

Church of the Holy Angels

December 18, 2022, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND

MASSSES, BEFORE MORNING MASS OR BY

APPOINTMENT

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Sister Brenda Query, IHM, 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, December 17

8:00am Stella & Vince Chesney

4:00pm Mary Chamberlain

5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 18

8:30am Elizabeth Sassani

10:30am John & Anna Kovalchick

Monday, December 19

8:00am Mary Chapman Lawler

Tuesday, December 20

8:00am John & Anna Marie Voloshin

Wednesday, December 21

8:00am Kathleen York

Thursday, December 22

8:00am Joseph & Teresa Mirarchi

Friday, December 23

8:00am Joseph P. Foris

Saturday, December 24

8:00am Ann Yanchuck

December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00pm Salvatore Lacroce

6:00pm Regina Sheganoski

8:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:30am Sharon Puddy

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 December 11

Number of registered households 818

Sunday Offering (186 Households) \$4,124.00

Loose Cash \$261.95

Youth Offering \$45.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$35.00

Energy \$115.00

Votive Candles \$180.00

Thanksgiving \$30.00

All Saints \$5.00

Forty Hours \$5.00

Immaculate Conception \$889.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$5,689.95

Weekend of December 11 -\$2,643.05

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$33,388.00

Weekend of December 11 +\$133.00

Balance \$33,521.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal \$60,000.00

Contributions December 11 \$334.00

Donations to date \$58,417.00

Balance \$1,583.00

Diocesan Collections

Matthew 25 \$17.00

Religious Retirement \$321.00

Mass Attendance the Weekend of December 11

4:00PM 130

5:30PM No Mass

8:30AM 93

10:30AM 94

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Violet Lacrosse**, 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.



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.
7. If married, must have been married by either a Catholic priest or deacon.

Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues. Any of our parishioners who are planning a wedding for 2023 at Holy Angels Church are asked to contact Father Andrew as soon as possible 570-373-1221. Please keep in mind that Marriage Prep will take at least 9 months to complete.

Adoration at the St. Pauline Shrine

Adoration at the St. Pauline Shrine Fridays and Saturdays 10:00AM- 4:00PM. 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

December 18 thru December 24

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Albert Hrapowicki by Children & Grandchildren*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by wife, Marian*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Helen & Clem Thomas by Family*

St. Casimir: No intention given

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

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

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Chet Gard by wife, Ann & Family*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of James Thomas by wife Barb & Family*



Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 7:00PM

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)

Christmas Wafers are available in the back of the church, donation is \$4.00 for a pack of 5 wafers.

Holy Angels 12 Days of Christmas Drawings

December 13th \$100 in Knoebels Tickets
winning number 266

December 14th \$100 Scicchitano Gift Card

December 15th \$100 Wine & Spirits Gift Card

December 16th \$100 Kulpmont Winery

December 17th \$100 Cash

December 18th \$100 Cash

December 19th \$100 Irish Isle Certificate

December 20th \$100 Walmart Gift Card

December 21st \$200 Cash

December 22nd \$200 Cash

December 23rd \$200 Cash

December 24th \$200 Cash

PREP Classes

Sunday, December 18 at 9:30AM for
Grades 6, 7, 8.

Monday, December 19 at 5:30PM for
Grades 1-5.

Guardian Angels Outreach Meal

Holy Angels Activity Center

Next Meal: Wednesday, January 4, 2023

4:00-4:45PM. Drive-up only.

Please note there will not be a meal on December 21 and December 28.

Baskets for those in need containing various food items will be given out on Monday, December 19 from 11:00AM-1:00PM at the Activity Center.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4:00PM, 6:00PM, 8:00PM

Christmas Day 9:30AM

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve 4:00PM & 5:30PM

New Year's Day 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to memorialize a flower for Christmas, please PRINT the names of your loved ones on the back of the contribution envelope for flowers. The names which are submitted will be published in the bulletin on Christmas Day.

Win Your Dream Vacation

Our Lady of Lourdes 'Win Your Dream Vacation' includes a Grand Prize to Walt Disney World, Florida valued at \$7,000!

Also a chance to win four other great prizes- \$1,000 gift card to Great Wolf Lodge; \$750 gift card to Great Wolf Lodge; \$500 Boscov's Travel gift card; \$250 Hershey Park gift card.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased through Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School students. Fund-raiser hosted by the OLOL Home and School Association. For more information call 570-644-0375. Drawing will take place LIVE on Facebook December 22, 2022. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church with details!

