

Church of the Holy Angels

April 6, 2025, Fifth 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

Michael Shannon, Jeff Kruleski, Maintenance

Alex Clayberger, Sacristan

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,
Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 5

8:00am Rose Adams
4:00pm Catherine Petrovich
5:30pm Frank Niglio

Sunday, April 6

8:30am Charles Zlockie, Sr.
10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, April 7

8:00am Leroy Bainbridge & Deceased of the
Bainbridge Family

Tuesday, April 8

8:00am Fr. Sylvan Capitani

Wednesday, April 9

8:00am Fr. Dan Meitzel

Thursday, April 10

8:00am Mary Sinopoli

Friday, April 11

8:00am Carl DePaulis

Saturday, April 12

8:00am Ann Yanchuck
4:00pm 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Dave & Elaine Baksi
5:30pm People of the Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 13

8:30am Joseph Staniszewski
10:30am Joseph Tighe

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of March 30

Number of registered households	804
Sunday Offering (191 Households)	\$3,872.50
Loose Cash	\$180.00
Youth Offering	\$75.00
Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One	\$25.00
Air Conditioning Maintenance	\$383.00
Energy	\$20.00
Votive Candles	\$220.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$4,775.50
Weekend of March 30	-\$3,557.50

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance	\$38,933.00
Weekend of March 30	+\$25.00
Balance	\$38,958.00

Diocesan Collections	
Church of Central & Eastern Europe	\$50.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$150.00

Mass Attendance

Weekend of March 30
4:00PM- 113 5:30PM- 61
8:30AM- 106 10:30AM- 122
Total- 402

Diocesan Annual Campaign

2025 Goal \$19,957.00
Donations to date \$9,884.00
Needed to reach goal \$10,073.00

If you have misplaced the mailing from the diocese, additional prayer cards and donation cards are available in the back of the church.



The prize to which God calls me.
PH. 3:14

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 Fridays and Saturdays 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, April 11, 2025.

Vigil Lights

April 6 thru April 12

Angel Light: *In loving memory of*
Msgr. Matthias E. Siedlecki by Friends

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

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

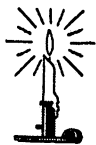
St. Casimir: *In loving memory of*
Rev. Aloysius Siedlecki by Leshock & Ziegler Families

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

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

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of*
Ronald Procopio by Cindy

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of*
Paul White by Kulpmont Class of 1954



Guardian Angels Outreach Meal

Holy Angels Activity Center

Next Meal: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

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

Upcoming Dinner at Holy Angels

Steak & Shrimp Dinner

Sunday, April 13, 2025

10:30AM-12Noon or sold out

Donation \$12.00

Drive up to Activity Center



Holy Angels Parish Religious Education

Grades 1 - 5

Monday: April 7,

5:30-7:00pm

Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00PM.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 2:00PM and 7:00PM.

Lenten Fish Dinner at Holy Angels

Friday, April 11 4:00-5:30PM

Drive up to Activity Center

Take out only. Donation \$12.00

Dinner includes Baked Haddock, Potato, Veggie & Dessert!

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.

Mount Carmel Ministerium

Lenten Series "The Silent Witnesses"

On Thursday evenings during Lent, all are invited to attend the Mount Carmel Ministerium Lenten Series "The Silent Witnesses". Following each prayer service refreshments will be served. All services begin at 6:00PM

April 10, United Methodist Church Girardville

Holy Name Society

Holy Name Sunday will be on April 6, 8:30am Mass.

All men are invited to sit with us and pray with us.

There will not be a meeting in April. The Society would like to thank all who recently

Made a donation to the Holy Name and with your Support the Holy Name was able to contribute

To our parish Lenten Fish Dinner.

Clark's Grove Chicken Barbeque

Saturday, April 26, 11:00AM-4:00PM

Eat-in or Take-out

\$12 per dinner. Must purchase ticket in advance!

Please call Rev. Bridget at 570-205-9263.

Mount Carmel Lions' Club

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

with Salad and Dessert

Sunday, May 4, 2025 11:30AM-2:00PM

Atlas Legion (corner of Rt 61 and Wilburton Road)

Adults \$10.00. Take-out only. Containers will be provided (no need to bring your own).

Tickets available at the event or from any Lions member.

Deanery Lenten Penance Services

(Our Lady of Hope being chosen the Jubilee Deanery Church), Our Lady of Hope Coal Twp. Our Lady of Hope will have confession every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6-7pm, and confession on Wednesdays during adoration.

Holy Angels, Kulpmont Mon. April 7th, 2025 7PM

Divine Redeemer, Mt Carmel Tues. April 8th, 2025 6:30 PM.

The Hands of Christ Creating Hope Dinner, sponsored by Catholic Charities of Harrisburg, is being held on May 8, 2025 from 5-8 pm at the Diocesan Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road. We are featuring guest speaker Sister Veronica Susan of Mary, lsp, Master of Ceremonies Dennis Owens, and remarks from Bishop Timothy Senior. Please visit www.cchbg for tickets or sponsor options.

Bishop Senior invites you to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism during the Chrism Mass.

Monday, April 14th 4:00 p.m.

Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick

(Free parking available at City Island Northern Lot w/shuttle to Cathedral)

The Chrism Mass is a special Mass celebrated during Holy Week during which the bishop blesses the Holy Oils that will be used within the diocese throughout the year.

Priests all across the diocese gather for this sacred event and renew the commitment to priestly service they made on the day of their ordination. **Their presence is a demonstration of unity with the bishop**, for when the Holy Oils are used, the ministry of the bishop is also present.

The Holy Oils are the Sacred Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Oil of the Sick.

The Office of Catholic Education is looking to hire an Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools and an Assistant Superintendent for High Schools. Applicants must be an active, practicing Catholic; have a master's degree or higher in an education field (educational administration, school leadership, curriculum and instruction, etc.); have at least 10 years of successful school leadership experience; and have certification as a school administrator, superintendent, or the equivalent from another state. See the full job description and requirements online at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/ase> (for elementary schools) and <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/ash> (for high schools). Applicants should email a narrative letter of interest and a current resume to Daniel Breen, Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools, at dbreen@hbgdiocese.org.

Cash Bingo

St. Patrick's Church Trevorton

May 4, 2025

Doors Open at 12PM, Bingo Starts at 2PM

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

\$30/Ticket Advance Ticket Sales Only!

Call or text for tickets Deb 570-274-0264 or Parish Office 570-797-8251

Must be 18 to claim prizes, must have ticket to enter. Rip-offs, Basket Raffle, 50/50!

Extraordinary Minister for the Hospital

Currently there is a team of five Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit Catholic patients at Geisinger Shamokin Area Community Hospital. We are in need of a volunteer who is an Extraordinary Minister to volunteer at the hospital on Fridays. This individual normally would volunteer 1.5 to 2.0 hours on this weekday. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Deacon Bob Wislock at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 570-648-4432.

Holy Week Schedule

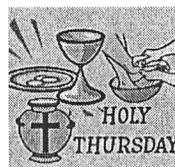
Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:00AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM.

Adoration until 10:00PM.

Night Prayer 9:45PM.



Holy Saturday, April 19,

Blessing of Easter Foods 1:00PM.

Easter Vigil Mass, April 19, 8:00PM

Good Friday, April 18

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00PM.



Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM.

Spiritual Arithmetic

Imagine a man working 60 to 70 hours per week for 20 years spending every available minute providing for his family, and after 20 years of marriage his wife decides to leave him because he's never paid any attention to the family for his whole married life. He sits alone in the empty house and says to himself; "This just doesn't add up. I work all these years for my family, and then my family leaves me. It just doesn't figure." Life arithmetic. We do it all the time. We place certain values on certain activities, believing they will produce a certain result. Instead, we end up with the opposite.

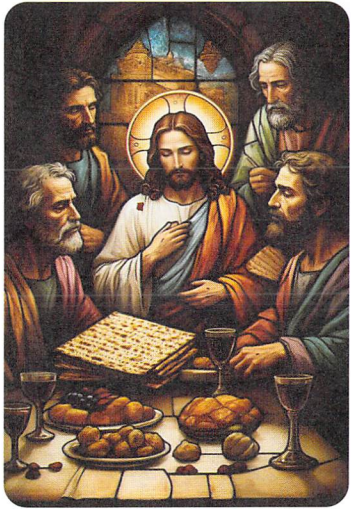
Often, what we believe is worth everything, turns out to be worth very little. And that which we place low priority on, turns out to be of the utmost importance. Scripture is full of what we might call spiritual arithmetic. And nowhere is there a clearer statement of what adds up than on today's epistle lesson from Paul's letter the Philippians. He is making up his spiritual list of assets and liabilities and he says simply, "I count. I figure. I calculate all things to be loss compared to the unsurpassing value of knowing Christ."

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning “three days.” In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity’s most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We can always run the risk of...having [Jesus’] name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live.... How, then, can we prove whether or not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbor and the way we regard ourselves.



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HOMILY, MALTA, APRIL 3, 2022

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Isaiah 43:16–21 / Philippians 3:8–14 / John 8:1–11



On Becoming Human

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes human beings seem to be evolving into more than what we have been. Gradually, we become capable of experiencing more than what we pick up through our five senses. We listen to our intuition; we pay attention to our sixth sense; we discover a spiritual side to our personalities. More and more, we notice people in need. We find ourselves becoming better listeners as people unburden themselves to us. We may be more aware of some stirring deep within ourselves. All such moments may be seen by people of faith as God bringing us to a new place in life.

Just as Isaiah speaks of God doing something new among the Israelites in distant exile, God continues to guide us to becoming more completely human. By his life, passion, and death, Jesus shows us most clearly what sort of person our God is drawing us to be: compassionate and just, generous and merciful, loving in a wasteland of indifference. So, when we hear the story of Jesus not condemning the woman caught in adultery, we may find ourselves becoming conscious of our own need to stop judging, stop condemning. Most of us have not yet evolved to the point of doing what Jesus would do. Instead, we condemn others while overlooking our own culpability. We are still in the process of learning to follow Jesus, to act as he would act, to love as he would love. It is God at work in us. ●

Reflect

*Am I a condemning or a forgiving person?
Do I accept forgiveness when it is offered?*



[Jesus said,] “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”

JOHN 8:10–11