



MASS SCHEDULE

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Daily – Monday through Friday 8:00 am

Confessions – Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm; Sunday 7:15-7:45, 9:20-9:35,
and 11:05-11:20 am; Wednesday 8:30 am & 5:30 pm

Adoration - *Wednesdays* 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Office Hours – Mon.-Thur. 9:00 am -4:00 pm. Fri. 9:00am- 12:00 pm

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Mission Statement

“We, the parishioners of Holy Guardian Angels Parish united with the Catholic Church throughout the world, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. With the help of our Guardian Angels, we seek to live out that belief as a community of sacred worship, apostolic faith, and generous service where each member shares with others their God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

New Members

Welcome to Holy Guardian Angels! Please call the Parish Office in order to register in our parish, or stop in during office hours. Please notify the office if you change your address or move away.

Communion Calls

Any shut-in parishioner who would like a monthly visit with Holy Communion should call the Rectory at 610-921-2729 to be added to the Communion Call List.

Bulletin Submissions

Deadline for submissions for Bulletin - Monday Noon. Please email notices to baregood@hgaparish.com.

Ministry to the Sick - Anointing of the Sick

Visits to the hospital are made on a regular basis. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or home and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick. *The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing.* PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace. Visits can also be made to those parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive communion by Eucharistic Ministers, Fr. Hoffa, or Father Ababio.

Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

We encourage all our parents to consider sending their children to Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. The school is located at 3125 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605. Please contact Kelly Precht, Head of School at 610-929-4124 for more information or to register. www.hgaschool.org.

Berks Catholic High School

We encourage our high school students to consider attending our local catholic high school – Berks Catholic. Please contact the Director of Admissions, Nicole Smith at 610-374-8361, ext. 244 for more information or to register. www.berkscatholic.org.

Religious Education (PREP)

All children should be receiving religious instruction through one of our Regional Catholic Schools or through our Parish Religious Education Program offered for grades K-8. Please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education, for more information via email to kmallozzi@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We welcome and support all whose faith journey brings them to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

Knights of Columbus Holy Guardian Angels Council #14847

im Harper, Financial Secretary
 Council email: koc14847@hgaparish.com.

Wills and Memorials

As a lasting remembrance or final gift to your parish, all parishioners are encouraged to include Holy Guardian Angels Parish in their wills or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. At the time of passing of a relative or friend, consider enrolling them in the Holy Guardian Angels Memorial Fund. Memorials are available in the Parish Office and are often used in lieu of flowers.

Diocese of Allentown

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
 Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
 Direct: (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment
 Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S
 Secretary, Youth Protection
 & Catholic Human Services
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
 610-871-5200, ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org



MASS Intentions

Note that all Daily Masses Monday through Friday & the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass are livestreamed on our Facebook page.

Monday, October 9

St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

8:00 am Jerry Hartman, requested by the Lori Shomper

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

Wednesday, October 11

St. John XXIII, Pope

8:00 am Mary Jane McMenamain, requested by Barbara and Rick Meares

Thursday, October 12

8:00 am Intentions of Carmen Logan, requested by Jim Corson

Friday, October 13

8:00 am Agnes and Nick Kleshock, requested by Lisa Wood

9:30 am (School Mass) Ira Steigerwalt, requested by wife, Ruth, and son, Chad.

Sunday, October 15

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Alfred Alvine, requested by Anna Marie Alvine

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

11:30 am Robert J., Elizabeth, and Timothy Loeper, requested by Donna McLean

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS

Week of October 8, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** In Memory of Sr. Mary Zephyrine Ustaszewski. **St. Joseph Candles:** Sr. Mary Joanne Ustaszewski CSSF Requested by Family; Living and Deceased Parishioners; **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Cory Zahand; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** In Memory of Albert Camilli Requested by Cathie and Tony Wiencek; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Anyone who would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamps, the Candles by St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother, or the Guardian Angels for a week may stop by the Rectory Office. The cost is \$10 each.**



Padre's Peace

The Sign of Peace

Peace is a hallmark of the Christian life. The word is used again and again in the New Testament. St. Paul began all of his letters with a prayer for peace. In John chapter 20, after the resurrection, Jesus greets His disciples twice with the words, "Peace be with you." And at the Last Supper, Jesus said words that our priests repeat at every Mass. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." After a brief prayer, the priest or deacon invites the congregation to offer one another a sign of peace.

