

Church of the Holy Angels

February 9, 2025, Fifth 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, 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

Saturday, February 8

8:00am Ann Yanchuck

4:00pm Edward Bielski

5:30pm Robert & Christine Jevelle

Sunday, February 9

8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am Catherine Nestico

Monday, February 10

8:00am Peter Molesevich

Tuesday, February 11

8:00am Robert Tocyloski

Wednesday, February 12

8:00am Anna Croker

Thursday, February 13

8:00am Mary Lou Edmondson

Friday, February 14

8:00am Steve & Gertrude Foris

Saturday, February 15

8:00am Anthony R. Bressi

4:00pm Ann & Ted Deptula

5:30pm Kerren Shiko

Sunday, February 16

8:30am Vince & Stella Chesney

10:30am People of the Parish

Of Your Charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sam Pittello**, 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 February 2

Number of registered households 801

Sunday Offering (Households) \$4,078.00

Loose Cash \$185.00

Youth Offering \$106.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$25.00

Air Conditioning Maintenance \$452.00

Votive Candles \$295.00

Initial Offering \$10.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$5,151.00

Weekend of February 2 -\$3,182.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$45,613.00

Weekend of February 2 +\$515.00

Balance \$46,128.00

Christmas Collection

Previous Balance \$15,389.00

Additional Christmas \$100.00

Total Christmas to date \$15,489.00

Diocesan Collections

Society for the Propagation of the Faith \$197.00

Mass Attendance

Weekend of February 2

4:00PM- 133 5:30PM- 45

8:30AM- 102 10:30AM- 93

Total- 373

Diocesan Annual Campaign

In a few days, you will be receiving a mailing from the Diocese of Harrisburg which will be information about the Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC). This year our goal is \$19,957.00. We ask that you prayerfully consider what contribution you can make in order to help us reach our goal. Checks can be made out to the Diocese of Harrisburg and mailed directly to them.

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 weather permitting from 10:00AM- 4:00PM for the months of January & February. 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, March 7, 2025.

Vigil Lights

February 9 thru February 14

Angel Light: *In loving memory of
Steve & Gertrude Foris by Carmella, Rosesann &
Family*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of
John Deromedi by wife, Chris*

St. Annie: *In loving memory of
Samuel J. Bressi by granddaughter, Lee Ann*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of
Jane Chesney Korbich by Bob & Claudia Chesney*

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of
Nicholas Gard by Ron & Dolly Smith*

St. Kateri: *In loving memory of
Andrew Kline by Aunt Sherry*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of
Mike & Ken Sikora by Family*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of
Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*



Guardian Angels Outreach Meal

Holy Angels Activity Center

Next Meal: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Doors open at 3:50PM. Dinner served 4:00-4:45pm.

No take-outs. No meals served after 5:00pm.

Dinner at Holy Angels

Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Veggie

Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:30am-12pm or sold out.

Donation \$10.00

Drive up to Activity Center. Take-out only.

Up-coming Dinner at Holy Angels

3 Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie

Sunday, March 16, 2025

10:30AM-12:00PM or sold out

Donation \$12.00

Holy Angels Parish Religious Education

Grades 6, 7 and 8

Sundays, February 9, 23

9:30 - 11:30am

Grades 1 - 5

Mondays, February 24

5:30-7:00pm



Parish Cemeteries

We ask that you please remove all Christmas items from your loved ones graves by February 15. We do our best to maintain a respectable appearance for our cemeteries and with your cooperation we can achieve this more easily.

"With Jesus to The Cross"

Come and join us this Lent as we walk through the Holy Scriptures transforming our hearts and bringing us into a deeper relationship with Jesus. This Bible study from Word Among Us will prepares us each week for the upcoming Sunday's Lenten liturgy through faith filled scripture readings and discussion.

The Bible study begins Sunday March 2 at 6 PM in the church basement. The study will run each Sunday from March 2nd through April 6th. The cost of the study is \$10. Please contact either Kathy at 570-205-4704 or Debbie at 570-274-5861 by February 17.

Life Geisinger

Are you 55 or older and in need of medical support and care? LIFE Geisinger might be for you. An array of services helps you stay right where you want to be — in your own home.

