

# HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Rev. Patrick Hirtz*

SEPTEMBER  
Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

*"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."  
Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*



September 20, 2020 — 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

## Holy Angels Catholic Church

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### Office Hours >>>

#### NEW OFFICE HOURS as of 8/1/19

M – F 9:00am – 4:00pm  
(Closed 12:30 – 1:30pm for lunch)

### Parish Staff >>>

#### Pastor

Rev. Patrick Hirtz  
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#### Finance

Mary Alyce Fiechtl

#### Administrative Assistant

Cathi Cychol Shea  
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#### Music Director

Sarah Jean

#### Nursery

Therese Cohen

#### Maintenance

Richard Spence

#### Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Carrie Beld, Director (cell: 731-882-9151)  
Email: [nanacbeld@yahoo.com](mailto:nanacbeld@yahoo.com)  
Office Hours: Sunday 8:45-10:45am

#### Youth Group Minister

Deborah McCallen (cell: 731-297-6197)  
Assistants: Tanya Larraga & Billy Bona  
Wednesday Evenings 6:00-8:00pm

## Mission Statement

Holy Angels is a Catholic community of faith joining past, present, and future members on a journey with Christ to the Father. Through worship, stewardship, evangelization, and works of charity, we strive to more perfectly image God, who is love.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am

The 6:00pm (Spanish/Bilingual) is currently suspended

Daily Mass: M, W, F at 12 noon; Th at 9:00am

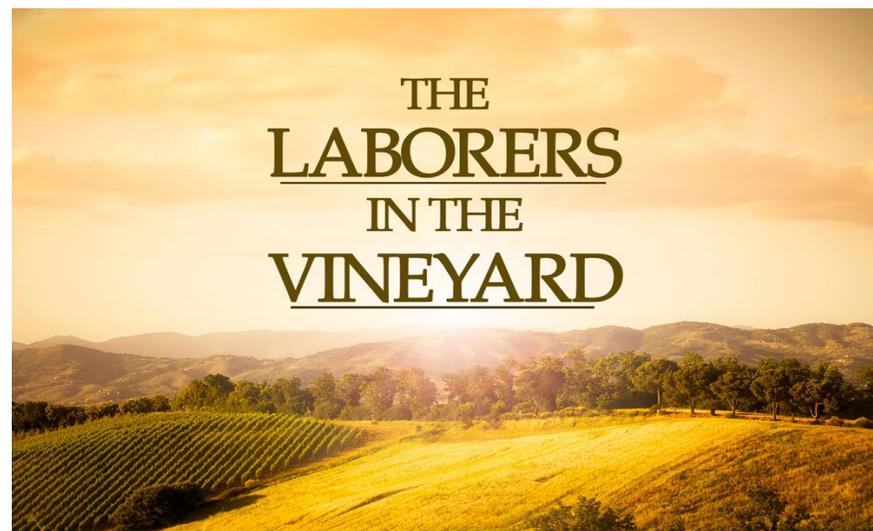
First Saturday ONLY is at 8:00am

(Holydays & Holidays: See special announcement in bulletin)

CONFESSION - Saturday: 4:00-4:30pm;

Sunday: between Masses or by appointment

## THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD



We welcome any visitors, including those who may not be of our Catholic faith. We pray that our celebration of the sacred liturgy today was a meaningful one for you. If you are a new member in the parish, complete a census form and return it to the church office. Census forms can be found in the foyer. To date we have 251 families and 721 parishioners.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK: Week of Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**

**S e p t 26<sup>th</sup>**

Sanctuary Candle - Special Intentions of Barbara Johnson

Bread & Wine

Flowers

9/20	Su	8:00am 11:00am 4:00pm	People of Holy Angels, living and deceased Repose of the soul of Patricia Ann Pease by Dot Alley <b>Spanish Mass suspended</b>
9/21	M	12 Noon	<b>NO Mass</b> Repose of the soul of Chris Alley by Dot Alley (to 9/22)
9/22*	Tu*	9:00am*	Repose of the soul of Chris Alley by Dot Alley (from 9/21)
9/23	W	12 Noon	Repose of the soul of James A. Berry by Connie Van Vickle & Jim Pickard
9/24	Th	9:00am	In honor of Linda Epley by Dot Alley
9/25	F	12 Noon	Repose of the soul of Don Fisher by Joan Fisher

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK:**

September 26/27	5:00	8:00	11:00
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Pugh	Ghett Cayabas	Dot Alley
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Hurst	Christi Boone	Marge Pinkowski
	Judy Boehmler	Chris West	Linda Epley
		Jennifer Ebelhar	Beth Bell
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Erick Martinez	Kate Ebelhar	Lizbeth Sanchez
		Yahir Acosta	Maria Vazquez
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Boehmler	Bryan Frank	Tucker Cozort
	Volunteer	J C Rivera	George Yarbro
<b>Greeter</b>	Volunteer/Ushers	Volunteer/Ushers	Volunteer/Ushers
<b>Honor Family</b>	Ushers	Joseph Durbin Family	Yarbro Family
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sue Hurst	Marilyn Luckenbaugh	Need Volunteer
<b>Minister of the Sick</b>	Temporarily Suspended due to COVID		

