

# Church of the Holy Angels

August 25, 2024, Twenty-first 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

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

Michael Shannon, Jeff Kruleski, Maintenance

Alex Clayberger, Sacristan

## FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,

Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

## MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, August 24

8:00am Meridah Wewuza

4:00pm Helen & Clem Parker

5:30pm John & Anna Bartol

Sunday, August 25

8:30am Patricia Zlocki

10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, August 26

8:00am Anna Buchinski

Tuesday, August 27

8:00am Ellen Jane Knerr

Wednesday, August 28

8:00am Dolores Wojtkielewicz

Thursday, August 29

8:00am William Britton

Friday, August 30

8:00am Sr. Maureen Ruth Weisglass

Saturday, August 31

8:00am Patricia Mayton

4:00pm James Welte

5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, September 1

8:30am Bernie Darrah

10:30am Joseph Tighe



## 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 August 18

Number of registered households 803

Sunday Offering (196 Households) \$4,040.00

Loose Cash \$53.00

Youth Offering \$33.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$10.00

Air Conditioning Maintenance  
(August 14, 15, 17, 18) \$668.00

Energy \$252.00

Votive Candles \$190.00

Assumption of the BVM \$1,327.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$6,573.00

Weekend of August 18 -\$1,760.00

## Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$41,791.00

Weekend of August 18 +\$98.00

Balance \$41,889.00

## Diocesan Collections

Missionary Cooperative \$539.00

## Diocesan Annual Campaign

2024 Goal \$19,085.00

Total Donations to date \$21,510.38

Amount over goal \$2,424.93

## Mass Attendance

Feast of the Assumption

7:00pm Vigil- 77

8:00am - 57

7:00pm - 47

Total - 181



Weekend of August 18

4:00PM-109 5:30PM- 52

8:30AM-93 10:30AM-94

Total-348

### 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.

### Adoration at the St. Pauline Shrine

The St. Pauline Shrine is open on Friday's and Saturday's from 10:00AM- 4:00PM. Join us at 3:00 pm on Friday for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome. **Mass at the St. Pauline Shrine will be celebrated at 9:00AM on Friday, September 6, 2024.**

### Vigil Lights

**August 25 thru August 31**

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of*

*Samuel J. Bressi by granddaughter, Lee Ann*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of*

*Dorothy K. Gudz by Friends*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of Rev. Matthias E. Siedlecki by Friends*

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of Rita Stewart by Friends*

St. Kateri: *In loving memory of Rita & Joe Foris by Family*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Andy Foris by Family*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Monica Brozoskie by Family*

### Guardian Angels Outreach Meal

#### Holy Angels Activity Center

**Next Meal: Wednesday, August 28, 2024**

Meals will be served with the following guidelines:

1. Doors of the Activity Center will open at 3:50PM.
2. Dinner will be served beginning at 4:00PM.
3. Guests can be seated and served any time from 4:00-4:45PM.
4. All meals must be eaten in the Activity Center.
5. No meals will be served after 5:00PM.

#### Dinner at Holy Angels

##### Meatloaf Dinner

Sunday, August 25

10:30am-12:00pm or sold out

Dinner includes: Meatloaf, Potato, Veggie, Dessert

Donation \$10.00

Drive up to Activity Center

Upcoming Dinner at Holy Angels  
September 15, 2024

Pasta, Chicken Parm, Meatballs!



**Holy Angels Parish Religious Education** will begin Sunday, September 8, at 9:30 - 11:30am for Grades 6, 7 and 8. Class for Grades 1 - 5 will take place on Monday, September 9 at 5:30 - 7:00pm. All grades meet in the church basement. (Directions will be given from there.) Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Yearly schedules will be sent home the first day of class. Any questions, call JForis at 570-490-0099

### Alain Zerbini Circus

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 5:00PM & 7:00PM

Kulpmont Veterans Sports Complex

Sponsored by the St. Pauline Shrine

All children (14 & under) are admitted free and must be accompanied by an adult (adult admission \$10.00)

Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

### IHM SISTERS SELLING CHANCES

Where: Holy Angels

When: September 14-15

Why: To benefit Camilla Hall Nursing Home for the retired and aged Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Chances: \$5.00 a chance

Cash Prizes: \$5,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$200, and \$100

Drawing: Saturday October 5, 2024 at the Oktoberfest in Malvern, PA.

