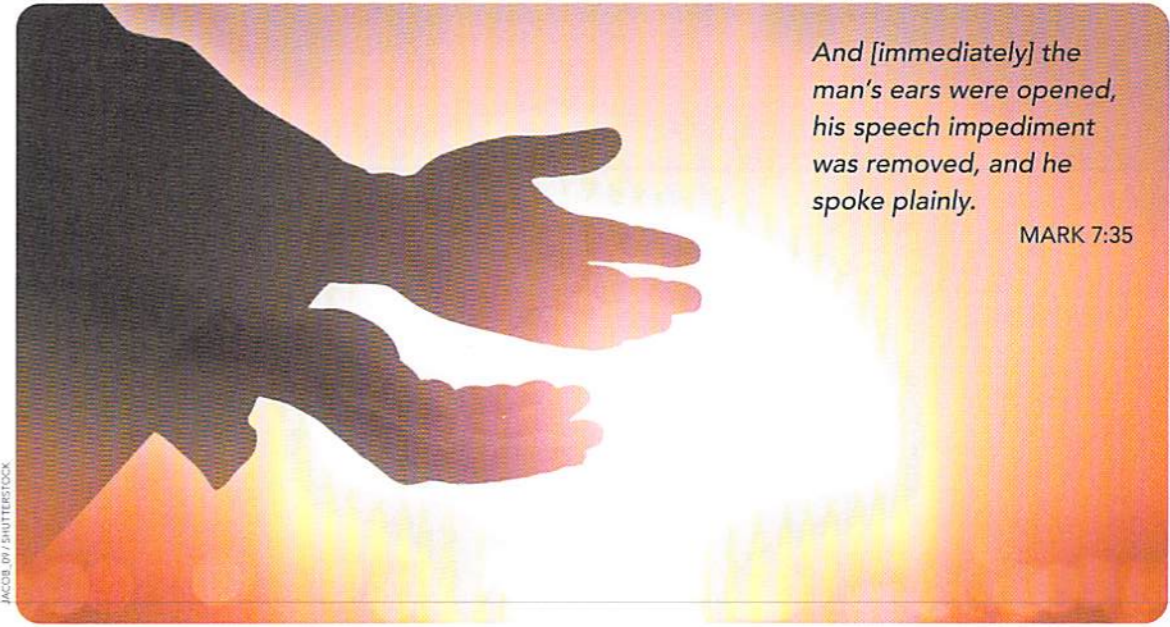
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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 35:4—7a

Jas 2:1—5

Mk 7:31—37



And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

MARK 7:35

He Has Done All Things Well

Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

Fr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Where does your life need healing? What are you doing about it?
- ★ How might you be a source of healing in the lives of others?



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge into the river. And she wept. She said, "I am a sinner, a poor woman. But my poor husband! He is in hell."...And the Curé of Ars said, "But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God."

HOMILY, MARCH 18, 2019