**Office of the Bishop** — New decree issued September 11, 2020: “As of the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 2020, the dispensation from the obligation to attend holy Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation will end. Starting with the weekend liturgies of 10-11 October, I ask all Catholics to renew the spiritual obligation, to join in fellowship at their parish for holy Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. We need to come back to the Sunday celebration of holy Mass. We need to come back to the strength of each community of faith.”  
*--Most Reverend David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D.  
 Bishop of Memphis*

**Our Sincere Condolences** Mrs. Ruth A. McNeff, living to the age of 103, was the oldest member of Holy Angels. On Saturday, September 12, 2020 she passed away peacefully. A grave-side service will be held at a later date at Lakeside Cemetery in Sackets Harbor, NY. Please keep her daughter, Susan Charley (Jerry) and the McNeff Family in your prayers.

Menraid “Bud” Lang, 91, uncle to Richard Spence, passed away Wednesday, September 16, 2020 in Baton Rouge, LA. Keep the Spence and Lang families in your prayers.

We still need 18 TV trays to use as desks for the PRE sacramental classes being held in the Parish Hall. The children will be social distancing, they are easy to set-up, sanitize and put away. Please drop trays off at the Parish Office or bring them to Mass with you. (currently have 12 TV trays)

**A new BIBLE STUDY has begun  
 Wednesday after the Scriptural Rosary**

**2020 / 2021 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**  
 Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
 Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic?  
 Perhaps a friend, or even a spouse?  
 Are you a baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist?  
 Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?  
 For those interested in participating in RCIA, classes will meet weekly from 6:30-8:00pm, beginning in September. The day of the week is yet to be announced. Meetings include witness stories, instruction, discussion and fellowship. Complete a RCIA registration/information packet and turn it in to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

<b>Collection Report 9/12-13/2020</b>		
Reg Collection		\$1621.00
Online donations	9/17/20	\$1055.00
Total Reg Collection		\$2676.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$3516.00</b>	<b>\$840.00</b>
Reg Disbursements	9/17/20	\$1914.23
Votive Candles		\$23.00
Parish Charity		\$60.00
Catholic University		\$5.00
B/M Collection		\$105.00
B/M Disbursements	9/17/20	\$65.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections for September**  
 9/6 Building Maintenance  
 9/6 Catholic University  
 You can drop-off or mail your weekly collection checks to the parish office. To drop-off your check, use the outside black secure mailbox at the office door on Tucker Street.  
 Thank You

**Attendance**  
 (251 families /721 parishioners)  
 9/12-13 30-41-37-0 . . . . . 108

**Alb Care Volunteers\***  
 September – Cheryl Spence  
 \*Following COVID sanitation guidelines, altar servers will not be wearing albs for Masses because it is impossible to launder them in between Masses.

**Altar Linen Care Volunteers**  
 September – Linda Epley

**Men of Holy Angels...**  
 Want to learn more about the Knights?  
 Visit [www.holyangelscc.com](http://www.holyangelscc.com) and learn more.  
 Why wait... Do it today!!!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**MEETING**  
 September 27, 2020  
 6:00pm in the Conference Room

**FORMED – To sign up FREE of charge as a parishioner of Holy Angels Church, go to w account. After doing so, you’ll have access to a wealth of material to grow in your**

## **SEPTEMBER Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**

On September 15, the Church observes a memorial honoring Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows. "And a sword will pierce your own soul," Simeon told Mary when she presented the child Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth (Luke 2:35). That prophecy was fulfilled when Mary stood at the foot of her son's Cross, sharing his bitter suffering. This month, let us bring to Mary all our sorrows, knowing that she understands what it is to suffer. This month is a good time to draw closer to Mary by meditating on the great hymn to the Mother of Sorrows, Stabat Mater, or "At the Cross her Station Keeping."

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. This suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the priest Simeon. These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the prophecy of Simeon; the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; piercing the side of Jesus and holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross. In all, the prophecy of Simeon, that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it.

### **Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Scriptural Rosary**

will be recited on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:45pm in the Church. This is an opportunity for you to enhance your experience of praying the Rosary. All 20 mysteries of the Rosary are accompanied by Scripture for meditation. It is a modern version of the way the Rosary was once prayed throughout Western Europe in the late Middle Ages. It offers a way for you to deeply meditate as you pray. By following the life of Christ, this week we will be reciting the Glorious Mysteries.