Thank you for your generous support. God bless all!

### Thank You from HALO!

A very special thanks to all who donated back to school supplies for our children's Back to School Party which was held this past weekend in the Activity Center. God Bless all of you!

### Teacher Needed

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School is in need of a certified 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher for Religion and Language Arts. If interested please contact Sr. Mary Chapman at Our Lady of Lourdes. 570-644-0375.

### **Holy Angels Holy Name Society**

The next Holy Name Society meeting will be held on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> following the 8:30am Mass. The meeting will be held in the Activity Center. All men of the parish are invited to sit with us, pray with us, and attend the meeting. This year marks the 750th year anniversary of the inception of the Holy Name Society when ...Pope Gregory X prescribed that the faithful should have a special devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, and Blessed John of Vercelli, a Dominican Friar, was instructed to lead the way.

### **The 2024 Pennsylvania March for Life will be on Monday, September 23, 2024, in Harrisburg.**

The schedule is:

**\*New\* Sunday, September 22** - 7:00 pm Mass followed by Overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick Cathedral (212 State Street, Harrisburg). Note, street parking is free on Sundays in Harrisburg.

**Monday, September 23** - March for Life Schedule:

**10:00 AM – Pre-Rally Prayer & Praise** Main stage at the front steps of PA Capitol

**11:00 AM – March for Life Rally** Main stage at the front steps of the PA Capitol

**12:00 PM – Pennsylvania March for Life**

More information can be found at <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/>  
**Monday, September 23** - March for Life Mass & Confession Schedule:

**9:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 1:30 pm at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State St., Harrisburg. Confessions will be available from 10:30 am-1:30 pm.**

Everyone in the Diocese of Harrisburg and the greater Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is invited and strongly encouraged to attend. We will unite in prayer and number to support protecting the sanctity of human life in Pennsylvania.

### **Retrouvaille**

Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a marriage program for couples whose marriage has drifted off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information, or to register for the upcoming weekend starting September 13, 2024, please contact Mike and Dawn Floyd at 717-356-2185.

**Our Lady of Hope Church, Coal Township** will hold its annual Fall Festival on Friday, September 13, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, September 14, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. The festival will be held inside the parish center, and outside on the parish grounds located at 863 West Chestnut Street. A variety of ethnic food will be served: potato cakes, pierogi, haluski, pigeons, Italian sweet sausage hoagies, bbq sandwiches and a variety of cakes, baked goods and desserts. Water, soda and adult beverages will also be available. We will have many theme baskets and gift cards inside at our raffle and outside we will have children and adult games to play. There will also be a free bounce house and face painting for the kids. Live entertainment will include, Friday, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Light Switch, Saturday 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Radio Station Bill 95 and V97 and Ed Krepp will entertain from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Come out and join us for some fall fun!

**Our Lady of Hope (863 W Chestnut St., Coal Township, PA) will offer a Sensory-Friendly Mass on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm.** This Mass will include lower lights, softer music, and shorter more literal homilies; however, the biggest difference is that we will create an environment that is welcoming and nonjudgmental to all. We encourage families and individuals to get up and move if needed, to bring alternative seating, fidgets or noise cancelling headphones and to participate in the liturgy just as they are.

Attendees are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy (i.e. noise-cancelling headphones, wiggle seats, weighted blankets, fidgets, etc.) For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 570-648-4432 or [rzawalick@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rzawalick@hbgdiocese.org). All are welcome to attend.

**Beginning Experience** is hosting its next retreat weekend on Nov. 8-10, 2024. The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends. For more information, please go to <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/catholic-life-and-evangelization/navigating-marriage-difficulties/> or contact Beginning Experience team member Julie at 717-379-0800

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

**Jean Blugis** by Bill, Debbie & Sophia Schlesener.

**Diane Ciocco** by Joann Little, Cindy Bartol.

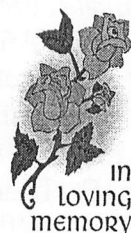
**John Nolan** by Joseph Pelchar.

**Umberto Mirarchi** by Pauline Mirarchi & Family

**Steve Krehel** by Kulpmont High School Class of 1963.

**Original members of the Holy Name Society/Organizers of the First San Marziale Procession** by  
Jim Nolan & Family.

**Margaret Malin** by Paul & Roseann Anderson.





# Dear Padre,

*A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?*

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67).

