

# Church of the Holy Angels

March 5, 2023, Second Sunday of Lent

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

SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND

MASSES, 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

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Saturday, March 4

8:00am Rita Adamcik

4:00pm Rosalina Scicchitano

5:30pm Lawrence & Helen Morata

Sunday, March 5

8:30am Alma Mannello

10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, March 6

8:00am Vince Chesney

Tuesday, March 7

8:00am Joseph Cesari

Wednesday, March 8

8:00am James Korenkiewicz

Thursday, March 9

8:00am Carl DePaulis

Friday, March 10

8:00am Robert Joseph Thurick

Saturday, March 11

8:00am Dr. William Rumberger

4:00pm Cynthia & Danny Wasilewski

5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, March 12

8:30am Louis "Fusso" Galgocy

10:30am Anna Croker

*Of Your Charity*, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Arlene Malewski**, 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.

## 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

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Weekend of February 26

Number of registered households 814

Sunday Offering ( Households) \$4,147.00

Loose Cash \$85.00

Youth Offering \$79.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$20.00

Votive Candles \$180.00

Air conditioning maintenance(2/22 & 2/26) \$544.00

Energy \$10.00

Ash Wednesday \$1,038.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$6,103.00

Weekend of February 26 -\$2,230.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$34,824.00

Weekend of February 26 +\$38.00

Balance \$34,862.00

Diocesan Collections

Poor Missions \$18.00

Propagation of the Faith \$23.00

Mass Attendance the Weekend of February 26

4:00PM 130 8:30AM 105

5:30PM 44 10:30AM 104

Total Attendance 383

## HALO Easter Egg Sale

Chocolate, Coconut, Peanut Butter and Butter Cream.

\$5 a half dozen. Saturdays, March 18 and April 1.

9am-11am in the Activity Center.

## HALO's Chinese Auction

**On April 30, Holy Angels Ladies Organization (HALO) will be holding a Chinese Auction. If you are able to donate a NEW item or two that can be auctioned off, please drop it off at the Parish Office during office hours. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. More information on the Auction will be in future bulletins**

## Stations of the Cross

Stations will be prayer on Fridays at 2:00PM & 7:00PM. Please join us for this prayerful journey of Jesus and His Cross.

### 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 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.

### Please note change in schedule!

#### Adoration at the St. Pauline Shrine

Adoration at the St. Pauline Shrine Friday and Saturday 10:00AM- 4:00PM. Join us at 3:00 pm on Friday 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.

#### Mass at the St. Pauline Shrine

All are invited to attend the Mass at the St. Pauline Shrine on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 9:00AM. Please note that the First Friday in April is also Good Friday. Therefore the Mass at the St. Pauline Shrine will be celebrated on April 14.

### Vigil Lights

March 5 thru March 11

**Sanctuary Light:** *In loving memory of Diane White by Friends*

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

**St. Anne:** *In loving memory of Annina Procopio by Pauline Mirarchi & Family*

**St. Casimir:** *In loving memory of Monica Brozoskie by Husband & Family*

**St. Theresa:** *In loving memory of James Korenkiewicz by wife, Theresa*

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

**St. Marziale:** *In loving memory of Assunta Greco Mannello by sister, Delfina*

**Sacred Heart:** *In loving memory of Samuel J. Bressi by granddaughter, Lee Ann*



### PREP Classes

Sunday, March 5, 19, 26 at 9:30AM for Grades 6, 7, 8.

Monday, March 6, 20, 27 at 5:30PM for Grades 1-5.

### Guardian Angels Outreach Meal

Holy Angels Activity Center

Next Meal: Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
4:00-4:45PM. Drive-up only.

### Upcoming Dinners at Holy Angels

March 19, City Chicken

April 16, Steak Dinner

May 7, Roasted Chicken

June 4, Stuffed Peppers

June 23 & 24, Stuffed Cabbage Sale

### Mark your Calendar!

#### Lenten Fish Dinners at Holy Angels

March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31

Drive up to Activity Center Donation \$10.00

Take-out Only 4:00-5:30PM or sold out.



### Attention all Bakers!

We would greatly appreciate any cake donations to be used as desserts at the Fish Dinners. Cakes can be dropped off at the Activity Center during the day on Thursday or Friday mornings.

### Adult Choir Practice

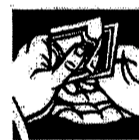
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00PM



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

### Lenten Communal Penance Services

Penance Services will be held throughout the area the week of March 12. Please note the times and places as listed below.