### **Sept 25<sup>th</sup> LifeBeat's 2020 Fundraiser Standing for Life**

We scheduled our fundraising event but realized that we had to do some modifications, so this year we will not have a meal. It will be held at The Second Baptist Church up in Union City where we can practice social distancing. The date is September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm. We have fantastic speakers this year – Dr. Steve Hammond, an OBGYN in Jackson, TN and Emily LaBonte, a nurse practitioner from Las Vegas, NV. They have written a book, "The Christian and Abortion" which will open your eyes on abortion. You will hear how one doctor went from performing abortions to standing for the unborn. An awesome testimony! An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. If you are unable to attend, please join us by live stream at [facebook.com/lifebeatcenter](https://facebook.com/lifebeatcenter)

### **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**

The numbers are in and the results are Outstanding! According to Jim Marconi, Director of Development, our goal was \$2.1 million and we surpassed that amount for a total of nearly \$2.3 million. Thank you so much! "The appeal theme for 2020 was **God's Work, Our Hands**, and with much support and many prayers your contributions truly are the hands of Christ helping to build His church within many ministries throughout our parishes and diocese in West Tennessee," said Bishop David Talley. "Thank you for your generosity to our Annual Appeal. May God bless you and may the peace of Christ be with you all."

Our Annual Catholic Appeal funds will be used for:

- **Seminarian Education (48%)** - supporting 19 young men working hard to be future priests committed to the service of God in our diocese.
- **Family Life Ministry (30%)** - assisting couples in various areas, such as marriage preparation and other religious activities to deepen faith as adults.
- **Religious Education (12%)** - ensuring our religious education programs are available for the next generation in order to strengthen our families.
- **Catholic Charities (6%)** - taking care of our neighbors in need with a 40% increase in assistance and an uptick in homelessness since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Priests Retirement Home (4%)** - caring for our priest who have served our diocese so well with strong spiritual leadership and great faith throughout many years.

**Faith West Tennessee Magazine** *FWTN Magazine* is published to evangelize and inform all 70,000 parishioners of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis across the 47 parishes-missions about encountering the living Christ through conversion, communion, service and unity. The 10 month-a-year English/Spanish publication, which is filled with local articles, is mailed to parishioners who have subscribed and paid \$18 annually to receive the magazine. If you do not receive the informative publication and would like a free copy to check and decide on purchasing annually, please e-mail your name, address and phone number to [amy.hall@cc.cdom.org](mailto:amy.hall@cc.cdom.org) or [rick.ouellette@cc.cdom.org](mailto:rick.ouellette@cc.cdom.org). If you have any questions about the magazine, please let us know in an e-mail or call 901-573-4002. Now is also the time to renew your subscription.

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** - A preparation class is required of the parents requesting Baptism for their first child. Parents and godparents are encouraged to attend the class before the baby's birth.

**Confirmation** - is celebrated with students who are at least in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have completed the requirements for the preparation process in our PRE program.

**Matrimony** - Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed date so all parish and diocesan requirements may be completed.

**Holy Orders** - If you feel called to a vocation in the priesthood or religious life, please contact the pastor.

**Anointing of the Sick** - If you wish to receive this sacrament, contact the pastor. If there is an emergency situation, an immediate family member should contact the pastor.

## **Nursery**

The nursery is located in the classroom next to the kitchen in the parish hall. The nursery is open to children birth to 4 years.

### **Notify the Parish of Seriously Ill Family Member**

If a family member has been admitted to the hospital or is ill at home, please let us know by contacting Cathi Shea in the Parish Office.

### **Bulletin Announcement Deadline**

Items must be received by Monday at 12 noon. Please submit all items to [ccshea@cableone.net](mailto:ccshea@cableone.net)

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims of sexual abuse by a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers:

**Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline**  
1-877-237-0004

**Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
901-652-4066

**Dir. of Child and Youth Protection**  
901-359-2027

All reports will be treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers a program of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.

(2/14/2019)

[www.holyangelscc.formed.org](http://www.holyangelscc.formed.org), click on the "REGISTER NOW" button and establish an  
r faith. Please take advantage of this opportunity to benefit yourselves and others.

**SEPTEMBER – Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**FIRST READING** (Isaiah 55:6-9) These verses from Isaiah are proclaimed as part of the fifth Old Testament reading at the Easter Vigil. Seek the Lord is Isaiah’s invitation. Even the scoundrel and wicked, the prophet invites them to turn to the Lord because Isaiah knows that in the Lord is forgiveness so generous and so abundant that one will never turn back to one’s old way of life. The Lord’s thoughts are so infinitely high, like the heavens, that we find our hope for mercy in the Lord.