With LIFE Geisinger, you'll have:

Medical care

Social services

Pharmacy oversight and counseling,

Occupational, physical and speech therapy

Ongoing restorative and maintenance therapy

Meals and nutritional counseling

Prescription medications covered at 100%

Provided durable medical equipment (if needed)

Socialization and supervision at our adult day center

Transportation to our center and to other physician appointments

Home care services, including laundry, housekeeping chores and grocery shopping

Not sure which services you need? Not to worry. Our team will work with you to select services and personalize your care. Contact Kirsten Busko at 570-373-2122

HALO Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at
6:00PM
in the Activity Center. All women
of the parish are encouraged to
join HALO!

Luck of the Irish Drawing Win \$999.00

Drawing date Monday, March 17
Tickets are now available in the vestibule after
the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office
during the week. Winning number will be
determined by the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3.
Donation \$10.00.

Choir Practice

Practice will be held on Wednesday, February
19 at 7:00PM. Holy Angels will be hosting
Confirmation on Saturday, March 8. Members of
the adult choir are asked to please mark the date
on your calendar and plan on attending.

Xavier Society for the Blind Resources

The Xavier Society for the Blind is an organization
devoted to providing *free* braille, audio, and large
print materials to Catholic who are blind or visually
impaired.

In addition to the resources they already have, they are
soon going to be releasing the *New American Bible* in
large print and have the *Mass Propers* available in
large print each month.

If you know of a blind or visually impaired
parishioner who may benefit from these resources,
they can be registered for the Xavier Society's
offerings by filling out an application form (contact
the parish office) and sending it to
clientservices@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

For more information, see the attached flyer about the
Xavier Society for the Blind and their resources.

California Fires

In response to all those who have lost their
homes and all their possessions, we would like to
offer the opportunity to our faithful to participate
with charitable assistance. On the weekend of
February 15-16, the second collection will be
designated for Catholic Charities who are assisting
the fire victims. If you would like your
contribution to be recorded please use a plain
envelope marked "Fires" marked with your name
and/or your envelope number.

Lenten Fish Dinners

Once again, Holy Angels Parish will be having
the Lenten Fish Dinners on Fridays during lent
beginning March 7 thru April 11. Anyone who
would like to make a donation to help defray the
cost of the fish can do so! Drop your donation into
the weekend collection or stop in the parish office.

Knights of Columbus, The Christopher Club

Mt. Carmel

Pre-Lent Friday Buffalo Wing Night

Friday, February 21, 2025

Available 4:00pm until sold out;

Eat in or take out; Donation \$10.00 per doz.

Hot, Mild, Bar-B-Que, Parmesan Cheese.

Open to the public.

A no-smoking event per LCB regulations.



Do not be afraid...
LK.5:10

When Jesus Climbs Into Your Boat

Have you ever thought how Jesus Christ comes to be Lord of all areas of your life? It isn't all at once,
is it? First, we give him our heart and tell him we want to live for him, and yes there is that
wonderful peace and joy and we know we are loved. But then we go back to work on Monday and
the real world hits and we wonder "How can my faith make any difference in this place?" We know
his teachings and we know we are going to Heaven, but how does he transform our marriage or our
family or our workplace into the arena for his love works?

Well, often, he does exactly what he did with Peter in this morning's Gospel: He asks us if he can use
our "boat", our boat being whatever we use everyday to get us by, to gain security for ourselves. He
doesn't start preaching to us, he just enters kind of simple-like and then starts asking us to try his
path in the particular area he has entered. He may ask some very simple task of obedience and if we
say "Yes," as Peter did, we will be amazed at the results. Peter was.



Our Everyday Movements

Our everyday movements can also speak to us on a deeper level if we open ourselves up to them.
Sharing a meal with a friend as a love-bond with someone who nourishes us in our emptiness.
Emptying a seed pod and realizing that we, too, have to let go before new growth can come.
Lighting a candle to dispel our inner darkness.
Emptying and cleaning closets or boxes while we are ridding ourselves of some inner clutter.
Looking at photo albums when we need to remember the love and joy that past journeys have
offered to us.

Writing a letter in a lonely time as a reminder of connections of love that we still have.

Dear Padre,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●

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
February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13	February 12 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 13 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 14 <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 15 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 6, 2022



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 / Luke 5:1-11



They left everything
and followed him.

LUKE 5:11

Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

Reflect

*Do you experience God calling you?
What is your answer?*