Sunday, March 12 Mother Cabrini, Shamokin 1:00PM

Sunday, March 12, St. Patrick, Trevorton 3:00PM

Monday, March 13, Holy Angels, Kulpmont 7:00PM

Tuesday, March 14, Holy Rosary, Elysburg 7:00PM

Wednesday, March 15, Divine Redeemer, Mount Carmel 6:30PM

### Bible Study: Eucharist Series

The Eucharist bible study will resume in March. The last five sessions will focus on the Eucharist in the New Testament.

Sessions are March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2. Study starts at 6 PM in the church hall. Please don't forget to bring your workbooks.

Come and discover the amazement and miracles of the Eucharist! New participants are welcome---please contact Kathy (570-205-4704) or Deb (570-274-5861).

### Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

March 5<sup>th</sup> Our Lady's Parish in Mt. Carmel

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Or Sold out)

Dinner includes: Pork & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes,

Applesauce, Dinner Roll and Dessert

\$10.00/Platter TAKE-OUT ONLY

**Kulpmont American Legion Breakfast Buffet**  
 Sunday, March 12 8:00AM-12:00Noon  
 \$10.00 All You Can Eat  
 includes: Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Home  
 Fries, Waffles, French Toast, Toast, Coffee, Juice,  
 Water

**Mount Carmel Ministerium Lenten Mid Week  
 Services "Conversations by the Cross"**

All are invited to attend these prayerful evenings  
 which consist of an inspirational prayer service as  
 well as a soup and sandwich buffet. Listed below are  
 the dates and locations of the services. The services  
 begin at 6:00PM.  
 March 9- First United Methodist Church, Hickory  
 Street, Mount Carmel  
 March 16- Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
 March 23- Holy Angels, Kulpmont  
 March 30- Ashland Methodist/Presbyterian Church

**Lenten Fish Dinners**

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Elysburg  
 Parish Social Hall Take-Out Only  
 March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Pick-up: 4:00 to 5:30pm

**Mother Cabrini's Easter Egg Sale**

Peanut Butter & Coconut Eggs will be sold in the church  
 hall after the weekend Masses  
 Saturdays 4pm, Sundays, 7am, 8:45am & 11am  
 also, orders can be placed by calling the parish office at  
 570-648-4512 between the hours of 9am & 3pm.  
 \$6.00 ½ dz. / \$12.00 dz.

**St Patrick Day Dance**

West End Fire Company, Kulpmont  
 Friday, March 17, 7:00PM-9:00PM  
 Music by "Check 1 Two"  
 \$5.00 Cover

**Think homelessness doesn't occur in our area?  
 Think again...**

There are hundreds of people in our community that  
 need help right now! Please support RCAA Health  
 Services in their fight against homelessness. RCAA  
 currently supports 20 previously homeless individuals  
 in three locations and is hoping to expand its facilities  
 to house 5 more. In addition, we hope to build a  
 community information center which will give hope  
 to hundreds or thousands more.  
 Please visit [www.raisetheregion.org](http://www.raisetheregion.org) (and search for  
 "RCAA") anytime from Wednesday, March 8th at  
 6:00 PM until Thursday, March 9th at 11:59PM to  
 join our fight. There you can read more about Our  
 Story and make a real difference. Thanks to the Raise  
 the Region campaign, all contributions made during  
 these hours will be "stretched" to provide even more  
 support toward our efforts. Thank you for your  
 consideration and God bless you!  
 If you, or anyone you know, are in need of help due to  
 homelessness or addiction, please call RCAA (Rick)  
 at 570-975-7802.

**Saint Pauline Spring Fling Raffle**

1150 Chestnut Street Kulpmont  
 (parking in rear/Handicap Accessible)  
 Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon-5:00PM  
 Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00PM  
 Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon -6:00PM  
 Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM-5:00PM

\$20 for a sheet of 26 tickets. Additional sheets of  
 tickets can be purchased for \$10 a sheet after initial  
 purchase. 50/50 chances also available

Food will be available for purchase on March 17<sup>th</sup> &  
 18<sup>th</sup>.

200 prizes including a grill, 6 piece patio set, 50  
 inch TV, Yeti cooler, lawn mower, cash, lottery tree,  
 patio heater, 3 piece patio set, outdoor day bed, Vera  
 Bradley, small appliances. Something for everyone men,  
 women and children!

**Mahoney Brothers Are Back!**

The Mahoney Brothers, "The world's greatest  
 musical impersonation show," will be back in our area  
 on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. This year the show will be held  
 at the Brady Fire Company's Banquet Hall.

Doors open at 3:00PM. The show begins at 4:00PM.  
 All proceeds from the show will be used for volunteer  
 programs and to support youth athletic programs in our  
 area.

Cost is only \$20 and tickets can be purchased at  
 Academy Sports, Mount Carmel, The Subway at  
 Walmart, Brady Fire Company or at the door on March  
 12<sup>th</sup>. Food, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages  
 available. Call Joe for more information 570-373-3561.