***Memorial Donations
were given to Holy Angels Parish
In Loving Memory of***

Lucy Shimko by Ann Demczko

James Thomas by Dennis & Marge Brida

Marilyn Swatski by Loretta & Mary Gratti

Alberta Zlockie by Cathy Lacroce, Aldo Mirarchi,
Mike & Patti Higgins, Aileen Altmire, Giorgini
Family, Joseph Litchko, Ted & Jackie Matlow,
Bernard Bolick, Millie Smith, Scheithauer Family-
Chris, Pat & Maria, Mike & Mary Ann Katchick,
Mary Kay & David Bartol, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Mirarchi, Dave & Joann Shinskie, Diane
McAndrew, Jack & Catherine Maciejewski,
Kenneth Welker, Jim & Kathy Nolan, Cindy Bartol,
Ann Demczko & Matthew, Kris Korkuch & Family,
Marian Soubik, Paul & Roseann Anderson,
Dorothea Yancoski..

Regina Sheganoski by Mary Kay & David Bartol,
Charles & Lucy Kaminsky, Myron & Linda Turlis,
Ray & Bev Balonis, Mike & Patti Higgins, David &
Theresa Marazas, Dave & Joann Shinskie, Cindy
Bartol.

Connie Barni by Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Dave
& Elaine Baksi & Family, Mary Kay & David
Bartol, Dave & Joann Shinskie, Coroniti Family.

Michael Terry by Thomas & Connie Terry.

Eileen Sassani by Ed & Deborah Martin.

William Bressi by Ed & Deborah Martin.

Patricia Shihinski by Paul & Roseann Anderson.

Mary Chapman Lawler by American Legion
Auxiliary 608, Barb & Fred Islemann, Mary
McGinley Smith, Gloria Klemas, Michael White,
Joan Roberts, Jos Hanna, Joseph & Mary Lawler,
Edward, Linda Lawler & son, James, Jack & June
Lawler, Jim, Debbie & Ashleigh Vogel, Alex
Laskoski, Centralia American Legion Auxiliary,
Centralia Fire Co., Steven & Dorothy Kranzel,
Mary C. Buhay, Steven & Virginia Hoffman, Judi
McGinley, Steve & Alexa Grove, 1958 Class of
Con Cen High School, Tina, Billy & Dee, David &
Sue, Mike & Brenda, June Frouzt.

Katherine Stasick by Paul & Roseann Anderson.

Rose Shannon by Michael White.

Elizabeth Sassani by Aldo Mirarchi, Robert &
Mary Ann Levins.

Genevieve Dallatore by Dave & Joann Shinskie,
Sarann Keyack.

Giles Bielski by Paul & Roseann Anderson

Bernadine Witowski by Frank & Rose Pecaitis,
Dave & Elaine Baksi.

Joseph Lubeskie by Mike & Patti Higgins, Aldo
Mirarchi, Michael White, Jeff & Roxie Kruleski,
Thomas & Barbara Kearns, Margaret Bilder,
Reynold & Patty Scicchitano, Pam & Craig
Rhoades, David & Marie Augustine, Dave & Joann
Shinskie, Jacqueline Moncavage, Andrew &
Melissa Farrow.

Ralph Little by Aldo Mirarchi, Mary Ann Balonis,
Dave & Joann Shinskie, Charles & Tracey
Choplick, Frank & Kathy Pupo, Ed & Deborah
Martin, Ed & Maureen Zack, Millie & Marcia
Smith, HALO, Arthur & Michelle Hower.

Lori Janoka by Ed & Maureen Zack.

Rosina Procopio by Pauline Mirarchi & Family.

Evo Coroniti by Gabriella Lacroce & Family,
Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Tony & Barb
Deromedi.

Dr. Ugo Mirarchi by Pauline Mirarchi & Family,
Aldo Mirarchi.

Mass at the St. Pauline Shrine

All are invited to attend the Mass at the St. Pauline Shrine on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 9:00AM. Mass will be celebrated each First Friday of the Month at the St. Pauline Shrine.

**Young Catholic Professionals is coming to the
Susquehanna Valley!**

Are you a hardworking, career focused Catholic in your 20s or 30s? We could use your energy and drive as part of our YCP leadership team! Are you a prominent Catholic business owner or working professional in the Diocese looking to give back to the next generation? We could use your knowledge and experience as part of our YCP board of directors!

What is Young Catholic Professionals? YCP is a national organization with regional chapters that provide networking and development opportunities for young working Catholics to inspire them to live out their faith through their professional career. Interested? Visit <https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/apply>

Our Lady of Hope Church will hold a Christmas Cookie Sale on Friday, December 16 from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday, December 17 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Parish Hall, 863 W. Chestnut St. There will be a variety of freshly baked cookies: pizzelles, Russian tea cakes, ricotta cookies, iced buttermilk sugar cookies, genettes, chocolate snowballs, Belgian spice cookies and other assorted cookies/baked goods. Cookie prices: \$10 a dozen; \$20 for 2-dozen cookie tray (2 lbs.); pizzelles \$8 a dozen, and assorted baked goods as marked. Pre-orders are encouraged by calling the parish office at 570-648-4432 (Monday - Thursday 9 am to 3 pm). In-person selection on the day of the sale will also be available.

