

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2012**

A Word from Monsignor Hartgen

The success of the Harry Potter fantasy books has been called an "unbelievable phenomenon" in publishing. Over 450 million copies of the seven volumes have been sold. Still, the Bible has sold 2.5 to 5 BILLION copies!

Some churches debate whether the Potter stories introduce children to magic and the occult; or do they actually help children subtly distinguish between forces of good or evil? Well, let's look carefully at how Jesus deals with demons and diseases caused by evil.

Today, Jesus comes near to Peter's mother-in-law when he learns of her illness, takes her by the hand, and lifts her up. In Harry Potter, evil is usually attacked at a distance, by pointing a wand and reciting symbolic words. But with Jesus, his very touch brings healing. Why?

There is no evil that Jesus has not penetrated; he is deeply immersed in the swirl and storm of life's good and evil. He was once described as "A man of sorrows, and acquainted with iniquity." There is an intimacy, nothing distant about his care and healing. In fact, he heals those on the margins of society: women, lepers, those who are thought to be insane.

Above all, Jesus isn't channeling some unknown dark power, such as Lord Voldemort's. Jesus is the Son of God. He has the power of the Creator of all life filling him, lifting him up even from death. There is nothing to fear in Harry Potter, as long as we remember Jesus does not need to point a magic wand, because he is, himself, the conduit of life. He is the Way.

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

Week of February 5, 2012

**In memory of Ann Katrinak requested by Lynn Katrinak.
For a Special Intention.**

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by celebrating it and also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace." **Pope John Paul II**

**Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament is every
Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

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Sun. 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

4:15 p.m. (Sat.) Timothy Sola
6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Living and Deceased Parishioners
7:00 Margherita Coloiero
8:30 Wayne Robert Rohall
10:00 Scout Sunday
12:00 Iolanda and Guglielmo Farfetti

Mon. 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 6: 1-7, 9-13; Mk 6: 53-56

7:30 Mothers Day Intentions
12:10 Christopher, Bernice and
Ann Marie Maturi

Tue. 7

1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30; Mk 7: 1-13

7:30 Vincent A. Cronan
12:10 Mike and Catherine Shade

**Wed. 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita,
virgin**

1 Kgs 10: 1-10; Mk 7: 14-23

7:30 Charles Harvilicz
12:10 Bernardino Amadio

Thurs. 9

1 Kgs 11: 4-13; Mk 7: 24-30

7:30 Mary and Joseph Tetlak
12:10 Mary Sovar and Family

Fri. 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12:19; Mk 7: 31-37

7:30 Margaret Hartgen
9:00 Howard Hehn
12:10 Josephine Druzba

Sat. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Mk 8:1-10

8:00 Jacob Becker
10:00 15th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration

Sun. 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

4:15 p.m. (Sat.) Frank Cirulli
6:00 p.m. (Sat.) June Ann Bastek
7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
8:30 Gabriel and Maddalena Cagnetti
10:00 Gabriella Hess
12:00 Quirino Di Marco

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon or employee of the Diocese. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victims Assistance Coordinator 800-791-9209
victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org **Please Note:** Victim Abuse Brochures are available in the pamphlet rack in the main vestibule of church.

Ministry Schedule for February 11 and 12, 2012

Mass	Lector	Commentator
4:15 p.m.	C. Reber	C. Sauppee
6:00 p.m.	J. Zitrick	B. Zitrick
7:00 a.m.	B. Otruba	J. Hurd
8:30 a.m.	A. Carroll	F. Krotulski
10:00 a.m.	P. Barrett	C. Douglas
12:00 noon	R. Joachim	R. Wilson

Mass Altar Servers

4:15 p.m.	E. Bunnick, B. Kelly, Z. Moyer
6:00 p.m.	C. Breidenstein, E. Santoni, L. Santoni
7:00 a.m.	D. Peck, E. Wilson, J. Wilson
8:30 a.m.	L. Fick, M. Fick, A. Schneck
10:00 a.m.	T. Ferguson, M. Ferguson, D. Johnson
12:00 noon	A. Anastasio, M. Kinyo, E. Kinyo



Please remember in your prayers the following people who are ill: Christine Weaver, Samantha Hill, Patti Lewis, Teresa Dreyer, Justice Horning, Andrew Glembocki, Daniel Bastek, Michael Lawrence, Maria Schmidt, Joseph Castellano, Richard Moyer, Kevin Youse, Mason Kosmoski-Valeriano, Janet Konopelski, Edward Lynch, Maureen Del Collo, James Braun, Perry P. Moore, Jr., David Haas, Allen Youse, Dale Hill, Tom Snukis, Eugene Renzi, Jerry Liszcz, Michelle Zimmerman, Amy Westner, Bob Smith, Emidio J. Camilli.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

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Rick Brough
Building and Remodeling
610-376-8988

Position Opening:

Director of Religious Education. Rose Quaglia, who has been on the staff of HGA for more than 13 years, is retiring at the end of the school year. She has done a magnificent job since her arrival here in 1998. If interested, and for a complete job description, please make contact with Mrs. Quaglia at the school (610-929-1416) or Msgr. Hartgen at the rectory (610-921-2729). A copy of your resume will be required.

HGA Senior Prime Time Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7 at 1 p.m. in Sacred Heart Villa Social Hall. Sr. Nanette Weiser will speak on "Inspiring Women of the Old Testament". We will also have a Flea Market.

If you would like to have the Traveling Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima statue in your home for 2012, the sign-up sheets can be found at the rear entrance of the Church.

2012 HGA Booster Club Lottery Calendars are now available at the Rectory or School Office. For only \$10 each, you get 275 chances to win from \$15 to \$100 from April through December. Proceeds benefit HGA School and CYO Programs.