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Help Save the Parking Lot**

The parking lot at OLOL is in dire need of repairs.  
 Our goal is to have the entire parking area milled and  
 paved, both front and back lots.

We will be participating in Raise the Region  
 beginning Wednesday, March 8 at 6PM & will end on  
 Thursday, March 9 at 11:59PM. The website to make  
 your donation is [www.raisetheregion.org](http://www.raisetheregion.org). Search for  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School.

Last year, the Lourdes Family had a total of 292  
 gifts from alumni and friends in 21 states and one  
 foreign country. Those funds are being used to replace  
 the school roof. Thank you for your support!

**9 things you need to know about Lent** by Jimmy  
 Aiken (The Senior Apologist at Catholic Answers).

**1. What is Lent?** According to the Universal  
 Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General  
 Roman Calendar [.pdf]: 27. Lent [is a liturgical  
 season that] is ordered to preparing for the  
 celebration of Easter, since the Lenten  
 liturgy prepares for celebration of the Paschal  
 Mystery both catechumens, by the various stages  
 of Christian initiation, and the faithful, who recall  
 their own Baptism and do penance.

*Watch for the other 8 in upcoming bulletins~*



***Standing Altar Candles for the Month of March***

In Loving Memory of

Chet Gard . . . . .	wife, Ann & Family
Irene & Michael Dumcock . . . . .	Mary Ann & Preston Dormer
Mary & Preston Dormer . . . . .	Mary Ann & Preston Dormer
Robert Kidron . . . . .	Mary Ann & Preston Dormer
Bill Roberts . . . . .	wife, Joan & Family

Given by



# Dear Padre,

## What is the value of lighting a candle in church?

Lighting candles is one of many customs that can be found in most of the world's religions. Lit candles, in church or at home, in front of a picture or statue of a favorite saint, serve a symbolic function. The light of the candle represents our desire that our prayer may be constant, as St. Paul urged (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The candle burns while we go about our daily tasks, symbolizing our desire to be at prayer with God. Similarly, Tibetan Buddhists spin prayer wheels and believe that as long as the wheels spin, a prayer is offered. Candles give light and banish the darkness. For Catholics they symbolize the light of Christ, by whose death and resurrection we are saved.

Lighting a candle isn't a required act. You can pray without lighting candles, without statues, without anything but your faith in God. However, we Catholics love our symbols. We like to engage all of our senses in our prayer experience: beautiful churches, colored light, incense, great music and, yes, candles.

One extreme position to avoid is lighting a candle hoping it will cause something else to happen, like the sudden cure of a loved one or relief from financial ruin. We are to avoid all appearance of using candles as if they have an untapped, magical power. Nevertheless, lighting a candle as a part of our prayer is a comforting custom and most things (and people?) look lovelier by candlelight. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / 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*.

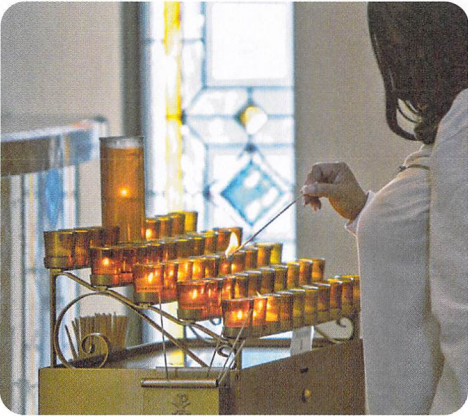
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17-28	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Ex 17:3-7
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
						Jn 4:5-42



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy,... "The only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint."*

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD), MARCH 19, 2018



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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-19



## Once Upon a Mountaintop

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**M**any people, perhaps most people, have had a religious experience of some sort, something akin to that of Peter, James, and John atop the mountain with Jesus. It may or may not have included hearing a voice. Most often it is a deep sense of God's presence beyond anything they have ever known, like a profound realization of what life is about or how it is laced through and through with God. It usually occurs as we are idle, not doing anything in particular, and often when we are younger, yet it is also something that changes our understanding of what life and God are about.

Most people do not talk about such experiences for any number of reasons, partly because there do not seem to be words to describe such a moment in a way anyone would understand, like trying to describe falling in love. Partly because if we tried, we fear others would think us strange. And partly because we can find ourselves wondering whether it was real or simply our imagination. Yet always we remember the moment and know it to be true.

One additional characteristic of such moments is that they tend to take us to a new place in life, as with Abram in the first reading. For him it was to pack up his life and move. More likely for us it is to a life of service, caring, and treasuring all of life now in a new way. ●

### Reflect

*If you've had a religious experience, is there someone you can talk to about how it changed your faith?*

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

MATTHEW 17:5B