World Youth Day 2023

Spots are still open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. All young adults ages 18-39 (at time of departure) are invited to join in this exciting adventure to convene with the Holy Father and young people from around the world. The pilgrimage will take place July 30th-August 7th and will also include a visit to Fatima, where our Blessed Mother famously appeared to the three shepherd children. Registration includes all lodging, flights, and other travel accommodations and can be done online via our [travel agency Regina Tours](https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/wyd/). Visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/wyd/> for details. Deposits are due by the end of the year (December 31st) so act quickly!

Any questions, please contact Zack Haney, Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry: zhaney@hbgdiocese.org 717-657-4804 ext 307

**Our Lady of Hope
Sunday Evening Mass**

Our Lady of Hope Church, Coal Township will be adding a 6:00PM Mass into their Mass schedule beginning January 8, 2023. This Mass is for people in the area that travel, participate in sports or can't attend Sunday morning Mass.

Dear Padre,

My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the “Eucharist.” I grew up calling it the “Mass.” Why the difference?

Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. “Eucharist” was used to describe the early Church’s gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means “the sending.” This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” In the Latin Mass, this phrase is “*ite missa est*.” No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the “missa” or “mass.” Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the “dismissal,” or the “Mass.” ●

— The Redemptorists
DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 19 Advent Weekday Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a Lk 1:5–25	December 20 Advent Weekday Is 7:10–14 Lk 1:26–38	December 21 Advent Weekday Sg 2:8–14 Lk 1:39–45	December 22 Advent Weekday 1 Sm 1:24–28 Lk 1:46–56	December 23 Advent Weekday Mal 3:1–4, 23–24 Lk 1:57–66	December 24 Advent Weekday 2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67–79	December 25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Is 52:7–10 Heb 1:1–6 Jn 1:1–18



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.

HOMILY, MASS FOR BEGINNING OF
PETRINE MINISTRY, MARCH 19, 2013



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
Isaiah 7:10–14 / Romans 1:1–7 / Matthew 1:18–24



Holy Voices

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, “I hear voices. They come from God.” Robert disagrees, “They come from your imagination.” “Of course,” says Joan, “that is how messages of God come to us.”

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens

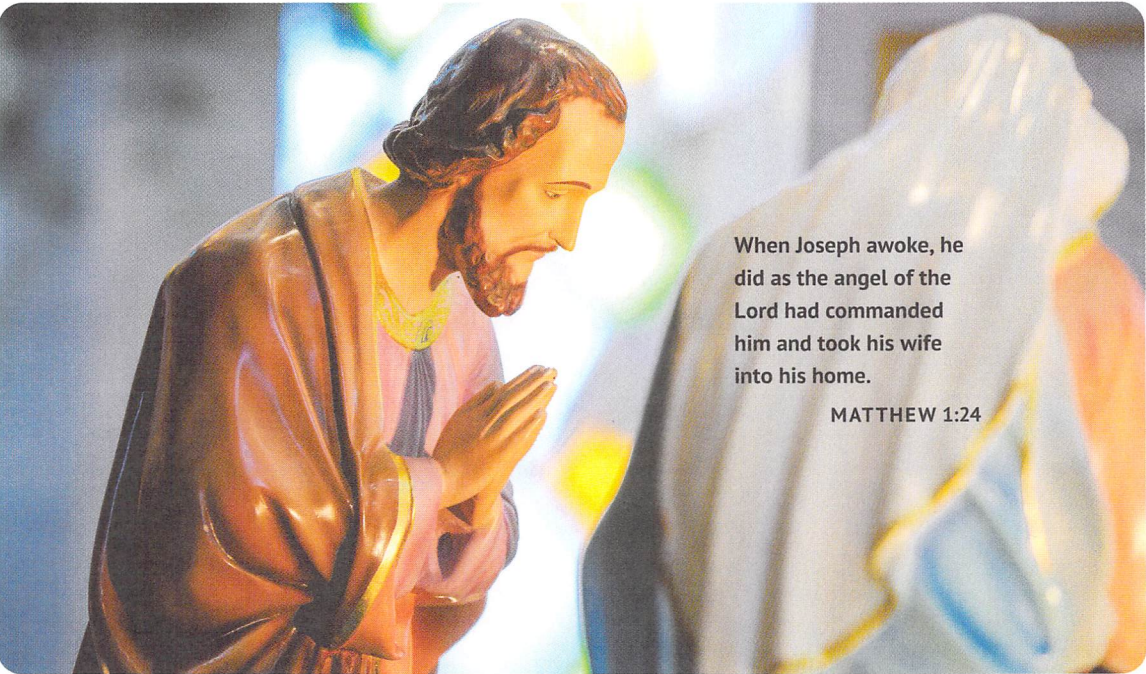
to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

Reflect

Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed? What came of it?

Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

MATTHEW 1:24