It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●

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PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY MARY MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, DIEGO FIORE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 26 Weekday 2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12 Mt 23:13–22	August 27 St. Monica 2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 Mt 23:23–26	August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 Mt 23:27–32	August 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:1–9 Mk 6:17–29	August 30 Weekday 1 Cor 1:17–25 Mt 25:1–13	August 31 Weekday 1 Cor 1:26–31 Mt 25:14–30	September 1 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 4:1–2, 6–8 Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27 Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23



STEVE LOVEGROVE / SHUTTERSTOCK

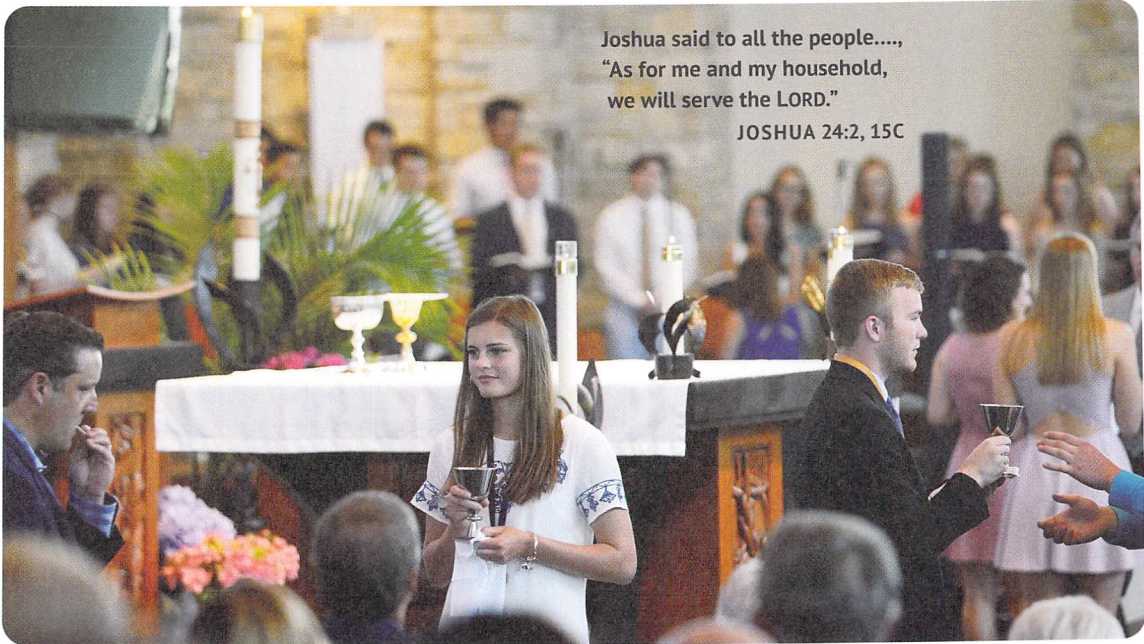
## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: “But who do you— you!—say that I am?” Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 27, 2023

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 25, 2024  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b / Ephesians 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32 / John 6:60–69



Joshua said to all the people....,  
“As for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD.”  
JOSHUA 24:2, 15C

## Taking a Stand Matters

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day I happened to be sitting and chatting with some teenagers. When the discussion turned to parents, expectations, and how they respond, I asked them, “What’s really important to you? What do you value and try not to compromise on?” “Why do you want to know?” one asked. “Just wondering,” I said. Silence. Then one said that being honest was really important to her, that she always tried to tell the truth. Another said “family.” Another, respecting his body, said, “No drugs, no alcohol.” More silence, and then one spoke of her faith and how it really mattered and made a difference in her life. Their conversation then moved on to other things, friends, movies, and what to do later that day.

In reality, I had another reason for asking my question, one beyond a simple inquiry. There is something good about saying aloud what is truly important to us, what we won’t compromise on. Saying it out loud makes it more real, something we can stand for. Some of those teens didn’t say anything, maybe because they had never thought about what their values were. Perhaps hearing others speak up inspired them to think about it, maybe for the first time in their lives. Saying aloud where we stand in life makes a difference.

Jesus reminds us that it is the spirit that gives life, that the flesh is of no avail. Some of those teens have already begun to realize this truth. ●

### Reflect

*What are some values that you do not forsake easily? Why?*