Today’s reading stems from the time of the Babylonian Exile, a time interpreted by the prophets as punishment for Israel’s sins of infidelity. Isaiah’s words bring a message of hope to the people. The Lord is near. The Lord is merciful and forgiving. Isaiah’s words likewise “command” a response: “Seek the Lord.” Forsake your evil ways. Turn to the Lord. Certainly the ways of the God of the covenant must have been incomprehensible to the people exiled in Babylon in the wake of the destruction of their Temple and the apparent end of the Davidic dynasty. Yet, God’s ways can lead to healing, restoration and life.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18) What more could we ask for from the Lord than what the psalmist says? The Lord is gracious and merciful, kind and compassionate, just and holy. That the Lord is slow to anger should comfort us when we sin. The Lord will indeed exhibit patience with us. We, along with the author of the psalm declare in the refrain, the Lord is near to those of us who speak his name.

**SECOND READING** (Phil 1:20c-24, 27a) Paul established the first Christian community and Philippi and he now writes to them from prison. He understands the core of his faith to be life in Christ. Whether he lives or dies, he knows that he glorifies Christ in his body. His dilemma is that if he went on living, he could still serve the Philippians and continue the work of spreading the Gospel. If Paul were to die, he would be with Christ. In the midst of his own suffering, he exhorts the Philippians to behavior befitting those who proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

Paul, writing from prison, faces the possible prospect of his death. He is torn between his desire to live that he might continue to work on behalf of the Gospel and his desire to be fully with the Lord in heaven, which is why he can call death a gain. Today’s reading skips over two verses in which Paul speaks with assurance that his death is not yet to be for it is of more benefit to them that he lives and labors on behalf of the Gospel. The Lectionary text resumes with verse 27a, an exhortation to the Philippians to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel in which they believe.

**GOSPEL** (Matt 20:1-16a) We move ahead from the conclusion in Matthew 18 and Jesus’ teaching on forgiveness to the beginning of chapter 20, where Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the landowner and his workers. The landowner hires workers at varying times during the day, but pays them each the customary daily wage. Those laborers who worked more hours understandably exhibit frustration. The landowner’s generosity turns the worker’s worldview upside down. Such is the way it will be in the Kingdom of heavens, where the last will be first and the first, last. This is God’s new paradigm.

As parables are wont to do, this one completely overturns what we, like the workers, would think to be just and fair by our reckoning. Like the laborers who worked all day, we object. But as we heard in today’s First Reading, God’s thoughts are not ours. The landowner is being fair as he himself points out. He was not cheating those who worked all day of their due; only being generous to those who were hired last. God is extraordinarily generous. What is our response when we see God acting in generosity and mercy to others? Do we feel cheated?

**REFLECTION** While today’s parable is about Jesus’s choice, as God, to love all equally due to his word, the practical application of the actions of the Master seem difficult to swallow in our age. We seek equality, just wages, rights met and honored monetarily because of what we accomplish or how hard or long we work. Similarly, we may struggle with how someone else does not perceivably match our expectations of how to work and yet “get away” with doing little. Know only yourself. Work with integrity with the gifts you have to offer and willingly live up to this each day. We are each expected to offer the fullness of our lives and ability to the situations at hand. In all you do, give only glory to God and pray to not seek glory for yourself.



**Readings: 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Su	9/20	Is 55:6-9 • Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 • Philip 1:20-24, 27 • Matt 20:1-16
M	9/21	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 • Ps 19:2-5 • Matt 9:9-13
Tu	9/22	Prov 21:1-6, 10-13 • Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 • Luke 8:19-21
W	9/23	Prov 30:5-9 • Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 • Luke 9:1-6
Th	9/24	Ecc 1:2-11 • Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 • Luke 9:7-9
F	9/25	Ecc 3:1-11 • Ps 144:1-4 • Luke 9:18-22
Sa	9/26	Ecc 11:9—12:8 • Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 • Luke 9:43-45



<b>Anniversaries: Sept 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>S e p t</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>		
9/20	Kenneth & Elizabeth Schwarz	
<b>Birthdays: Sept 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>S e p t 26<sup>th</sup></b>
9/20	Beth Bell, Neel Durbin, Rose Hodge, Tyson Young	
9/21	Edgar Gonzalez, Brian Lee	
9/23	Fidelina Mar Gonzalez, Chip Hughes	
9/25	Linda Epley	

**FOOD DRIVE for Matthew 25:40**

Help us fill Matthew’s Food Pantry!!!  
Place donations in the grocery buggy  
located in the foyer.

**SHARE WHAT YOU CAN**

**Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. Only one intention is offered per month, whether universal or related to evangelization.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Respect for the Planets Resources**

We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**Funerals**

When planning a funeral for a loved one, please call the pastor before making any arrangements with the funeral home regarding the date and time of visitation, the funeral Mass or service at the funeral home.

**Hospitality Committee**

Holy Angels will provide a funeral luncheon if the family of the deceased requests one. The Hospitality Committee consists of several women from the parish who volunteer to host the luncheons. Someone from the committee will be calling on you for food and help when the need arises.