The words of Jesus from Matthew chapter 5 should come to mind for us. Jesus said, "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Many people will embrace family members and shake hands with those around them. This is a time of charity and unity before receiving our Lord.

There are times when the priest or bishop may omit the exchange of peace. This sometimes happens when there are highly contagious diseases that may be prevalent in a local area. There may also be times when you or someone else may not be feeling well and don't want to pass along any germs. In those cases, a simple smile and the words "Peace be with you" will suffice. For Further Study: John 20:19-23; John 14:27; Matthew 5:21-26



John Luppino, Barbara Schwartz, Pattie Mihalak, Thomas Hart, Fr. Wm Seifert, James Waldman, John Perate, Cindy

Klymchuk, Anna Sheipe, Dominic Capriolo, Jordan Moyer, Daniel Bastek, Sandra Clayton, Harmony Chiccarine, Aubrielle Beidler, Barbara Coco, Kim Bonner, Mary Ann Wensus, Daneen Poticher, Elaine Evans, Frank D'Angelo, Courtney Kelly, Damaris Diaz, Lisa Wrede, Bob Desherlia, Doris Day, Richard Rothenberger, Serge Kuschick, Jeff Strader, Albina Thompson, Joan Adams, John Gaetani, Kirsten Snyder, Robert Brannon, Kevin Krotulski, Jennifer Toplak-Sedlacek, George Helms, Gilda Caruso, Elaine Egan, Sharon Witman, William Ondich, Marie Scholl, Gene Toplak, Kathy Helms, Dennis Dautrich, Olivia Clark, Joyce Kozlowski, Melissa Neff, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim. **Names will remain on the list for one month.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, October 8 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Doors Open for BINGO 12:30 pm, 1st Game at 2:00 pm.

Monday, October 9 - Mass 8:00 am; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm; Spanish Marriage Prep 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 10 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; HSA Meeting; Symbolon Fall Series: The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 11 - Mass 8:00 am followed by Adoration until 6:00 pm Benediction; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; HGA Seniors Meeting 1:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm, KOC Co. #14847 Meeting 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 12 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, October 13 - Mass 8:00 am ; School Mass 9:30 am

Saturday, October 14 - Boy Scout Troop 161 75th Anniversary Reunion 8:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 15 - Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; CYO Volleyball Game 1:00 pm; Doors Open for BINGO 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm; Cub Scouts Pack 161 5:00 pm

Important Notice from Gethsemane Cemetery: Beginning the week of Nov. 13, 2023, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane & St. Mary's Cemeteries. **If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep**, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of November 13th. Thank You!



Special Order Dates: 10/15, 11/12, 11/26
Orders must be received by 1:00 pm and will be available for pick up the Thursday after the Order Date and then before/after Masses that weekend.

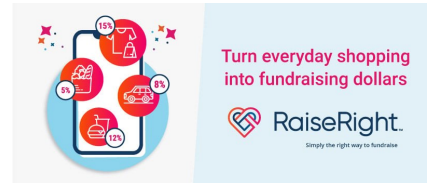
Dates to Remember

October 10th & 11th

Stock up on Amazon gift cards for Prime Big Deal Days October 10 & 11. Amazon gift cards/e-cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100 & \$250 denominations or on the RaiseRight App in increments of \$20 – up to \$2000!

October 18th

We have Boscov's gift cards (temporarily) for sale at the Angel Earnings desk. Grab a few for the "Friends Helping Friends Shopping Day" on October 18th.



December 25th

Christmas is only three months away! Start buying gift cards now for all of your gift giving needs! Use gift cards to purchase gifts for everyone on your list. Be prepared and beat the holiday rush! We all like to give and get gift cards!

If you have any questions about the Angel Earnings Program, please contact Anne Malinowski at 610-921-2729, ext. 2216 or email amalinowski@hgaparish.com.



The Flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar and the Rosary are In Memory of Frances Cronan Requested by Husband Vincent and Family.

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE OCTOBER 14 & 15

*PLEASE NOTE - THE MINISTERS SCHEDULE REFLECTS THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

IT DOES NOT REFLECT ANY CHANGES MADE AFTER THE TIME THE BULLETIN WAS PUBLISHED

	Sat. 5pm	Sun 8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
Servers	Patrick Manczak Mikaela Schmeck Meredith Swavely	William Johns Lia Martina Laceda Sophia Lezette	Dominic Delgado Marcus Rundle Vincent Tartaglia	Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig Dane Prechtl
Lector	Kevin Tobias	Cindy Heimbach	Cathy Douglas	Anne Malinowski
EM	Diane Choiniere Denise LeVan	George Lehman Frank Ligenza	Cathy Moyer Cathie Wiencek	Lillian Hart Martha Weida



Monday: Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25- St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4 St. John XXIII, Pope
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28 St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; BVM
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

STOCK THE SHELVES!

Giving Hope to Those in Need

The OCTOBER collection will benefit: Animal Rescue League & Humane Society. Donations include: Dry Dog Food, Canned Dog Food, Soft Dog Treats (Beggin' Strips/ Pup-Peroni); Canned Kitten Food (Fancy Feast or Science Diet); Dry Cat Food (Purina preferred); Canned Cat Food (non-seafood varieties, please) Thank you, in advance, for your continuous support of this new ongoing program.



LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	OCTOBER 1
WEEKLY	\$12,867.00
LOOSE	\$638.00
CANDLES	\$148.00
EMERGENCY	\$607.00
MAINTENANCE	\$140.00
MORTGAGE	\$20.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$1,616.36
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$289.02
WORLD MISSION	\$150.00
LATIN AMERICA	\$1,614.00
TOTAL	\$18,089.38



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Wed., Oct. 11 at 7pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Isaiah 5: 1-7; Philippians 4: 6-9; Matthew 21: 33-43

The long-lived and well-known trademark of the RCA company featured a small dog, later named "Nipper," with his head turned toward the opening of an old-fashioned gramophone speaker over the caption: "His Master's voice." It made the point for the company's voice and musical reproduction.

We in this age of high-tech sound equipment still hear the voice of Christ our Master filtered through the Scripture Readings at Mass and the bible in general as presented to us by our Church. So, it is today, as we hear that unique parable of the vineyard, in which Christ tells His audience of "the chief priests and elders of the people" the story of salvation.

We note that the landowner "leased the property" to the "tenants," who represent the people of Israel. When vintage time came near (that of the final judgment) the owner sent his servants (the Israelites) to obtain his produce. The tenants mistreat and kill all the servants (prophets) until the owner (God the Father) decides to send his Son (Jesus). Him they seized and killed after throwing him out of the vineyard to a hill just outside the walls of Jerusalem (Calvary).

When Jesus asked His listeners "What would the owner do to those tenants? they unwittingly pronounced their own doom as deserving of a wretched death. With that would come the leasing of the vineyard "to other tenants" (the Gentiles). Think of this story as a "mirror parable," It had to have had a devastating impact on its original listeners when Jesus flatly told them "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." I can imagine the human side of Jesus feeling pain that He had to say such to His own people. But He had to speak truth to power.

Our noisy world makes it difficult sometimes to hear our Master's voice above the din of our anti-Christian culture. What would it be like if some kind of solar ray suddenly caused all radios, i phones and i pods, stereos and televisions to stop working? Trembling hands would immediately twirl dials, adjust knobs, and flip switches. Eyes would be dilated with fear of the silence. People would be in terror.

In this context, I have to say that Karl Marx was wrong when he declared that "religion is the opiate of the people." For us, I think our collective "drug" is noise. Most people will listen to anything to avoid silence. Why else do we have so many overly long talk shows? Or 24/7 news? Or call-in radio programs? Why? Because sound blocks any despairing cry of our own souls. It overpowers "the still, small voice of God." Talk about our "Master's voice."! Why not take some extra time this coming week to tune in? You'll find out that: God truly loves you and gives you, His peace.