Guardian Angels Gift Certificate (GAGC) Program

--A Parish Fundraiser since 2001--

The Guardian Angels Gift Certificate (GAGC) Program is for EVERYONE!!

1. *Gift cards sold thru the Program are **JUST LIKE CASH** and **COST YOU NOTHING EXTRA.***
2. *Gift cards to **GIANT, REDNER'S, WEIS** and **SHEETZ** are sold 7 days a week: Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and before/after every weekend Mass.*
3. *There are also over **150** other participating retailers whose gift cards may be ordered from the **GAGC Order Form.***

*Please stop by the rectory during normal business hours (closed daily 12-12:30) or the GAGC table located in the vestibule of church after any weekend to purchase gift cards -- **-THIS IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE EASIEST WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR PARISH!!!***

*****GAGC NEWS YOU CAN USE*****

There are two order dates scheduled this month if you would like to order gift cards from the GAGC Order Form: **Sunday, February 12 and 26.** Please drop off your order form and payment by **1 p.m.**

TUITION/PREP FEE CREDIT? --- YOU SAID IT!!

*****If you recently enrolled your child(ren) at HGA Regional School or Berks Catholic H.S. during Catholic Schools Week, but didn't pick up information on the GAGC Tuition Credit Program, call Claudia at the number listed below so you can get started on reducing your family's tuition for the 2012/13 school year---it's easy and simple!!**

*Do you currently have a child enrolled in Catholic education or are you considering a Catholic education for your child for the 2012/13 school year? The GAGC Program offers a special feature just for you...**the GAGC Tuition/PREP Fee Credit Program** ... which provides participating families an opportunity to reduce their Catholic school tuition or, if attending PREP/RCIC, eliminate enrollment fees for students in: **Pre-School thru 12th grade** (at HGA and Berks Catholic High School), **PREP/RCIC** (at HGA), **Catholic Universities** of our Diocese and the **Seminary.***

For more information on the **GAGC Program** or the **GAGC Tuition/PREP Fee Credit Program**, call Claudia Rudderow at (610) 916-1874 or Father Zelonis at the rectory.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT HGA PARISH -- SIMPLY SHOP USING OUR GIFT CARDS.

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HGA'S CASINO NIGHT!

When: **Saturday, February 18, 2012**

Where: HGA School Social Hall and Gym

Time: Doors open at 4:30 p.m. – Event begins at 5:30

Cost: \$35.00 per ticket. Treat yourself to a night of fun, a great meal and wonderful desserts. Enjoy casino games of Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Roulette, Dice Games and great door prizes.

Adults only, please – 21 years or older. Babysitting will again be offered, for a small fee, by the Cadette Girl Scouts of Troop 1003 on the 2nd floor of the school. Please contact the rectory or Fran.CCHS76@comcast.net to reserve a spot. Tickets are available at the Rectory 610-921-2729 and at HGA Regional School Office 610-929-4124 through February 12, 2012.

Our parish benefits greatly from the ads you see in this bulletin. The revenue pays for its printing, which is an important means of communication for the parish. We thank the many local businesses that have renewed their ads, as well as the many new advertisers who have recently signed on. When you visit a business that advertises in our bulletin, please let them know that this is where you saw their ad. There are a few open spaces, so if you would like to promote your business to the families of our parish, please call Jim Finnen at 610-653-2145.

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your generosity will help reunite families, teach valuable life skills to those seeking a better life and meet the vital humanitarian needs of many people.

Employment Opportunities

Dayspring Homes, Inc. is seeking individuals to serve in supervisory positions and as Resident Advisers to provide personal care to physically and mentally challenged adults who reside in our group homes. Also needed are instructors for our day program, Crosswalk at Calvary. Dayspring is affiliated with the Catholic Church and provides a continuum of care to people with mental retardation within a Christian environment. Good starting pay and room for advancement. Some weekends, evening and overnight hours may be necessary. Apply online to Kwilliams @ dayspringhomes.org or stop by for application at 430 Hazel St., Reading.

Berks Catholic Youth Football & Cheerleading East

(Formerly Central Catholic Youth Football)

2012 Registration for Grades K through 7

Tuesday March 20th 6-8pm

Sunday March 25th 1-4pm

Vince Shemanski Stadium

4000 St. Lawrence Avenue

www.BerksCatholicSaints.com

Ashes that are blessed and distributed on Ash Wednesday are processed by burning the palm distributed on Palm Sunday last year and displayed in homes throughout the year.

The Liturgy Committee invites you to bring any palm you may have in your home to church and deposit it in the basket marked "Palm" which will be located in the main vestibule.

Sacred Heart Villa is having a Valentine Dance on Tuesday, February 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Music by Tony Farina. Assorted hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Dessert bar with chocolate fountain and beverages. \$10 pp or \$15/couple. Paid RSVP required by Friday, February 10, 2012.

HGA Finance Council Update

Our Parish fiscal year runs July 1st - June 30th. Below is an update at the half-way point:

Budgeted Income: \$610,392

Actual Income: \$584,665

Surplus/Deficit: (\$25, 727)

In order to make-up for the shortfall, expenses have been reduced during the same time period. Year-to-date expenses are \$16,461 below budget. This still leaves a negative variance of \$9266.

The Finance Council continues to work closely with the Parish and School to manage expenses. Your continued support of our parish is appreciated. Thank you.

The HGA Finance Council

**OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME
to a German, French, or Norwegian exchange student for
the coming 2012-2013 school year**

Caring host families (with or without children) are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the one or two semesters starting in late August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org

Don't give away one of your rights to distribute your assets at your death the way you want them distributed. Have your attorney prepare your will and consider including a bequest to HGA.

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