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- **No School** - Monday, October 9
- **Home and School Association October Meeting**- Tuesday, October 10 5:00 pm.
- **Gently Used Uniform Sale**- Tuesday, October 10 6-8 pm.

Congratulations to our HGA Regional School students who recently received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation. We are so proud of you. Please join us in praying for our Confirmandi.

Support our school by donating \$5! You will receive a 25% OFF discount shopping pass for **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Sale** on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (8:00 am – 11:00 pm). Your donation also enables you to register to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card. Visit holyguardianangelsregionalschol.square.site call 610-921-4124.

Please save the date for our next **Dine Out Event** at **Mod Pizza** (5th Street Highway Location) on Wednesday, October 25 from 10:00 am – 10:30 pm. Present our flier or use code MODGIVES25 when ordering online.



Upcoming PREP dates for October: 10/8/ 10/15, 10/29! Please note: due to scheduling conflicts, we do not have three PREP sessions in a row in the month of October.

PREP Sunday will be on Sunday, October 15th at the 9:45am Mass following our regular PREP session beginning at 8:15am. Looking forward to seeing everyone then!"

Congratulations & Blessings to the young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Upcoming EVENTS

HGA SENIORS MEETING
October 11

BSA TROOP 161 75TH ANNIVERSARY
October 14

CYO VOLLEYBALL GAME
October 15

SVDP BLOOD DRIVE
October 16 - 21

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING
October 18

JOHN XXIII RETREAT
October 20-22

ANNIVERSARY MASSES
October 21 & 22

SCHOOL DINE OUT AT MOD PIZZA
October 25

SCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT
October 26

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
October 30

HALLOWEEN LOTTERY
October 31

Fall Catechetical Series

SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

This week's topic: The Bible:
God's Love Letter to Humanity

Join us - Tuesday, October 10 - 6:30 pm
Rectory Basement Meeting Room
No RSVP Needed!



3RD ANNUAL HARVEST CRAFT FAIR
– Muhlenberg Community Library
Fundraiser : SATURDAY, OCTOBER
21, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. at Muhlen-
berg High School, 400 Sharp Ave-
nue. Shop with local crafters! Bas-
ket Raffle! 50/50! Come hungry!

This event runs in conjunction with the Lions Club
pancake breakfast, 7am – 11 am.

The annual Father Walter Ciszek Day will be held on Sunday, October 15th. It is a day to celebrate Father Ciszek's extraordinary faith in God and commitment to his priestly vows and vocation. The Mass will be at St. Casimir Church, 229 North Jardin Street, Shenandoah, PA at 2:00 pm. Rev. Phillip R. Hurley, S.J., University Chaplain at Loyola University Maryland Jesuit Community (Ignatius House), Baltimore, MD will be the homilist. Light refreshments will be available in the church hall after Mass. Related items concerning Fr. Walter will be available for purchase. The new Prayer League Center at 218 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah will be open from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. *Mother Lucille Cutrone will share her Father Walter stories and answer questions. Father Ciszek's books, prayer cards, brochures and other items will be available to purchase at the Center and Church Hall.*



Are you considering donating your time and talent to help people in our community? If you have teaching experience or a background in Education, the Mother Veronica Resource Center is in immediate need of a volunteer GED (General Educational Development) Language Arts class instructor for adult students desiring to earn a high school equivalency diploma.

Materials needed to teach the class will be provided. The class is offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9:30 am and 11:00 am. The first semester is in progress since September 11, 2023. The class will run until the first week of June 2024, with holiday breaks. **Please email Sister Cara Garofalo at: mveronicacenter@gmail.com or call 484-516-2138 for further information.**

Angelorum, one of the choirs of the Diocese of Allentown, and based out of the Cathedral, is a talented group of women whose blend is angelic and filled with love of God. Their style is a perfect combination of traditional and contemporary, all of it directed toward Our Lord. Their music can be heard on Spotify, Amazon music, and many other streaming sites. Please visit their website at ww.angelorumvoices.com, subscribe to their Youtube channel, and follow them on Instagram and Facebook!